

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

11 June 2023 Year A

10:00 AM

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Prelude The Hourglass

Florence Price (1887-1953)

***Processional Hymn** Hope of the world (*Donne secoures*)

Hymnal #472

***Opening Acclamation**

BCP 355

***Collect For Purity**

***Gloria**

Hymnal #S-278

The Collect of the Day

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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

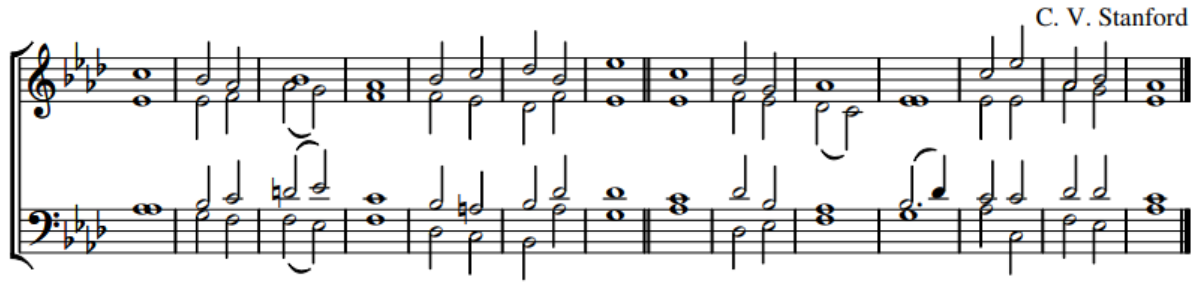
Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



- 1 Rejoice in the | LORD, you | righteous; *
it is good for the | just to | sing | praises.
- 2 Praise the LORD | with the | harp; *
play to him upon the | psalte- | ry and | lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a | new | song; *
sound a fanfare with all your | skill u- | pon the | trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the | LORD is | right, *
and | all his | works are | sure.
- 5 He loves | righteousness · and | justice; *
the loving-kindness of the Lord | fills the | whole | earth.
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the | heavens | made, *
by the breath of his mouth | all the | heavenly | hosts.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as | in a | water-skin *
and stores up the | depths of | the | sea.
- 8 Let all the earth | fear the | LORD; *
let all who dwell in the world | stand in | awe of | him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it | came to | pass; *
he commanded, | and it | stood | fast.
- 10 The LORD brings the will of the | nations · to | naught; *
he thwarts the de- | signs | of the | peoples.
- 11 But the Lord's will stands | fast for | ever, *
and the designs of his | heart from | age to | age.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose | God is · the | LORD! *
happy the people he has | chosen · to | be his | own!

The Epistle Reading

Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous

shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Sequence**

Hymnal # 493

***The Gospel Reading**

Matthew 9:9-13, 8-26

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.”

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

The Sermon

Matthew Sanaker

***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.

Offertory Anthem

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddës
grace,
No other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn
my face.

One splendour thence is shed from all the stars
above:

'Tis named when God's name is said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart that burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial
fire.

***The Prayers of the People**

Come, let us go to the Lord in prayer, that we may be a blessing for others, responding, "Kyrie eleison."

+ That we may raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving, acclaiming the healing power of God who frees us from our sins, and fills us with mercy; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

+ That we may follow the Divine Word, accepting his invitation to be a transformed people, leaving behind that which harms the soul, and seeking all that helps us grow in faith; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

+ That we may be ambassadors of God, eating with those whom others fear, healing those who suffer, and providing for the needs of those who lack adequate shelter and daily bread; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

+ That we may be released from the strong grip of addiction, those repetitive and seductive behaviors that fracture relationships and do violence to our souls; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

+ That we may approach with compassion and mercy those whom we have injured, asking pardon for our sins, and knowing the liberty of forgiveness that is at the heart of Christ's love; let us pray.
Kyrie eleison.

+ That the promise of eternal glory may visit upon those who have died; let us pray.
Kyrie eleison.

+ That those who are in a time of transition may move from anxiety to hope, from fear to the guiding light of the Spirit; let us pray.
Kyrie eleison.

Our continued prayers touch the cloak of Christ and call him to our aid.

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

Joan	Peter	Edith	Jeff	Carrie
Richard	Cece	Kathryn	Daniel	Linda
Shirley	Deb	Ruth	Lynne	Johnlyn
Wes	Allison	Frank	John	John
Charles	Elizabeth	Jack	Monica	Jim
Dick	Katie	Julianne	John	Virginia
Rebecca	Theodore	Faicia	Terry	
Strater	Carol	Eleanor	Nathan	
Penny	Lorraine	Bob	Carole	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Joe Vanfleet, Debora Burns, Gary Anderson, Mitchell Hall, Nancy Siemon, Beverly Green, Owen Hoekenga

Announcements & Welcome

***Recessional**

Hymnal #686

Dismissal

Postlude Prelude in G major BWV 541

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Acolyte: Sonja Sandstrom

Liturgical Ministers: Lillian Baptist, Danielle Ripperton, Sally Clayton

Virtual Vergers Sara VanLooy, Amber Massa

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of Ron Clayton given by Sally Clayton.

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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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!

If you are missing a set of keys, please contact Cathy in the Parish Office.

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.

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).