

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

June 2, 2024 Year B

10:30 AM

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Prelude Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

***Processional Hymn** Blessed Jesus, at thy word (*Liebster Jesu*)

Hymnal #440

***Opening Acclamation**

BCP 355

***Collect For Purity**

***Gloria**

Hymnal #S–280

The Collect of the Day

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; 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

1 Samuel 3:1–20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

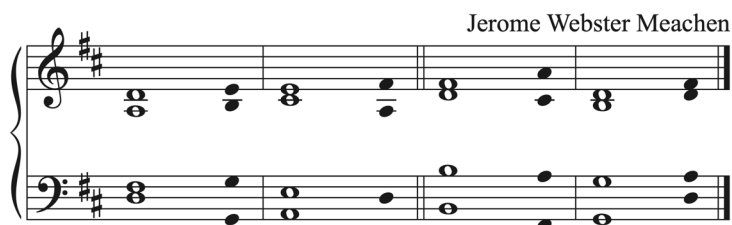
As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1–5, 12–17

Domine, probasti



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- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 4:5–12

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Sequence** O day of radiant gladness (*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*)

Hymnal #48 vv. 1–2

The Gospel Reading

Mark 2:23–3:6

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

Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

One sabbath Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

***Sequence** O day of radiant gladness (*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*)

Hymnal #48 vv. 3–4

The Sermon

The Rev. Kit Tobin

***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.

Prayers of the People

Wisdom helps clarify God's call to us, and the lamp of the Lord enlightens the holy path of service. In God's unfailing light we offer our prayers, responding to each petition by saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

+ For the desire to place our will into the hands of the Divine Potter, who centers the hearts of the faithful and makes us vessels of hope in our time and place; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ For a conscientious movement toward simplicity, a return to the mind of the Sabbath, where creation is honored and God is praised, where rest restores energy, and light illumines the heart; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ For the immigrant and alien in our midst, that our welcome may recall the wandering of our ancestors and the pilgrimage of faith that transforms life; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ In thanksgiving for those who reveal the gift of generosity, responding to those in need, respecting those who live in fear and anxiety, giving from their purse so that others may receive the basic necessities of life; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ That we may admit our sinfulness—our self-deception and misuse of God's treasures, our hardness of heart, and willfulness—that we may use our hands for good works and be restored to health; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ That the faithful departed may enter into the Divine Presence, and sing with joy for heaven's rest; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

In the presence of the One who continues to search out his beloved, let us continue our prayers.

For the special needs and concerns of our congregation, and especially for:

Joan	Richard	Theodore	Avery	Sandy	Mary Beth	Jack
Charles	Linda	Lorraine	Nathan	Amelia	Jack	Lisa
Wes	Jim	Edith	Jane	Michael	Julianne	Ira
Virginia	Gerald	Kathryn	Chris	Susan	Chavon	Jan
Shirley	Cece	Sarah	Carole	Jeff	Ruth	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Ruth Smith, Peyton Tracey, Nate Way, Justin Chandler, Holly Dietz

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 God of Mercy, God of Grace

David Evans (1874–1948)

***Presentation Hymn** Lord of all being, throned afar (*Mendon*)

Hymnal #419

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer I

BCP 333

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-129

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 or you may drink from the common chalice after consuming the wafer.
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

Communion Music Spread, O spread, thou mighty word (*Gott sei Dank, Geistreiches Gesangbuch*)
Hymnal #530

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** Christ, whose glory fills the skies (*Ratisbon*) **Hymnal #7**

Dismissal

Postlude Prelude in C Major, BWV 553 J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Crucifer:

Liturgical Minister: Muriel Everhart, Stephanie Nevels, Michael Roman

Virtual Vergers Matthew Sanaker, Michael Roman

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Robert Tissot by Jane Tissot

This morning we welcome The Rev. Kit Tobin as our celebrant 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.

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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 **May, June, and July** is available on the table in the rear of the church.

St. John's Game Night will resume on Friday, June 14. Hot food will be offered at 6 pm, and games begin at 6:30. Come and enjoy the games, the food, the fun-loving company. Hope to see you there!

Candles and Flowers: If you wish to give Candles or Sunday flowers in memory of a loved one, or for a special occasion, please call the church office (607-273-6532).