

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 22

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

2 October 2022 Year C

10:30 AM

* Indicates please stand

Prelude Elegy on “Slane”

Mark A. Radice (b. 1951)

***ProceSSIONAL Hymn** Be Thou my vision (*Slane*)

Hymnal #488

***Opening Acclamation**

BCP 355

***Collect For Purity**

***Gloria**

Hymnal #S-279

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Lamentations 1:1–6

How lonely sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the
nations!
She that was a princess among the
provinces
has become a vassal.
She weeps bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers
she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously
with her,
they have become her enemies.
Judah has gone into exile with suffering
and hard servitude;
she lives now among the nations,
and finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn,
for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate,
her priests groan;
her young girls grieve,
and her lot is bitter.
Her foes have become the masters,
her enemies prosper,
because the Lord has made her suffer
for the multitude of her
transgressions;
her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.
From daughter Zion has departed
all her majesty.
Her princes have become like stags
that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
before the pursuer.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 137

Super flumina

- 1 By the waters of Babylon we sat
down and wept, *
when we remembered you, O
Zion.
- 2 As for our harps, we hung them up *
on the trees in the midst of that
land.
- 3 For those who led us away captive
asked us for a song,
and our oppressors called for
mirth: *
"Sing us one of the songs of
Zion."
- 4 How shall we sing the Lord's song *
upon an alien soil.
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, *
let my right hand forget its skill.
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of
my mouth
if I do not remember you, *
if I do not set Jerusalem above my
highest joy.
- 7 Remember the day of Jerusalem,
O Lord,
against the people of Edom, *
who said, "Down with it! down
with it!
even to the ground!"
- 8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to
destruction, *
happy the one who pays you back
for what you have done to us!
- 9 Happy shall he be who takes your
little ones, *
and dashes them against the rock!

The Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Reading**

Luke 17:5-10

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Tom Ferguson

***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**

Let us offer our prayers to the most high, all powerful, good Lord, as we respond to each petition by saying, "Help us choose life."

+ In thanksgiving for those whose life and witness to the poor invites each of us to look beyond present comforts, so that we can give generously for the relief of others; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

+ In thanksgiving for the freedoms we enjoy in this land, for our President and all people in positions of public trust, and for peacemakers throughout the world who seek to bring harmony amongst peoples and nations; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

+ In thanksgiving for the lay leaders of the Church, whose dedication and faithfulness calls each of us to be responsible for our common life and to rekindle volunteerism, creativity, and ways to grow the Church; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

+ In thanksgiving for all who share the burdens of the sick, and for those who entrust their spiritual and physical health to Jesus, the one who shoulders all our burdens; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

+ In thanksgiving for sister moon and the stars; for brother wind and air; for mother earth who feeds us; and brother fire, through whom Jesus brightens the night; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

+ In thanksgiving for those we love but see no longer and who now rest in the paradise of God; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

+ In thanksgiving for small seeds of faith that are everywhere present, encouraging us to hold fast to the love of Christ, and to rebuild his Church; Lord, in your mercy,
Help us choose life.

Dear people of God: praise and bless the Lord, give thanks with a joyous heart, and serve him with great humility, as we continue our prayers, either silently or aloud.

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

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:
Gilleen Richardson, Laura Jay, Mike
VanFleet, Florianna Blanton, George
VanFleet

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 Amazing Grace Gilbert
Martin (b. 1941)

***Presentation Hymn** Amazing Grace
(*New Britain*) **Hymnal #671**

***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.*

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Blessing

***Recessional** Come, labor on (*Ora labora*)
Hymnal #541

Dismissal

Postlude Prelude and Fugue in C
J. S. Bach (1685–1750) (or Johann Ludwig
Krebs? /1713–1780)

Liturgical Ministers: Ceril Sandstrom,
Margaret Johnson, Amber Massa

Virtual Vergers Michael Roman, Ben Dean

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

*This morning we welcome The Rev. Canon Tom
Ferguson as our guest preacher*

**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**

Be Thou my vision (*Slane*)
Hymnal #488

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true
word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's
Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Amazing Grace (*New Britain*)
Hymnal #671

1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

4 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;

'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

Come, labor on (*Ora labora*)
Hymns #541

1 Come, labor on.
Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,
while all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say,
"Go work today."

2 Come, labor on.
The enemy is watching night and day,
to sow the tares, to snatch the seed away;
while we in sleep our duty have forgot,
he slumbered not.

3 Come, labor on.
Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here:
by feeblest agents may our God fulfill
his righteous will.

4 Come, labor on.
Claim the high calling angels cannot share--
to young and old the Gospel gladness bear;
redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.
The night draws nigh.

5 Come, labor on.
No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun.
"Servants, well done."



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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–Thursday at 9:30 on Facebook and YouTube.

Office of Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm to offer our prayers and read and meditate on God's holy word.

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).

