

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

September 25, 2022 Year C

10:30 AM

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Prelude Largo from *New World Symphony*

Antonin Dvorak (1841–1904)

***Processional Hymn** We gather together (*Kremsler*)

Hymnal #433

***Opening Acclamation**

BCP 355

***Collect For Purity**

***Gloria**

Hymnal #S279

The Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16

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- 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

1 Timothy 6:6–19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality

and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Reading**

Luke 16:19–31

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house – for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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**

May God, who sets the prisoner free and lifts up those who are bowed down, come to us who seek the Divine Presence in our daily lives, as we respond to each petition by saying, "Help us choose life."

+ Save us from the temptations that plunge us into ruin and destruction, and spare us from choosing those things which corrupt the soul and lead to feelings of shame and guilt; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

+ Set our hope on God's reign, so that we may bring the light of hope to those who live on the margins of society, who endure daily anxiety and shed tears of despair for their children and families; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

+ Open our ears to hear your word, that in our willingness to heed its message we may be made a new creation; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

+ Grant eternal life to all who have died, and bring those in this life to trust in the power of Christ's resurrection; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

+ Make us thankful for our bishops, priests, and deacons whom God has sent to lift the lamp of charity before our eyes, and to help us in the knowledge and witness of our faith; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

+ Strengthen the resolve of the peacemakers, give them patience in times of discouragement, give them hope in times of doubt, when ridiculed give them the assurance of your love; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

Let us resolve to do good, to be rich in good works, generous and ready to share with others, as we continue our prayers.

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

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| Theodore | Dave | Mark | Cece | Michele |
| Carol | Joan | Debra | Lorraine | Cale |
| Lorraine | Jean | Shirley | Charlie | Emily |
| John | Sara | Janice | Kathryn | Mary |
| Loraine | Linda | Louise | Richard | |
| Edith | Jonathan | Terry | Katie | |
| Stanley | Park | Anne | Jason | |

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:
Sidney Herman, Stephanie Nevels, Miles Herman, Julie Carter

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Sentence

Organ Interlude: Träumerei Robert Schumann (1810–56)

***Presentation Hymn** We the Lord's people (*Decatur Place*) **Hymnal #51**

The Lord's Prayer

***Recessional** Jerusalem the golden (*Ewing*) **Hymnal #624**

Dismissal

Postlude Meinen Jesum lass ich nicht (*My Jesus I'll not forsake*), variation 6
J. G. Walther (1684–1748)

Liturgical Ministers: Susan Backstrom, Kang Meng, Matthew Stedinger

Virtual Vergers SaraVanLooy, Ben Dean

This morning we welcome Guest Organist Mark A. Radice

Mother Megan is on vacation this Sunday. Thank you to Matthew Sanaker, Michael Roman, and Daniella Ripperton for leading our worship service.

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.

LARGE PRINT EDITIONS OF THE SERVICE ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

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Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers concert in support of Ithaca MobilePack



After a two-year absence, the **Ithaca MobilePack (IMP)**, the local partner of **Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)**, is happening in Ithaca! This year's meal packing will take place **September 30th to October 2nd** at the NYS National Guard Armory, 1765 Hanshaw Road. During the month of September, the IMP Outreach action group is asking members of religious congregations and others to consider making a special gift in support of Feed My Starving Children. Information on giving donations and other ways to

support the IMP can be found on their webpage <https://ithacamobilepack.org/donate>. Opportunities for packing during a two-hour shift can be found on the webpage <https://ithacamobilepack.org/>, by scrolling down to **Join the Pack** and clicking on the link, [Registrations are opening soon](#). You may sign up for one of the remaining packing sessions.



Area Congregations Together (ACT) has made arrangements for the **Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers (DCJS)**, a group of community singers in Ithaca, founded and directed by Dr. Baruch Whitehead of Ithaca College, to give a fundraising concert at **3 p.m. on September 25th at Ford Hall at Ithaca College**. Nationally renowned, DCJS performed in Carnegie Hall earlier this year. Minimum donations for the concert are \$20. Children are free. All donations will support the IMP to fund meals to be packed Sept. 30 – Oct. 2. What is Feed My Starving Children all about? *Every year, millions of children die from preventable diseases,*

including malnutrition. With Covid, climate change, and the war in Ukraine, the number of people, especially children, with serious food and hunger issues has been rising dramatically. FMSC works with global food distribution partners and stays with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move forward from relief to development.

FMSC's process is simple. In Ithaca and around the globe, donations are given by people like us to buy the dry ingredients. During the Ithaca MobilePack, enthusiastic volunteers from area religious congregations, students from Cornell, Ithaca College and TC3, as well as others from the greater Ithaca community, will hand pack the meals. These meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world, where kids are fed, and lives are saved!

Area Congregations Together (ACT) is a multi-faith nonprofit corporation committed to local and global community service and to mutual understanding and respect of all participants.



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If you need pastoral assistance, or just want to reach out to Mtr. Megan, please call her at 315-757-0251, or e-mail mtrmegan@stjohnsithaca.org.

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).