

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 7

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

25 June 2023 Year A

10:00AM

* Indicates please stand

Prelude Andante con moto (Sonata 5)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

***Processional Hymn** Christ for the world we sing! (*Moscow*)

Hymnal #537

***Opening Acclamation**

BCP 355

***Collect For Purity**

***Gloria**

Hymnal #S-278

The Collect of the Day

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

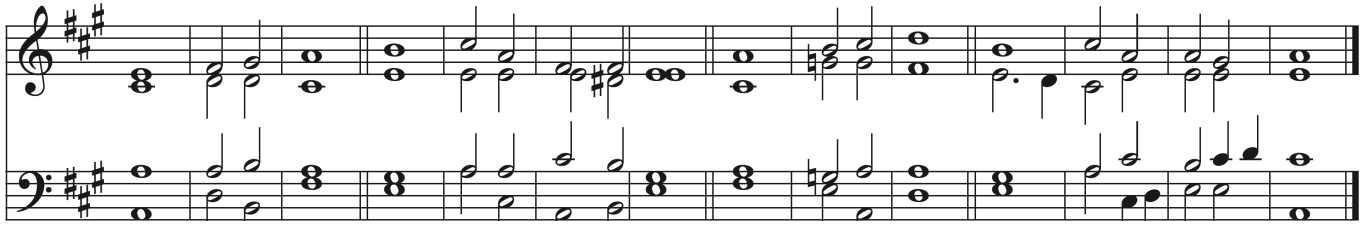
When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:1-10; 16-17 Inclina, Domine

John Goss



- 1 Bow down your ear, O | LORD, and | answer me, *
for I am | poor | and in | misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for | I am | faithful; *
save your servant who | puts his | trust in | you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you | are my | God; *
I call upon you | all the | day | long.
- 4 Gladden the soul | of your | servant, *
for to you, O LORD, | I lift | up my | soul.
- 5 For you, O LORD, are | good and · for- | giving, *
and great is your love toward | all who | call u- | pon you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, | to my | prayer, *
and attend to the | voice of · my | suppli- | cations.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will | call u- | pon you, *
for | you will | answer | me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like | you, O | LORD, *
nor | any- · thing | like your | works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship | you, O | LORD, *
and | glori- | fy your | Name.
- 10 For you are great;
you do | wondrous | things; *
and | you a- | lone are | God.
- 16 Turn to me and have | mercy · u- | pon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the | child of | your | handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and | be a- | shamed; *
because you, O LORD, have | helped me · and | comfor- · ted | me.

The Epistle Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Sequence** O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end (*Nyland*)

Hymnal # 655

***The Gospel Reading**

Matthew 10:24-39

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows." "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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,

***The Prayers of the People**

Let us offer our prayers to God, who calls us to do justice, and to love kindness, and to humbly walk in his footsteps, responding, "Hear us, God of Glory."

+ For the grace to balance worldly life with divine wisdom, seeing in holy foolishness the strength and conviction that overpowers our attachments to false treasures; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ For those who are prisoners throughout the world, especially in our community; those whom society has spurned; those in the darkness of despair; all who are living with disease and pain; and those who are unable to share burdens too deep to reveal, that God's love may be found by all who wait in hope; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ That we will open our hands and hearts to do God's work, reaching out to others so that God's love is revealed through our ministry and devotion; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ For our President, those who serve in our national and local legislative bodies, and those who sit on courts of justice, that they may be given godly wisdom and insight for those decisions which fall into shadows of uncertainty; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ For those considering the rites of baptism and confirmation during the season of Easter, that they may consider seriously what it means to be transformed by God's word, revealed through holy scripture and the Church; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+In thanksgiving for the new life that awaits all who engage in the daily reality of death and resurrection, remembering especially all who have died; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

In purity of heart and generosity of spirit, let us continue our prayers.

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	Bruce
Penny	Lorraine	Bob	Carole	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Roy Ives, Mary Arlin, St John Falkner,

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

A Prayer of St Columba, Cecilia McDowall

Be thou a bright flame before us,
Be thou a guiding star above us,
Be thou a smooth path before us,
And be a kindly shepherd behind us,
Today, tonight, and forever.

Drive from us all temptation and danger,
Surround us on the sea of unrighteousness,
And in the narrows, crooks, and straits
Keep thou our coracle, keep it always,
Today, tonight, and forever.

Be thou a bright flame before us,
Be thou a guiding star above us,
Be thou a smooth path before us,
And be a kindly shepherd behind us,
Today, tonight, forever.

***Presentation Hymn** Praise the Lord

Hymnal #334

***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 (Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord (Song 46))

Hymnal #328

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** Come with us, O Blessed Jesus (*Werde munter*)

Hymnal #336

Dismissal

Postlude Allegro maestoso (Sonata 5)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Acolyte: Alyssa Green

Liturgical Ministers: Josette Garrison, Susie Backstrom, Gwen Freeman

Virtual Vergers Mike Roman, Matthew Sanaker

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of Alice Comstock given by Richard Comstock, Jr.

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.

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).