

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Proper 15**

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY  
August 18, 2024 Year B

**10:00 AM**

\* indicates please stand

**Prelude** *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872–1958)

**\*Processional Hymn** When Morning Guilds the Skies (*Laudes Domini*)

**Hymnal #427**

**\*Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

**\*Collect For Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**\*Gloria**

**Hymnal #S-278**

**The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson**

**1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14**

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

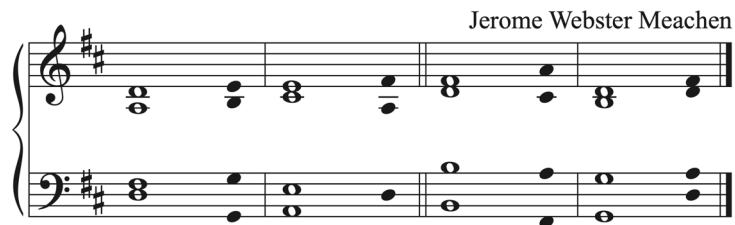
Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 111**

*Confitebor tibi*



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| <p>1 Hallelujah!<br/>         I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *<br/>         in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.</p> <p>2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *<br/>         they are studied by all who delight in them.</p> <p>3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *<br/>         and his righteousness endures for ever.</p> <p>4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *<br/>         the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.</p> <p>5 He gives food to those who fear him; *<br/>         he is ever mindful of his covenant.</p> | <p>6 He has shown his people the power of his works *<br/>         in giving them the lands of the nations.</p> <p>7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *<br/>         all his commandments are sure.</p> <p>8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *<br/>         because they are done in truth and equity.</p> <p>9 He sent redemption to his people;<br/>         he commanded his covenant for ever; *<br/>         holy and awesome is his Name.</p> <p>10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *<br/>         those who act accordingly have a good understanding;<br/>         his praise endures for ever.</p> |
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**The Epistle Reading**

**Ephesians 5:15–20**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**\*Gradual** Be Thou My Vision (*Slane*)

Hymnal #488 vv. 1–2

**\*The Gospel Reading**

John 6:51–58

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

*Glory be to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**\*Sequence** Be Thou My Vision (*Slane*)

Hymnal #488 v. 3

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Ed Murphy

**\*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**

May the offering of our prayers rise as incense to heaven, as we respond to each petition by saying, "Savior, be with us."

+ For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and DeDe, Bishop of this diocese, and for all who exercise ordained leadership in the community of faith, that they may be given wisdom and discernment in living out their vocation; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ That our President and his advisors may exercise judgment with insight, and encourage a fruitful peace that brings hope to the people of the poorest nations of the world; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ That we may refrain from gossip and evil speech, and put aside excessive behaviors that harm body and soul, offering ourselves to God so that his abundant love may grow in the heart of the world; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ For the Church, that God will cleanse it from all unrighteousness, protect and govern it by goodness, and unite its many factions into one witness to Christ; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ For our children, and all the children in the world, that they may be surrounded by the love of family and friends, receive the basic necessities of life, and be set free from fear; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ That the dead may rise to a glorious life; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ In thanksgiving for this Eucharistic Meal, whereby we are strengthened by the Living Bread to be for one another a living people; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

Christ, have mercy upon us as we continue to offer our prayers and thanksgivings.

Almighty God of mercy and compassion, you sent your Son Jesus to teach us the things that make for peace; help the leaders of this world to lay down their weapons of war. Help those who make decisions on behalf of the people of Israel and of Gaza to safeguard human life and flourishing and turn away from death and destruction. Help us living in the US to use our liberty and safety to speak on behalf of those who live in deprivation and danger, and save us from denial and complicity in the evils we deplore, and as we labor, give comfort, strength, and safety to all of your children in the land we call Holy. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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

Joan	Virginia	Jim	Theodore	Kathryn	Nathan
Charles	Shirley	Gerald	Lorraine	Sarah	Jane
Wes	Linda	Cece	Edith	Avery	Chris

Carole	Mary Beth	Lisa	Ann	Rebekah	Nancy
Amelia	Jack	Ira	David	Libby	
Michael	Julianne	Jan	Cheryl	Beth	
Susan	Chavon	Nick	Isabella	Joanne	
Jeff	Jack	Penny	Shawn	Olivia	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Diane Miller

### 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** Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Erik Routley (1917–82)

**\*Presentation Hymn** Come, Thou Almighty King (*Moscom*)

**Hymnal #365**

### \*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-128**

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.

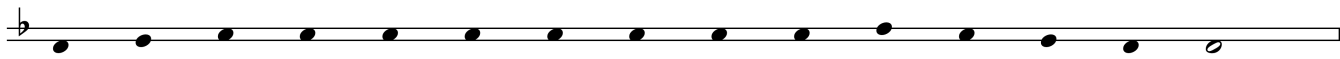
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ.

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.

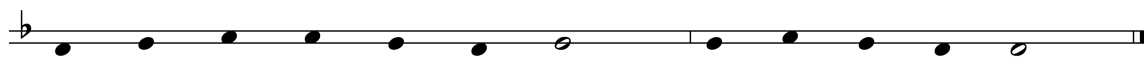
All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Fraction Anthem**



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

## 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** Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured (*Jesus, meine Zuversicht*)

**Hymnal #313**

## 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** God of Grace and God of Glory (*Cum Rhondda*)

**Hymnal #594**

## Dismissal

**Postlude** Presto (Concerto V)

G.F. Handel (1685–1759)

## Greeters

**Crucifer:** Chris Way

**Acolyte:** Gary Anderson

**Liturgical Ministers:** Josette Garrison, Sara VanLooy, Sally Clayton

**Virtual Vergers** John Jackson, Sara VanLooy

*This morning we welcome The Rev. Ed Murphy 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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*Forward Day by Day* for **August, September, and October** is available on the table in the rear of the church.

**Please Join Us** for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service. Masks are optional when you are not actively eating or drinking.

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

**Mass on the Grass will be in the Large Pavilion in Stewart Park** next Sunday, August 25, 2024, 10 am to 1 pm. There will be **no** 8:00 am service.

**Starting September 1<sup>st</sup>** services at St. John's Church will return to 8:00 am and **10:30** am.

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