

The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

22 October 2023 Year A

Proper 24

10:30 AM

* indicates please stand

Prelude Largo from *New World Symphony*

Antonin Dvorak (1841–1904)

***Processional Hymn** When morning gilds the skies (*Laudes domini*)

Hymnal #427

***Opening Sentence**

Officiant Lord, open our lips

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

Officiant Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Confession

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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

***The Invitation**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia

***The Jubilate**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his
pasture.

Psalm 99

- 1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great
and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and
righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our
God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Dominus regnavit

- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call
upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he
answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of
cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the
decree that he gave them.
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them
indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our
God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

The First Lesson

Exodus 33:12–23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 13

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy
Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for
ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

The Epistle Reading

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 20

***The Gospel Reading**

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are

A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for
ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for
ever.

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Hymnal #S-279

Matthew 22:15–22

the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Matthew Sanaker

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again to judge the living and
the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

In the Name of Jesus, let us offer our prayers, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

+ For the desire to reflect God's abundant treasures, freely giving for the mission of the Church in the world, our faithful commitment to the poor and those in need; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ In thanksgiving for missionaries who serve in foreign lands; may they proclaim the gospel message of hope to those who live in places of instability, and reveal to us at home their extraordinary faith and charity; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ In thanksgiving for those who serve in our government, especially those unseen workers who toil in federal and state offices, and who attend to the details of daily responsibilities; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ In thanksgiving for our Creator who formed the darkness and formed the light, leading us through both, so that we may be transformed into a holy people; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ For all the faithful departed, may they rest in peace through the mercy of God; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Continuing in the Holy Name of Jesus, let us add to these prayers.

Oh God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths—Jews, Muslims, and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and making of peace, we also call to you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honor as your children, for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father. In Jesus' name we pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

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

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Sarah Anderson, Rob Steuteville, Elsa Wagner, Melinda Oakes

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Suffrage A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

***Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

***Collects**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

***The Peace**

Please remain in your pews. Wave!

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Sentence

Anthem “Musician’s Prayer”

Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

Unto Thy word so tuned let me be,
That in each part I may there to agree.
He sings and plays the songs which best Thou lov’st,
Who does and says the things which Thou approv’st.
Teach me the strain that calmeth minds enraged,
And which from vain affections doth recall,
So to the choir where angels music make I may aspire,
I may aspire When I this life forsake,
When I this life forsake.

***Presentation Hymn** Come, Holy Spirit (*St. Agnes*)

Hymnal #510

***The General Thanksgiving**

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered

together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Dismissal**

***Recessional Hymn** O Holy Spirit (*Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist*)

Hymnal #501

Postlude *Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist*, BWV 667

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Greeters

Liturgical Ministers: Jeff Bowen, Stephanie Nevels, Jerome Fung

Today we welcome Matthew Sanaker as Officiant and guest preacher.

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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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 when you are not actively eating or drinking.

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 candles or 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 5. 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, 1 November**.