

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 5

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

June 9, 2024 Year B

10:30 AM

* Indicates please stand

Prelude *Andante tranquillo* from Sonata No. 3 in A Major, Op. 65 Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

***Processional Hymn** This is the day the Lord hath made (*London New*) **Hymnal #50**

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

***Collect For Purity**

***Gloria** **Hymnal #S–280**

The Collect of the Day

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 8:4–11, 16–20

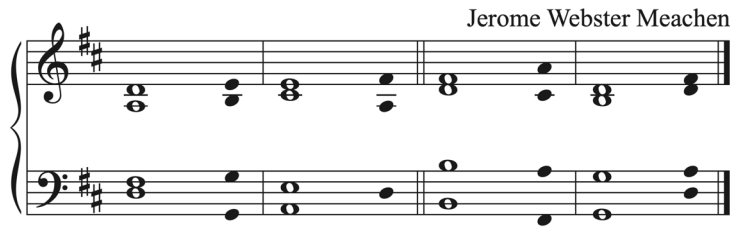
All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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| <p>1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your
praise.</p> <p>2 I will bow down toward your holy
temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and
faithfulness;</p> <p>3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.</p> <p>4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within
me.</p> <p>5 All the kings of the earth will praise
you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of
your mouth.</p> | <p>6 They will sing of the ways of
the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.</p> <p>7 Though the Lord be high, he cares
for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from
afar.</p> <p>8 Though I walk in the midst of
trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against
the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.</p> <p>9 The Lord will make good his purpose
for me; *
O Lord, your love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your
hands.</p> |
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The Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Sequence** Creating God, your fingers trace (*Wilderness*)

Hymnal #394 vv. 1–2

The Gospel Reading

Mark 3:20–35

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

Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

***Sequence** Creating God, your fingers trace (*Wilderness*)

Hymnal #394 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.

***The Prayers of the People**

As servants in God’s vineyard, let our first fruits be the offering of our intercessions, responding to each petition by saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

+ For the grace to believe those things that will lead us into the heart and mind of Christ, and for the commitment to do those things that will bear witness to the ministry of the apostles, saints, and martyrs; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ For presidents and judges, governors and senators, queens and kings on their thrones, and prime ministers in houses of parliament, that all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world may seek wisdom and truth in all their deliberations; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ For our Church, especially, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and DeDe, Bishop of our diocese, that they may guide all the clergy and people into a greater respect for the environment, and a careful stewardship of resources held in common; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ That those who have died will be raised with Christ, seeing in his face the glory of the Father’s unending love; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ For the humility that leads to reconciliation, that members of our Church and our families may experience God’s reconciling love and be restored to unity and mutual affection; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

As adopted sons and daughters of Jesus, let us continue our prayers as one family of faith.

We pray without ceasing for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war.

We also pray for God to change the hearts of all the leaders and decision-makers in our countries and around the world. For we are in dire need of hearts that love, show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others; hearts that respect human dignity and choose life rather than death.

God of peace and justice, hear our prayers. Amen

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	Nick

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Joe VanFleet, Debra Burns, Gary Anderson, Mitchell Hall, Nancy Siemon

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 The Lone Wild Bird (Southern Folk Tune)

arr. David N. Johnson (1922–87)

***Presentation Hymn** Praise to the Holiest in the height (*Newman*)

Hymnal #446

*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-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 And now, O Father, mindful of the love (*Unde et memores*)

Hymnal #337

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** Before the Lord's eternal throne (*Winchester New*)

Hymnal #391

Dismissal

Postlude Fugue in C Major, BuxWV 137

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

Crucifer: Amber Massa

Acolyte: Chris Way

Liturgical Ministers: Ceril Sandstrom, Michael Roman, Jerome Fung

Virtual Vergers John Jackson, Virginia McGhee

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Ron Clayton by Sally Clayton.

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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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 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.

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).

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!

Parish Breakfast. We will have a delicious hot, full breakfast next Sunday, 16 June, between the services. Plan to join us for a meal and fellowship with the parishioners from the 8:00 am service.

Plan Ahead. Beginning on Sunday, 7 July, the Sunday services will be at 8:00 am and **10:00** am. We will return to services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on 1 September.