

# The Third Sunday after Pentecost

## Proper 6

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

18 June 2023 Year A

**10:00AM**

\* Indicates please stand

**Prelude** Cantabile

Elfrida Andree (1841-1929)

**\*Processional Hymn**

**Hymnal #539**

**\*Opening Acclamation**

**BCP 355**

**\*Collect For Purity**

**\*Gloria**

**Hymnal #S-278**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The First Lesson**

**Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)**

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

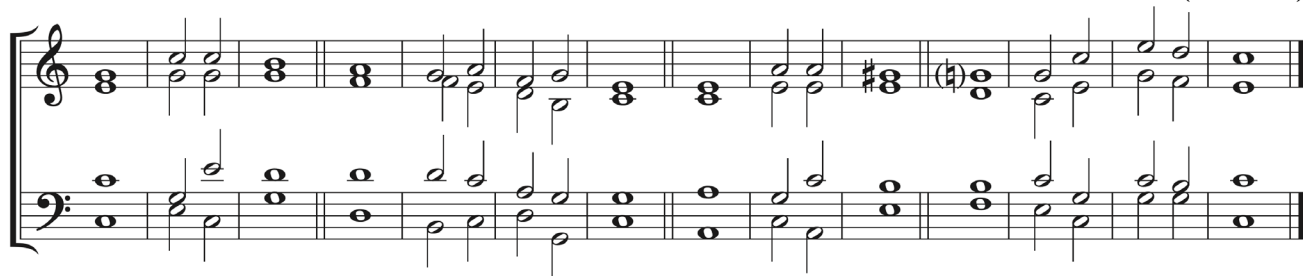
[The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”]

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

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

*Dilexi, quoniam*

T. A. Walmisley  
 (1814–56)



1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my | sup-pli- | cation, \*  
 because he has inclined his ear to me when- | ever · I | called u- | pon him.

10 How shall I re- | pay the | LORD \*  
 for all the good things | he has | done for | me?

11 I will lift up the | cup of · sal- | vation \*  
 and call upon the | Name | of the | LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows | to the | LORD \*  
 in the | presence · of | all his | people.

13 Precious in the sight | of the | LORD \*  
 is the | death of | his | servants.

14 O LORD, I | am your | servant; \*  
 I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
 you have | freed me | from my | bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of | thanks- | giving \*  
 and call upon the | Name | of the | LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows | to the | LORD \*  
 in the | presence · of | all his | people,

17 In the courts of the | LORD's | house, \*  
 in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
 | Ha-lle- | lu- | jah!

**The Epistle Reading****Romans 5:1-8**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**\*Sequence** O Love of God, how strong and true (*Dunedin*)

**Hymnal #455**

**\*The Gospel Reading****Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)**

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

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and

the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Megan Castellan

### \*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

Gracious God, give us boldness, justice, and compassion, as we offer our prayers, responding, “Kyrie eleison.”

+ Open our eyes to see the stranger in our midst, offering hospitality and companionship, believing that the Holy Spirit visits us through those we do not know; let us pray.  
*Kyrie eleison.*

+ Reveal the fruits of suffering to all who are heavy laden with despair, that they may receive your endurance, grow in character, and live in hope; let us pray.

*Kyrie eleison.*

+ Strengthen our hands and voices to proclaim the good news of Christ through the daily events of our lives, and to those we encounter in the course of the day; let us pray.

*Kyrie eleison.*

+ Increase vocations to the various ministries of our Church, especially our Religious Communities, whose members hold the Church, her mission and peoples, in prayer, and who work for the joy of the gospel; let us pray.

*Kyrie eleison.*

+ Bless our nation, our President and members of Congress; give them wisdom in their deliberations, that legislation and programs may serve the best interests of the common good and the needs of the global community; let us pray.

*Kyrie eleison.*

+ Hold in your arms of mercy those who are ill, and grant to those who have died a room prepared by your own hands; let us pray.

*Kyrie eleison.*

Let us endure faithfully in the practice of intercession, as we continue our petitions.

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	Chris
Strater	Carol	Eleanor	Nathan	
Penny	Lorraine	Bob	Carole	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Cecilia Goulart, Brett Oakes, Jr, Penny Ciccone, Jesse Richardson

### **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**

**Anthem**

*Cantique de Jean Racine, Gabriel Fauré*

Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,  
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,  
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence,  
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux!

Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante,  
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix,  
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante,  
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!

Ô Christ, sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle  
Pour te benir maintenant rassemblé,  
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle,  
Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé!

(Word equal to the Highest, our only hope, eternal day of earth and heaven; we break the silence of the peaceful night. Divine Savior, cast your eyes upon us! Spread over us the fire of your powerful grace, that all hell might flee at the sound of your voice; dispel the sleep of a languishing soul, which directs us to forget your laws! O Christ, grant favor to this faithful people assembled now to bless you; receive the songs they offer to your immortal glory, and may they return filled with your gifts!)

**\*Presentation Hymn** My God, thy table now is spread (*Rockingham*)

**Hymnal #321**

**\*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-128**

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-165**

**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.*

**Communion Music** Lord, you give the great commission (*Rowthorn*)

**Hymnal # 528**

## **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** Ye servants of God (*Paderborn*)

**Hymnal #535**

## **Dismissal**

**Postlude** Prelude and Fugue in B flat, Op. 16 no.2

Clara Schumann (1818-1896)

**Liturgical Ministers:** Mark Radice, Margaret Johnson, Sara VanLooy

**Virtual Vergers** Virginia McGhee, Sara VanLooy

**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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## Hymns 18 June 2023

### **O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling Hymnal # 539**

1 O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling,  
to tell to all the world that God is Light;  
that he who made all nations is not willing  
one soul should fail to know his love and  
might.

Refrain:

Publish glad tidings: tidings of peace,  
tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

2 Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation  
that God, in whom they live and move, is  
Love;  
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,  
and died on earth that all might live above.  
[Refrain]

3 Send heralds forth to bear the message  
glorious;  
give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;  
pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious  
till God shall bring his kingdom's joyful day.  
[Refrain]

4 He comes again! O Zion, ere thou meet him,  
make known to every heart his saving grace;  
let none whom he hath ransomed fail to greet  
him,  
through thy neglect, unfit to see his face.  
[Refrain]

### **O Love of God, how strong and true Hymnal # 455**

1 O Love of God, how strong and true,  
eternal and yet ever new;  
uncomprehended and unbought,  
beyond all knowledge and all thought.

2 O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,  
we read thee in the sky above;  
we read thee in the earth below,  
in seas that swell and streams that flow.

3 We read thee best in him who came  
to bear for us the cross of shame,  
sent by the Father from on high,  
our life to live, our death to die.  
4 We read thy power to bless and save  
e'en in the darkness of the grave;  
still more in resurrection light  
we read the fullness of thy might.

My God, thy table now is spread  
Hymnal #321

1 My God, thy table now is spread,  
thy cup with love doth overflow;  
be all thy children thither led,  
and let them thy sweet mercies know.

2 O let thy table honored be,  
and furnished well with joyful guests:  
and may each soul salvation see,  
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

3 Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,  
in countless numbers let them come  
and gather from their Father's board  
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

4 Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest  
till through the world thy truth has run,  
till with this Bread shall all be blessed  
who see the light or feel the sun.

**Lord, you give the great commission  
Hymnal #528**

1 Lord, you give the great commission:  
"Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the Church neglect its mission  
and the Gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity;  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:  
"In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise,  
life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervor, draw us  
closer in community;  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

3 Lord, you make the common holy:  
"This my body, this my blood."  
Let your priests, for earth's true glory,  
daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that world around us  
share your children's liberty;  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:  
"Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us  
to a just society;

with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
"I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend,  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity;  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim  
Hymnal #535**

1 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful Name;  
the Name all-victorious of Jesus extol:  
his kingdom is glorious; he rules over all.

2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
and still he is nigh: his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces, and worship the  
Lamb.

4 Then let us adore, and give him his right:  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
and honor and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never-ceasing and infinite love.



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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.

*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).