

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

November 7, 2021 Year B

10:30 AM

* Indicates please stand

Prelude Two Short Chorale Settings: *When in the hour of greatest need and Salvation now is come*
J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

***Hymn** Before thy throne, O God, we kneel (*St. Petersburg*) **Hymnal # 574, omit vs. 2**

***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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 127

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, *
their labor is in vain who build it.
- 2 Unless the Lord watches over the city, *
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go
to bed so late; *
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

Nisi Dominus

- 4 Children are a heritage from the Lord, *
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full
of them! *
he shall not be put to shame
when he contends with his enemies in
the gate.

The Epistle Reading**Hebrews 9:24-28**

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading*Mark 12:38-44**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to .

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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.

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.
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.

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**

Let us pray to God, who holds the world in his marvelous light, responding to each petition, "Hear us, O Spirit of Truth."

+ For those who serve the Church in the holy order of deacons, that they may proclaim Christ's message to the world with courage and conviction, and challenge the Church to be the Christ in the community; let us pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ That we may rise from the gravity of personal sufferings, and see in our wounds the healing grace of Jesus, who calls us to be his disciples of blessing in every place where darkness obscures the gift of love; let us pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ For our sister and brother churches throughout the Anglican Communion, especially those in our companion diocese of El Salvador, that together with them, we may reflect the humility of Christ in our common ministry and mission; let us pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ For the beauty of creation as the seasons take their turn; may we be good stewards of these blessings, and use natural resources with care and conservation; let us pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ In thanksgiving for the witness of those who have given us a vision of servant ministry, and who now reside in the community of saints; may we be guided by their life and example; let us pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ In thanksgiving for indigenous peoples in every land; may they receive the honor and respect that is their due, and the hope of a more abundant life; let us pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

The prayers of the faithful are as incense rising to the heavens, and so we continue our thanksgivings and petitions.

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

Carl	Giovanna	Vivian	Jean	Elaine
Sara	Edith	Lorraine	Pat	Margaret
Felice	Tom	Mary	Tina	Kathleen
Theodore	Dave	Wes	Judy	Beth
Amelia	Dani	Laurie	Cathey	Michele
Cindy	Dan	John	Jane	Virginia

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:
 Libby Hedrick, Harvey Wilkin, Melissa Gallison, David Blanton, Aaron Wagner

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please remain in your pew. Wave!

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem *According to thy gracious word*

W. A. Mozart (1756–91)

According to Thy gracious word, in deep humility
 This will I do, my loving Lord, I will remember Thee.
 Thy body broken for my sake, my bread from heaven shall be;
 The cup, Thy precious blood I take, and thus remember Thee.
 When to the cross I turn mine eyes, and rest on Calvary,
 O Lamb of God, my sacrifice, I must remember Thee;
 And when these failing lips grow dumb, and mind and memory flee,
 When Thou shalt in Thy kingdom come, Jesus, remember me.

[English text by James Montgomery, 1771–1854]

***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** God of grace, and God of glory (*Cwm Rhondda*)

Hymnal # 594 omit vs. 3

Dismissal

Postlude *Jesus Christ, Our Lord Redeemer* (BWV 627)

J S. Bach (1685–1750)

Liturgical Ministers: Jeff Bowen, Margaret Johnson, Sally Clayton

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

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in memory of Alice Comstock by Richard Comstock, Jr.

The Eucharistic and Aumbry candles this month are Given to the Glory of God in memory of Patricia and Walter Talbott by Pamela Talbott.

Hymn Lyrics

Processional Hymn #574

1 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:
give us a conscience quick to feel,
a ready mind to understand
the meaning of thy chastening hand;
whate'er the pain and shame may be,
bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

3 For sins of heedless word and deed,
for pride ambitious to succeed,
for crafty trade and subtle snare
to catch the simple unaware,
for lives bereft of purpose high,
forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.

4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try,
our inmost spirits purify:
consume the ill; purge out the shame;
O God, be with us in the flame;
a newborn people may we rise,
more pure, more true, more nobly wise.

Presentation Hymn #705

1 As those of old their first fruits brought
of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
The source of bounteous yield;
So we today our first fruits bring,
The wealth of this good land,
Of farm and market, shop and home,
Of mind and heart, and hand.

3 A world in need now summons us
To labor, love, and give; to make our life
An offering to God that all may live;
The Church of Christ is calling us
To make the dream come true;
A world re-deemed by Christ-like love;
All life in Christ made new.

Recessional Hymn #594

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise:
grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

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If you would like to contribute to our ministries, you may make a secure donation at <https://stjohnsithaca.org/donate/> Thank you!

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.

Forward Day by Day for November, December, January is available on the table in the rear of the church.

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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