

**The Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 25**

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY
29 October 2023 Year A

10:30 AM

* Indicates please stand

Prelude The Angel's Song Op. 105, No. 1
(1852-1924)

Charles Villiers Stanford

***Processional Hymn** All hail the power of Jesus' name (Coronation) **Hymnal #450**

***Opening Acclamation** **BCP 355**

***Collect For Purity**

***Gloria** **Hymnal #S-279**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the

mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Domine, refugium

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were
brought forth,
or the land and the earth were
born, *
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and
say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
4 For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past
*
and like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the
grass.
6 In the morning it is green and
flourishes; *

in the evening it is dried up and
withered.

13 Return, O Lord; how long will
you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness
in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad
all the days of our life.
15 Make us glad by the measure of
the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we
suffered adversity.
16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their
children.
17 May the graciousness of
the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

The Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Sequence Hymn** Where cross the crowded ways of life (*Gardiner*) **Hymnal #609**

***The Gospel Reading**

Matthew 22:34-46

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

The Sermon

Rev. Taylor Daynes

***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**

As a people entrusted by God with the proclamation of good news, let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

+ That we may love our neighbor as ourselves, sacrificing personal comforts to provide shelter for the poor, sound education for all children, psychiatric care for those suffering from mental illness, living wages to employees, and respite for those who attend to those living with illness; let us pray.
Lord, hear our prayer.

+ That our personal trials may be seen as pathways to faithfulness, roads upon which we walk in order to gain a deeper understanding of God's enduring love; let us pray.
Lord, hear our prayer.

+ That peace may reign throughout the world, loosening the chains of incessant poverty, political imprisonment, religious persecution, and the abuse of power that raises a few to prosperity at the expense of the masses; let us pray.
Lord, hear our prayer.

+ That we may do the work and ministry that reflect God's reign, knowing that we may not see beyond our offerings or the fruit of our labors; let us pray.
Lord, hear our prayer.

+ 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.
Lord, hear our prayer.

+ That we may put aside any vengeance of heart, so that we may offer to one another true forgiveness and amendment of ways; let us pray.
Lord, hear our prayer.

In companionship with those who have died, and with all the saints, let us continue our prayers.

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:

Brett Oakes

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 Kum Ba Ya

arranged by Mark Radice

***Presentation Hymn** How lovely is thy dwelling place (*Brother James' Air*)

Hymnal #517

*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-130

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-161

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.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Music Holy God, we praise thy name (*Grosser Gott*)

Hymnal # 366

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** Immortal, invisible, God only wise (*St. Denio*)

Hymnal #423

Dismissal

Postlude Postlude on the Theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 22) Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Acolyte: Sonja Sandstrom

Liturgical Ministers: Ceril Sandstrom, Susie Backstrom, Margaret Johnson

Virtual Vergers Matthew Sanaker, Virginia McGhee

Today we welcome Rev. Taylor Daynes as our guest Preacher

Welcome guest 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
29 October 2023

**All Hail the power of Jesus' name
Hymnal #450**

1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

2 Crown him ye martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all!
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all!

3 Hail him, the Heir of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all!
the God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all!

4 Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all!
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
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and crown him Lord of all!

**Where cross the crowded ways of life
Hymnal # 609**

1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.

2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of thy tears.

3 The cup of water given for thee
still holds the freshness of thy grace;
yet long these multitudes to see
the true compassion of thy face.

4 O Master, from the mountain side,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again;

5 till all the world shall learn thy love,
and follow where thy feet have trod;
till glorious from thy heaven above,
shall come the city of our God.

**How Lovely is thy dwelling place
Hymnal #517**

PART I.

1 How lovely is Thy dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
The tabernacles of Thy grace
How pleasant, Lord, they be!

2 My thirsty soul longs vehemently,
Yea faints, Thy courts to see:
My very heart and flesh cry out,
O living God for Thee.

3 Behold, the sparrow findeth out
An house wherein to rest;
The swallow also for herself
Hath purchasèd a nest.

4 E'en Thine own altars, where she safe
Her young ones forth may bring,
O Thou almighty Lord of hosts,
Who art my God and King.

5 Blest are they in Thy house that dwell;
They ever give Thee praise.
Blest is the man whose strength Thou art,
In whose heart are Thy ways,

PART II.

6 Who, passing through dark Baca's vale,
Therein do dig up wells;
Also the rain that falleth down
The pools with water fills.
7 So they from strength unwearied
Still forward unto strength,
Until in Zion they appear
Before the Lord at length.
8 Lord God of hosts, my prayer hear;
O Jacob's God give ear.
See God our shield, look on the face
Of Thine anointed dear.

Holy God, we praise thy Name
Hymnal # 366

1 Holy God, we praise Your name;
Lord of all, we bow before You.
Saints on earth Your scepter claim;
all in heav'n above adore You.
Infinite, Your vast domain;
everlasting is Your reign.

2 Hark, the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

3 Lo, the apostolic train
joins Your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.

4 Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name You,
though in essence only one;
undivided God, we claim You,
and, adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Hymnal #423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and
love.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.



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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 **November, December, and January** 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**.