

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 18**

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY
September 8, 2024 Year B

10:30 AM

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Season of Creation

Prelude Præludium in D

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

***Processional Hymn** Father, We Praise Thee (*Christe sanctorum*)

Hymnal #1

***Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant: Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People: *The Holy One's love is new every morning.*

***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

Celebrant: The Creator be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the powerful who oppress and dominate Creation, so you never forsake your creatures who live in harmony with nature's order; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

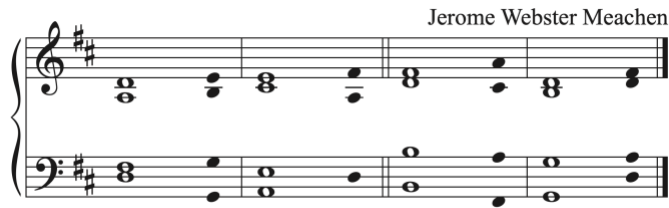
Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to all God's Creation.

Thanks be to God.

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| <p>1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, * which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.</p> <p>2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; * so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.</p> <p>3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, * so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.</p> | <p>4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good * and to those who are true of heart.</p> <p>5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; * but peace be upon Israel.</p> |
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The Epistle Reading

James 2:1–10, 14–17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to all God’s Creation.

Thanks be to God.

***Gradual** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (*Azmon*)

Hymnal #493 vv. 1–3

***The Gospel Reading**

Mark 7:24–37

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

Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit

immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Glory be to you, O Lord.

***Sequence** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (*Azmon*)

Hymnal #493 vv. 4–6

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**

Let us offer our prayers to God who gives life and breath to all creatures saying, “God of glory, hear us.”

I ask your prayers for the mission of the church throughout the world , for sharing the promise of abundant life and working toward it for all.

God of glory, hear us.

I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations, and for all who make or influence decisions for the health of our planet and the well-being of its peoples.

God of glory, hear us.

I ask your prayers for peace with justice around the world, especially for an end to violent competition for limited resources.

God of glory, hear us.

I ask your prayers for those who suffer illness, want, or exile because of environmental degradation.

God of glory, hear us.

I ask your prayers for the environmental concerns that you may lift up now, either silently or aloud.

Pause—people may offer their concerns

We offer our fears.

God of glory, hear us.

I ask your prayers for those who in their daily work are stewards and protectors of God’s creation in ways large and small; for gardeners and farmers, for rangers and park managers, for fishermen and foresters, for climate scientists, ecologists, and activists, and for all who work to restore and heal our wounded Earth.

God of glory, hear us.

I ask your prayers for those who have given their lives, especially for those holy women and men who taught us to marvel in all God’s work.

God of glory, hear us.

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

Rebekah

Libby

Joanne

Olivia

Nancy

Roger

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:
Patrick Garrison, Virginia McGhee, Sheri Johnson

Confession Of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. 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**

The God of heaven has made a home on earth. Christ dwells among us
and is one with us. The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Sentence

Anthem Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing

Gordon Young (1919–98)

***Presentation Hymn** Thou, Whose Almighty Word (*Moscow*)

Hymnal #371

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant: The Creator be with you..

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Creator.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our loving God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Because in the mystery of Christ's incarnation you have gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, calling your people to be ministers of reconciliation and to proclaim the Good News to all creation. God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy (*Sanctus*)

Hymnal #S-128

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

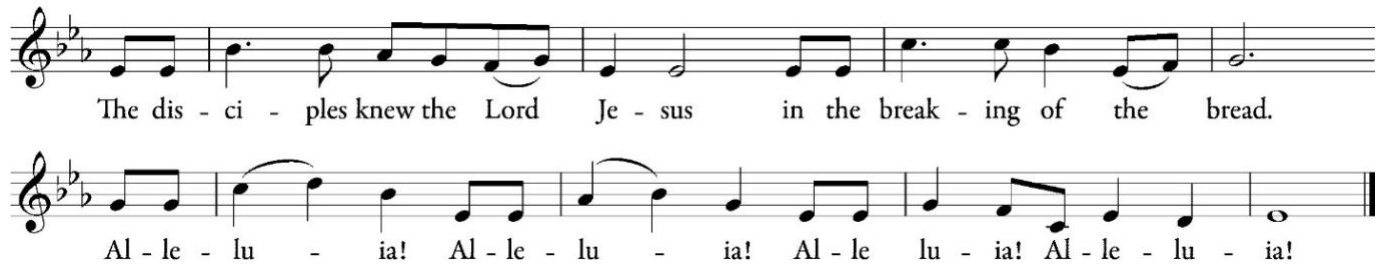
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

Fraction Anthem

Michael McCarthy



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 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (*Chereponi*)

Hymnal #602

Post Communion Prayer

Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace, and you call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from you, offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us as friend. Amen.

Blessing

***Recessional** Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (*Mit Freuden zart*)

Hymnal #408

Dismissal

Postlude Dialogue

François Couperin (1668–1733)

Crucifer: Alan Mata

Acolyte: Amber Massa

Liturgical Ministers: Jennifer Dodwell, Margaret Johnson, Sally Clayton

Virtual Vergers Sara VanLooy, Amber Massa

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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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.

Please Join Us for Game Night Friday, September 13th, 6–8:30 pm.

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Hymns

Father, We Praise Thee (*Christe sanctorum*) Hymnal #1

1 Father, we praise thee, now the night is over,
active and watchful, stand we all before thee;
singing we offer prayer and meditation:
thus we adore thee.

2 Monarch of all things, fit us for thy mansions;
banish our weakness, health and wholeness
sending;
bring us to heaven, where thy saints united
joy without ending.

3 All holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,
Trinity blessed, send us thy salvation;
thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding
through all creation.

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O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (*Azmon*) Hymnal #493

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy Name.

3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold, your Savior comes;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

Thou, Whose Almighty Word (*Moscow*) Hymnal #371

1 Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the Gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

2 Thou who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind,
let there be light!

3 Spirit of truth and love,
lifegiving holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight!
Move on the waters' face
bearing the gifts of grace,
and, in earth's darkest place,
let there be light!

4 Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might;
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide,
let there be light!

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
(Chereponi)
Hymnal #602

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]

2 Neighbors are rich and poor,
Neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are nearby and far away. [Refrain]

3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]

4 Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we were slaves,
this is the way we should live with you. [Refrain]

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Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
(Mit Freuden zart)
Hymnal #408

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills,
and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory.

2 What God's almighty power hath made,
his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory.

3 Let all who name Christ's holy Name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who know his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
the Lord is God, and he alone:
to God all praise and glory.

