

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

November 14, 2021 Year B

10:30 AM

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Prelude *Voluntary in G*

Henry Smart (1813–79)

***Hymn** Thy Kingdom Come (*St. Flavin*)

Hymnal # 615

***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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

1 Samuel 1:4-20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation

all this time.” Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

1 Samuel 2:1–10

Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the Lord;
my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in my victory.

“There is no Holy One like the Lord,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.
Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your
mouth;

for the Lord is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.

Those who were full have hired
themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat
with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is
forlorn.

The Lord kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises
up.

The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.

He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash
heap,

to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
and on them he has set the world.

“He will guard the feet of his faithful
ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in
darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.

The Lord! His adversaries shall be
shattered;
the Most High will thunder in
heaven.

The Lord will judge the ends of the
earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his
anointed.”

The Epistle Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love

and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Reading**

Mark 13:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to .

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

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**

Come, Lord Jesus, be present with your people who lift their hearts in prayer, confident that you hear the cries of the faithful, as we respond, “Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.”

+ That we may acknowledge the power of the Evil One at work in the world, testing the hearts and minds of God’s people, placing temptation ever before us, enticing us to follow pathways that appear good but which lead to spiritual death; for this we pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ That we may be strengthened by Michael, the Archangel, to battle against false promises and the desire for immediate gratification, to choose those things that inspire righteousness, good works, sound faith, and the light of holy love; for this we pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ That we commit ourselves to the reading and study of holy scripture, so that we will be guided by its wisdom; for this we pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ That we may provoke one another to love and good deeds, meeting together for prayer and worship, mission and study, ministry and fellowship; for this we pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ That we may be a nation filled with gratitude and thanksgiving, rejoicing in all that we have been given, and shining as a beacon of hope to those who live in the shadows of poverty and despair; for this we pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ That those who have departed this life in your faith and fear may spend eternity with the blessed saints at rest; for this we pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

The wonders of God’s mighty works surround us on every side, and call us to continue our prayer and praise.

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:

Lynne Saulsbury, Susan Backstrom, Benjamin Wagner, Christine Miller Whaley, Deborah Youngling,
Jennie Graham, Kincaide Bunch, Robert Saulsbury, Jr.

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 *Christ has no hands but ours*

Hal Hopson, 1989

Christ has no hands but ours,
Ours are the eyes thorough which he sees the world.

Ours are the hands with which he heals, to offer health and food,
Ours are the feet with which he walks, to go to those in need.

Christ has no hands but ours,
Ours are the eyes thorough which he sees the world.

Ours are the ears with which he hears, to sense the burdened heart,
Ours are the lips with which he speaks, to sing a word of love.

Christ has no hands but ours,
Ours are the eyes thorough which he sees the world.

[Text by Saint Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582]

Presentation Hymn *All who love and serve your city (Charleston)*

Hymnal #561, omit vs. 3

*The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

Expanded Language Prayer A

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** O God of every nation (*Llangloffan*)

Hymnal # 607, omit vs. 2

Dismissal

Postlude Voluntary in F

Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814–56)

Liturgical Ministers: Jenifer Dodwell Fung, Mathew Stedinger, Stephanie Nevels

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 Audrey Vault by Mary Arlin.

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 : Thy Kingdom come Hymn 617

1 "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee the
passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see on earth
that kingdom's day.

2 But the slow watches of the night not less to
God belong;
and for the everlasting right the silent stars are
strong.

3 And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn
appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the
day is near:

4 the day to whose clear shining light all wrong
shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might, and every
hurt be healed;

5 when knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall
walk the earth abroad;
the day of perfect righteousness, the promised
day of God.

Presentation: All who love and serve your city Hymn 571

1 All who love and serve your city,
all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice,
all who curse and all who bless:

2 In your day of wealth and plenty,
wasted work and wasted play,

call to mind the word of Jesus,
"You must work while it is day."

4 Risen Lord, shall yet the city
be the city of despair?
Come today, our judge, our glory.
Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Recessional: O God of Every Nation Hymnal #607

1 O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation with your almighty
hand;
where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats
are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-
torn world.

3 Lord, strengthen all who labor that we may find
release
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's
increase;
when hope and courage falter, your still small
voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter, your servants
undergird.

4 Keep bright in us the vision of days when war
shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and
peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and
justice reign
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's
domain.

Hymn 571 - All Who Love and Serve Your City

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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.

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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