

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

September 4, 2022 Year C

10:30 AM

* Indicates please stand

Prelude Prelude on an old Irish church melody, Op. 101, No. 6 **Charles V. Stanford (1854–1922)**

***Processional Hymn** Praise, my soul, the King of heaven (*Lauda anima*) **Hymnal #410**

***Opening Acclamation** **BCP 355**

***Collect For Purity**

***Gloria** **Hymnal #S279**

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139: 1–5, 12–17

Domine, probasti

1 Lord, you have searched me out and
known me; *
you know my sitting down and my

rising up;
you discern my thoughts from
afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my
resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my
ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my
lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it
altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and
before *
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for
me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to
it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost
parts; *
you knit me together in my
mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am
marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I
know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the
earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet
unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your
book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O
God! *
how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would
be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span
would need to be like yours.

The Epistle Reading

Philemon 1–21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Reading**

Luke 14:25–22

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Daniella Ripperton

***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**

The cross of Christ brings life and liberty to those who walk in its way. In thanksgiving for this symbol of redemption, let us offer our prayers, responding to each petition by saying, "Help us choose life."

+ Giver of justice, may the leaders of the nations delight in your law, finding new roads to peace and security throughout the world, and building trust between ancient enemies and places torn by civil war; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

+ Lover of the poor, help us to recognize our own poverty, that we may see ourselves in the homeless, the emotionally ill, seekers after false wealth, and those whose health is compromised; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

+ Jesus, head of the Church, may we feel the common bonds that link us one to another, not concealing our differences, but rejoicing in that which makes us one; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

+ Christ our Savior, help us to see all the blessings you have bestowed upon us, so that with thanksgiving and integrity we may effectively proclaim our faith; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

+ Christ the worker, be with those who labor in difficult jobs, and show them the value of their work; sustain the confidence of those who are unemployed; and raise up fairness and honesty in those who employ others; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

+ God our creator, you formed us from the dust of the earth, and to dust we shall return; welcome into your eternal kingdom those who have died in the faith of your Son; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

+ God of abundance, increase our generosity, so that our giving may reflect your bountiful gifts to the world; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

May our hearts find refreshment in Christ, who calls us to be ever constant in the offering of our prayers.

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

Theodore	Loraine	Joan	Linda	Debra
Carol	Edith	Jean	Jonathan	Shirley
Lorraine	Stanley	Wes	Park	Janice
John	Dave	Sara	Mark	Louise

Terry	Mark	Charlie	Katie	Cale
Anne	Jean	Kathryn	Jason	
Cece	Lorraine	Richard	Michele	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:
 Dylan McKibbin, Patrick Garrison, Virginia McGhee

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: The King of love my shepherd is H. Alexander Matthews (1879–1922)

***Presentation Hymn** The King of love my shepherd is (*St. Columba*) **Hymnal #645 vs 1–4**

*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 #S125

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 #S161

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** The God of Abraham praise (*Leon*)

Hymnal #401

Dismissal

Postlude Sortie in G

Cesar Frank (1822–90)

Liturgical Ministers: Muriel Everhart, Michael Roman, Amber Massa

Virtual Vergers Matthew Sanaker, Virginia McGhee

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 Thirteen Sunday After Pentecost (4 September 2022)
Hymns

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven (*Lauda anima*)
Hymnal 410

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.

4 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

The King of love my shepherd is (*St. Columba*)
Hymnal 645

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;

thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

The God of Abraham praise (*Leoni*)
Hymnal 401

1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM,
by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name
for ever blest.

2 He by himself hath sworn:
we on his oath depend;
we shall, on eagles-wings upborne,
to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face,
we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.

3 There dwells the Lord, our King,
the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace;
on Zion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and, glorious with his saints in light,
for ever reigns.

4 The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry,
"Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same,
and evermore shall be:
eternal Father, great I AM,
we worship thee."

5 The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost"
they ever cry;
hail, Abraham's Lord divine!
With heaven our songs we raise;
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.



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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 **August, September, and October** 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).