

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

October 31, 2021 Year B

10:30 AM

* Indicates please stand

Prelude A Mighty Fortress is Our God (*Ein fest Burg ist unser Gott*) Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)
***Hymn** For all the Saints (*Sine nomine*) Hymnal #287, omit vs. 3, 6 & 7

*Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

*Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Gloria

Hymnal # S-280

*The Collect of The Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write:
from henceforth, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.
Even so, saith the Spirit: for they rest from their labours. [Revelation 14:13]

The Epistle Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Reading**

John 11:32-44

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John .
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Megan Castellan

***The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***The Prayers of the People**

With clean hearts and a pure faith, let us ascend the hill of the Lord, offering our prayers and thanksgivings to the one who hears our petitions and answers our call, responding, "Hear us, O Host of Heaven."

+ In thanksgiving for many peoples, languages, tribes and nations, whose diversity of thought and action become blessings to all who seek the fullness of God's presence in the midst of daily life; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

+ In thanksgiving for the Eucharistic Meal in which we are fed by Christ, who reveals his goodness and invites us to trust in his love with our whole heart, and soul, and mind; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

+ For the commitment and strength to share God's blessings throughout the world, honoring those who hunger and thirst, who mourn, and who live in fear and anxiety, giving out of our weaknesses to fill the hopes of others; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

+ For the peacemakers who proclaim justice in the marketplace, and petition prime ministers, presidents and legislators, to turn the ways of war into the dividends of peace; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

+ For those who volunteer their time to enlighten the lives of others, especially those who work in our schools, recreational centers, and wherever young people seek enrichment and encouragement; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

+ For holy women and men who have died in the light of Christ, and whose righteousness inspired the faithful of every generation; may their souls and the souls of unsung heroes in every age enter the gates of paradise; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

In companionship with the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed St John and all the saints, we continue the offering of our prayers.

We pray for members of our parish family who have died in the past year, and loved ones departed.

Mary Harcourt	Luanne Collins	Julian Archer Wicker
Josephine Brewer Horn	Janet Nsibambi	Richard Fenton Wicker, Jr.
Paul W. Blanchard	Mike & Nancy Coleman	Louise Zeller Wicker
Hugh Hurlbert	Ed & Margaret Coleman (Ed's	Florence Sharter
Jane Mead	Parents)	Zachary Taylor Carmin-Kluger

For those loved ones departed whom we remember with the flowers on the altar:

Sarah Richtmyer	Susan Hedrick Smith	Florence Shorter
Ronald Clayton	Stacey Smith Hyatt	William and Cora McGuffee
Rev. W. Aubrey Arlin	Lorraine Kaiser	Floyd, Laura and Elizabeth
Edith N. Arlin	Pakkala Lintal	Freeman
Audrey A. Vault	Cynthia Garrett	Patricia A. Neal
Margaret N. Godlove	Rev. Dr. Richard C. Sauerzopf	Lewis, Alice and Myra Oakes
Mary N. Nungesser	Joe Dallett	Lawrence Wassink, Jr.
Alice Comstock	Nonnie Denton	Selby Gration
Peter J. Hedrick	Virginia Marsden	
Kathleen O'Neill	Rev. John Congdon	

Into paradise may the angels lead them and at their coming may the martyrs receive them into the Holy City Jerusalem.

For the special needs and concerns of our congregation, and especially for:

Dave	Wes	Joan	Elaine	Beth
Amelia	Jean	Cathey	Sara	Kathleen
Dani	Vivian	Laurie	John	Michele
Mary	Sarah	Theodore	Judy	
Giovanni	Felice	Michele	Pat	
Cindy	Edith	Tina	Lorraine	
Dan	Elaine	Margaret	Carl	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Betty Saul, Brett Oakes, Margaret Johnson

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

***The Peace**

Please remain in your pew. Wave!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Sentence

***Offertory Anthem** *Let us now praise famous men* Ralph Vaughan-Williams (1872-1958)

Let us now praise famous men, And our mothers that begat us.

Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, Those renowned for their power.

Leaders of the people By their counsels and by their knowledge.

Such as found out musical tunes, And recited verses in writing:

All these were honoured in their generations, And were the glory of their times.

And some there be which have no memorial; Who are perished, as though they had never been.

Their bodies are buried in peace; But their name liveth for ever more. [adapted from Ecclesiasticus 44]

Presentation Hymn Shall we gather at the river? (*Hanson Place*)

Hymnal # L141 omit vs. 2

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Expanded Language Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: *continuing:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy (Sanctus)

Hymnal # S-130

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and became subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, Sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day, bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Fraction Anthem Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)

Hymnal # S-164

The Communion of the People

All people are invited to the Lord's Table. Eucharist will be distributed in the form of the bread with wine available for intincture. Please come forward in a single line in the center aisle to receive. Wait to remove your mask until you return to your seat, and then replace it after consuming the Sacrament.

Post Communion Prayer

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Blessing

***Hymn Ye holy angels bright (*Darwalls 148th*)**

Hymnal # 625, omit vs. 3

Dismissal

Postlude Finale on *Sine nomine* (For all the saints)

arr. By Charles Callahan, 2006

Liturgical Ministers Bao Bao Zhang, Gwen Freeman, Pam Talbott

Service Music Sung by the St. John's Cyber Choir

Hymn Lyrics

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever bless'd.
Alleluia, alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their refuge, and their might,
thou, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, their true and shining light.
Alleluia, alleluia!

4 The golden evening brightens in the west.
Soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest.
Sweet is the calm of paradise the bless'd.

Alleluia, alleluia!

5 But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array,
as God to glory calls them all away.
Alleluia, alleluia!

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

1 Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace. [Refrain]

YE HOLY ANGELS BRIGHT

1 Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

2 Ye blessèd souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
his praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

4 My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love;
let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.



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Sign up for our weekly newsletter The Fledgling by contacting the church office.

Cyber Choir continues this fall and welcomes new participants. For info, see our Director of Music/Organist Karen Hindenlang at coffee hour or contact her through the church office.

Please Join Us

Coffee Hour, today in the Parish Hall. Please continue to wear your mask when you are not actively eating or drinking.

Join us for Morning Prayer weekdays at 9:30 on FaceBook & YouTube.

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