

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 13

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY
August 4, 2024 Year B

10:00 AM

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Prelude Nocturne No. 20 in C# minor, Op. posthumous Frederic Chopin (1810–1849)

***Processional Hymn** Love divine, all loves excelling (*Hyfrydol*) **Hymnal #657**

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

***Collect For Purity**

***Gloria** **Hymnal #S-280**

The Collect of the Day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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

2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.” Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

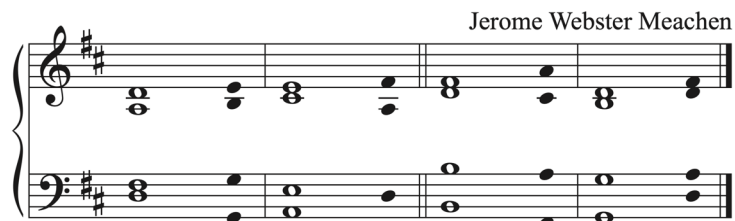
Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master’s house, and your master’s wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of

Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.” David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1–13

Miserere mei, Deus



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| 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses. | 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly. |
| 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin. | 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. |
| 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me. | 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice. |
| 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight. | 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities. |
| 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment. | 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me. |
| 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother’s womb. | 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me. |
| | 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. |

The Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:1–16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.”

(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up

the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gradual** A mighty fortress is our God (*Ein feste Burg*)

Hymnal #688 vv. 1–2

***The Gospel Reading**

John 6:24–35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

***Sequence** A mighty fortress is our God (*Ein feste Burg*)

Hymnal #688 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**

Through the waters of baptism we share in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Joined together in this fellowship of faith, let us offer our petitions as we respond by saying, “Savior, be with us.”

+ That we may acknowledge the gifts that God has given to us and place them within the community of believers, so that our fellowship may provide for an abundant and fruitful ministry; let us pray.
Savior, be with us.

+ That we may be a people of vision and strength, setting aside words of blame and complaint, and moving forward to reveal the kingdom of God in our world; let us pray.
Savior, be with us.

+ That the leaders of the churches and governments of the world will echo the voice of the peacemakers who call us to turn weapons of destruction into resources for education, employment, health care, and all that speaks of God’s desire for humankind; let us pray.
Savior, be with us.

+ For personal honesty, that we may admit our sins—our pride and self-sufficiency, our greed and deception, our manipulation of others—so that we may be cleansed and reveal to others the forgiveness and love of our Redeemer; let us pray.
Savior, be with us.

+ That we may be a baptizing community, offering this holy sacrament to those who have not been reborn into the community of faith, offering to them the liberating life of the Risen One; let us pray.
Savior, be with us.

+ That those who have died in faith may be received into the arms of God’s mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints; let us pray.
Savior, be with us.

Following in the footsteps of the prophets, apostles, saints, and martyrs, let us continue our 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.

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

Joan	Cece	Jane	Jack	Penny	Beth
Charles	Theodore	Chris	Julianne	Ann	Joanne
Wes	Lorraine	Carole	Chavon	David	Olivia
Virginia	Edith	Amelia	Jack	Cheryl	
Shirley	Kathryn	Michael	Lisa	Isabella	
Linda	Sarah	Susan	Ira	Shawn	
Jim	Avery	Jeff	Jan	Rebekah	
Gerald	Nathan	Mary Beth	Nick	Libby	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:
Sara VanLooy, Josette Garrison, Aidan Tatusko

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 O holy Father, infinite in mercy

Palestrina (1526–1594)

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

Hymnal #440

***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 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest (*Sursum Corda*)

Hymnal #306

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** All people that on earth do dwell (*Old 100th*)

Hymnal #377

Dismissal

Postlude *Dona nobis pacem*, Mass in B minor, BWV 232

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)
Transcribed by Ruoshi Sun

Greeters

Crucifer: Alan Mata

Acolyte: Chris Way

Liturgical Ministers: Cora Yao, Gwen Freeman, Stephanie Nevels

Virtual Vergers John Jackson, Sara VanLooy

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 **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).