

# The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

## Proper 25

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

23 October 2022 Year C

10:30 AM

\* Indicates please stand

**Prelude** "There is a Balm in Gilead: Mark A. Radice (b. 1951)

**\*Processional Hymn** I sing the almighty power of God (*Forest Green*) **Hymnal #398**

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

**\*Collect For Purity**

**\*Gloria** **Hymnal #S-279**

### The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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** **Joel 2:23–32**

O children of Zion, be glad  
and rejoice in the Lord your God;  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain,  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the Lord your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again  
be put to shame.

Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

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

### Psalm 65

### *Te decet hymnus*

1 You are to be praised, O God, in  
Zion; \*  
to you shall vows be performed in  
Jerusalem.

2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh  
come, \*  
because of their transgressions.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
but you will blot them out.

4 Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to dwell  
there! \*  
they will be satisfied by the beauty  
of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in  
your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, \*  
O Hope of all the ends of the  
earth  
and of the seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your  
power; \*  
they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the clamor of the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the  
earth will tremble at your  
marvelous signs; \*  
you make the dawn and the dusk  
to sing for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it  
abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth  
out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the  
ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your  
goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with  
plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be  
rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves  
with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves  
with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.

## The Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## \*The Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9–14

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

*Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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 is merciful to us, release us from all that hinders us from loving God and our neighbor, and make us ready to pray, responding to each petition, "Hear our prayer."

+ That we may seek humbleness of spirit, accepting our weaknesses as doorways to growth, and trusting in God's judgment; Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

+ That the Church, under the guidance of Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and DeDe, Bishop of this diocese, may be a house of welcome to all people, especially those who are unsure of their worthiness or who are filled with doubts; Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

+ That winds of peace may blow across the world, bringing hope to the peoples in war-torn countries, new pathways to those in political stalemate, and renewal of spirit to all who hunger for freedom; Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

+ That we may be good stewards of our financial and creative resources, being attentive to the needs of our Church and her ministry, living simply and generously for the common good, and committing ourselves to the welfare of generations to come; Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

+ That the sick and dying may be comforted in their times of need, especially those with debilitating diseases; Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

+ That the departed may find eternal rest; Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

+ That we may be freed from our various prejudices, knowing that we have each been marked as Christ's own forever and bound together in his love; Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

May God, whose love restores us to grace, guide us now, as we continue to offer our prayers and thanksgivings.

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

Theodore	Joan	Janice	Jason	Jan
Carol	Sara	Anne	Michele	Linda
Lorraine	Linda	Cece	Cale	Jack
John	Jonathan	Lorraine	Emily	Julianne
Lorraine	Park	Charlie	Mary	Maggi
Edith	Mark	Kathryn	Sue	
Stanley	Debra	Richard	Deborah	
Dave	Shirley	Katie	Theresa	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Sarah Anderson, Rob Steuteville, Elsa Wagner, Melinda Oakes

### 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”

Mark A. Radice

**\*Presentation Hymn** Come Thou font of every blessing (*Nettleton*)

**Hymnal #686**

### \*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 center aisle. Please come forward in a single line to receive.*

*You may either intinct your wafer in the small chalice, or you may drink from the larger common chalice after consuming the wafer.*

*Please replace your mask after receiving 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** How firm foundation (*Foundation*)

**Hymnal #636**

### **Dismissal**

**Postlude** Marche Romaine

Charles Gounod (1818–93)

**Liturgical Ministers:** Beverly Way, Stephanie, Pam Talbott

**Virtual Vergers** Ben Dean, 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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**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.

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

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** All Saints' Sunday will be observed **November 6:** Anyone wishing to donate toward the flowers for All Saints' day, please send in your donation to the office with the memo "All Saints' Day flowers" and note any name(s) you wish to have listed on the Necrology list. Please email, drop a list in the offering plate, or call the parish office with names you wish to have included by **Wednesday, 2 November.**