

# The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

13 August 2023 Year A

**10:00 AM**

\* Indicates please stand

**Prelude** Voluntary in G Minor, Op. 5 No, 9

**John Stanley (1712-1786)**

**\*Processional Hymn** Praise to the Lord! (*Lobe den Herren*)

**Hymnal #390**

**\*Opening Acclamation**

**BCP 355**

**\*Collect For Purity**

**\*Gloria**

**Hymnal #S-279**

## The Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 37:1-4, 12-28**

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they

stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

**Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b**

*Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 16 Then he called for a famine in the land \*  
and destroyed the supply of bread.
- 17 He sent a man before them, \*  
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
- 18 They bruised his feet in fetters; \*  
his neck they put in an iron collar.
- 19 Until his prediction came to pass, \*  
the word of the Lord tested him.
- 20 The king sent and released him; \*  
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
- 21 He set him as a master over his household,  
as a ruler over all his possessions,
- 22 To instruct his princes according to his will  
and to teach his elders wisdom.
- 45 Hallelujah!

## The Epistle Reading

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

\*Sequence I sought the Lord (*Faith*)

Hymnal # 689

\*The Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

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

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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.

### **\*The Prayers of the People**

We glory in God's Name through the offering of our prayers and petitions, responding, "Hear us, good Lord."

+ For the will to discover God's Word dwelling in our hearts, finding expression through our lips, and revealing hope through our generosity; let us pray.

*Hear us, good Lord.*

+ For a renewed commitment to righteousness and peace, that we may join with the leaders of the nations in seeking ways to promote harmony in warring lands, and mutual respect across cultures, races, and languages; let us pray.

*Hear us, good Lord.*

+ For creative ways to express the faith, drawing upon the jewels of our tradition, and using our hearts and minds to proclaim Christ's message to those of little faith or who have no faith at all; let us pray.

*Hear us, good Lord.*

+ That the summer months may provide opportunities for rest and refreshment, so that we may be rejuvenated for the challenges ahead; let us pray.

*Hear us, good Lord.*

+ For medical personnel who volunteer their services in foreign lands and amongst the most needy of the world, that we may lift our voices in praise for the good news they bring to others; let us pray.

*Hear us, good Lord.*

+ For those who have died and reside in the tomb of death, that Christ, who broke the chains of death, will bring them to eternal life; let us pray.

*Hear us, good Lord.*

Ever increasing in faith, we continue our prayers.

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

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

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Richard Burns, Antwan Bunch,

### **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.*

**Blessing**

**\*Recessional** God, my King, thy might confessing (*Stuttgart*)

**Hymnal #414**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude** Short Prelude in F. BWV 566a

**J. S. Bach (1685–1750)**

**Acolyte:** Chris Way

**Liturgical Ministers:** Ceril Sandstrom, Beverly Way, Margaret Johnson

**Virtual Vergers** Sara VanLooy, Amber Massa

*Today we welcome Matthew Sanaker as our Officiant*

*Welcome guest organist Jerome Fung*

**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 BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX**

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Mother Megan is on vacation until August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Mass on the Grass is Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at the large Pavilion at Stewart Park at 10am.

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. Masks are optional.

***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).

