

# The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 15

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

August 14, 2022 Year C

10:00 AM

\* Indicates please stand

Prelude **Amazing Grace**

arr. Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)

\*Processional Hymn **My faith looks up to thee (*Olivet*)**

Hymnal #691

\*Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

\*Collect For Purity

\*Gloria

Hymnal #S 279

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

Isaiah 5:1–15

Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,

judge between me  
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and  
thorns;

I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;

righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 80:1–2, 8–18**

*Qui regis Israel*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; \*  
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**The Epistle Reading**

**Hebrews 11:29–12:2**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were

stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**\*The Gospel Reading**

**Luke 12:49–56**

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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**

Christ the Savior casts out our comfort, tempering and purifying us to receive the promises of new life. In thanksgiving for God's transforming power, we respond to each petition by saying, "Hear our prayer."

+ That men and women may have the strength to follow and trust God through times of conflict and adversity, claiming a hope beyond understanding; Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

+ That our bishops and priests may speak with the fire of the Holy Spirit in proclaiming the truth of Christ, and in calling us to rise above hypocrisy to embrace with integrity the faith we claim; Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

+ That advances in communications throughout the world may enlighten us to the condition of peoples ravaged by war, helping to unite the human family in efforts to establish world peace; Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

+ That when we find ourselves tearing others down through gossip and innuendo, we may turn to God for help in receiving gifts of restraint, charity, and humility in recognizing our faults; Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

+ That we may be a baptizing community, encouraging people everywhere to receive this sacrament of adoption and new life; Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

+ That we may be awake to the daily challenges of leading a life devoted to Christ, and choose those actions that reveal our trust in his word; Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

With those who now dwell in the heavenly realms: prophets, apostles, martyrs and those we love but see no more, let us continue our prayers.



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

Theodore	Stanley	Linda	Janice	Jean
Carol	Dave	Jonathan	Louise	Lorraine
Lorraine	Joan	Park	Terry	Charlie
John	Jean	Mark	Anne	Kathryn
Lorraine	Wes	Debra	Cece	
Edith	Sara	Shirley	Mark	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:  
Richard Burns, Antwan Bunch, Diane Miller

### 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 Interlude** Come, thou font of every blessing

**Gilbert Martin**

**\*Presentation Hymn** How firm a foundation (*Foundation*)

**Hymnal #636**

## \*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 125

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 161

## 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.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request*

## 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

\*Recessional Holy God we praise thy Name (*Grosser Gott*)

Hymnal #366, vs. 1-4

## Dismissal

Postlude Partita on "Foundation"

Mark A. Radice (b. 1951)

Liturgical Ministers: Baobao Zhang, Michael Roman, Jerome Fung

Virtual Vergers Virginia McGhee, Matthew Sanaker

*This morning we welcome Guest Organist Mark A. Radice*

**St. John's extends a warm welcome to visitors!**

**May you experience the Lord's presence during worship. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate and stay for coffee in the parish hall after the service.**

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## The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost (14 August) Hymns

### **My faith looks up to thee (*Olivet*) Hymnal #691**

1 My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
be wholly thine.

2 May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee  
pure, warm and changeless be,  
a living fire.

3 While life's dark maze I tread,  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day;  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.

### **How firm a foundation (*Foundation*) Hymnal #636**

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;

for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

### **Holy God, we praise thy name (*Grosser Gott*) Hymnal #366, vs. 1-4**

1 Holy God, we praise thy name.  
God of all, we bow before thee.  
All on earth your scepter claim;  
all in heav'n above adore thee.  
Infinite thy vast domain,  
everlasting is thy reign.

2 Hark, the loud celestial hymn,  
angel choirs above are raising.  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

3 Lo! the apostolic train  
join thy sacred name to hallow.  
Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
and the blessed martyrs follow,  
and, from morn till set of sun,  
through the church the song goes on.

4 Holy Author, Holy Word,  
Holy Spirit, three we name thee;  
still, one holy voice is heard:  
undivided God, we claim thee,  
and adoring bend the knee,  
while we own the mystery.



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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.

**Please Join Us:**

Coffee Hour has resumed in the Parish Hall following the service. Please continue to wear your mask when you are not actively eating or drinking.

Morning Prayer Monday–Thursay at 9:30 on Facebook and YouTube.

**Forward Day by Day** for **May, June, and July** is available on the table in the rear of the church.

**Flowers:** If you wish to give Sunday flowers in memory of a loved one, please call the church office (607-273-6532).

**Mass on the Grass** at Stewart Park (Large Pavilion) is **August 21<sup>st</sup>**. Followed by a Dish to Pass and Fellowship. To signup, please go to <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qXroImkTevWL7am9qoauE4mQ4TzpUFaNU0CjaOO2OE/edit?usp=sharing>