

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse--
who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12–20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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***The Gospel Reading**

Luke 6:17-26

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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**

May the Lord, who tests our minds and searches the deepest recesses of our hearts, be present in the prayers and thanksgivings which we offer this day, as we respond, "Hear us, God of glory."

+ God of our salvation, touch every wound within us, and in your mercy heal us of the pain that wracks our inmost thoughts; for this we pray.

Hear us, God of glory.

+ Christ the worker, let our feet stand amidst the great multitude, that our hands may work for the relief of all who are troubled: the homeless, the hungry, the distressed, the sick, and the imprisoned, and those whose darkness knows no name; for this we pray.

Hear us, God of glory.

+ Creator of the universe, give us a voice of thanksgiving to praise the beauty of your handiwork in the world about us, and help us live in ways that protect the fragility of our environment for generations to come; for this we pray.

Hear us, God of glory.

+ Blessed One, reveal to us the blessedness with which you have endowed all human life, that we may see ourselves and others as bearers of your image; for this we pray.

Hear us, God of glory.

+ God of all gratitude, may our lips recite songs of thanksgiving, as we acknowledge the abundance of riches that you have bestowed upon us, and may we joyfully share these gifts with others; for this we pray.

Hear us, God of glory.

+ Risen Lord, be present with those who have departed this life in the certain hope of your resurrection, and comfort all who mourn for those they love but see no more; for this we pray.

Hear us, God of glory.

With God ever present in the midst of our lives, let us continue our prayers, either silently or aloud.

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

Dave	Wes	Joan	Judy	Sara	Howie
Amelia	Jean	Laurie	Tina	Jon	George
Mary	Vivian	Theodore	Carl	James	
Tom	Sarah	Margaret	Jennifer	Jonathan	
Giovanni	Felice	Elaine	Ovie	Paula	
Cindy	Edith	Pat	Stanley	Carol	
Dan	Elaine	Heather	Carol	Lorraine	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:
Susan Dunlop, Alexander Ciccone, Kalena Henry, Eric Blair-Joannou, Erik 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

Please remain in your pew. Wave!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Sentence

Organ Offertory Variation on *Liebster Jesu*

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

***Presentation Hymn** Let us break bread together (*Traditional Spiritual*) Hymnal L # 152

***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

Hymnal S-129

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

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** Immortal, invisible, God only wise (*St. Denio*) **Hymnal # 423 vs. 1, 3 & 4**

Dismissal

Postlude Reflection in *Let us break bread together* Charles Callahan, 1994

Liturgical Ministers: Baobao Zhang, Michael Roman, Gwen Freeman

Virtual Vergers: Matthew Sanaker, Ben Dean

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

**Blessed Jesus, at thy word (*Liebster Jesu*)
Hymnal #440 vs. 1 & 3**

1 Blessèd Jesus, at thy word
we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear thee;
by thy teachings pure and holy,
drawn from earth to love thee solely.

3 Gracious Lord, thyself impart!
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
open thou our ears and heart,
help us by thy Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry thy Church upraises;
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

**Let us break bread together (*Traditional
Spiritual*)
Hymnal L # 656**

1 Let us break bread together on our knees (on
our knees);
Let us break bread together on our knees (on our
knees).
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the
rising sun,
Oh Lord, have mercy on me (on me).

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees (on
our knees);

Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our
knees).

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the
rising sun,
Oh Lord, have mercy on me (on me).

3 Let us praise God together on our knees (yes,
on our knees);
Let us praise God together on our knees (yes, on
our knees).

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the
rising sun,
Oh Lord, have mercy on me (on me).

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise (*St. Denio*)
Hymnal # 423 vs. 1, 3 & 4**

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.



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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 welcomes new participants. For info, see our Director of Music/Organist Karen Hindenlang after the service or contact her through the church office.

Please Join Us: Morning Prayer weekdays at 9:30 on Facebook and YouTube.

Forward Day by Day for February, March, and April is available on the table in the rear of the church.

2022 PLEDGE ENVELOPES, for those who use them, are on the table in the back of the nave. They are sorted alphabetically by last name. Please pick up your envelopes and take them home with you at your earliest convenience. If you do not find your envelopes, or have never had envelopes and wish to begin using them, please contact the parish office: (607) 273-6532 or office@stjohnsithaca.org.

NEWCOMERS: We extend a warm welcome to visitors and newcomers. It is good to have you with us! Please help us get to know you by filling out one of the welcome cards in the pews and placing it on the collection plate or giving it to one of the ushers. **LARGE PRINT EDITIONS OF THE SERVICE ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.**

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