

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 20

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

September 22, 2024 Year B

10:30 AM

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Season of Creation

Prelude Fugue in F minor

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

***Processional Hymn** Praise to the Lord (*Lobe den Herren*)

Hymnal #390

***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.*

***A Song of Praise**

Hymnal #S-236

Celebrant: The Creator be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, your vision of a renewed earth in which heaven comes to rest; and even now, while we too often despair of healing and wholeness, to hold fast to your promise and commit again to hope; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Proverbs 31:10–31

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband

too, and he praises her: “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.” Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54

Deus, in nomine

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is
good.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.

7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

The Epistle Reading

James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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***Gradual** Lord of All Hopefulness (*Slane*)

Hymnal #482 vv. 1–2

***The Gospel Reading**

Mark 9:30–37

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

Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

***Sequence** Lord of All Hopefulness (*Slane*)

Hymnal #482 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**

Eternal God: We thank you for the beauty of the World: for the teeming life of the seas, the flight of birds, and the diversity of animal life. Grant us grace to treat Creation with respect and care; to protect endangered species, to preserve the variety of habitats, and to honor the delicate balance of nature.
God of life: hear our prayer.

We thank you for the wealth of blessings from land and sea; for the power of wind, and the warmth of sun. We pray for the nations of the earth, give us the will to cherish this planet and to use its resources sustainably for the welfare of all.
God of justice: hear our prayer.

We pray for the faithful witness of the Church, called to reconcile and heal: For this parish and our Diocese.

God of grace: hear our prayer.

We pray for the human family. We exult in our diversity and giftedness, we repent of our sins, divisions and violence. By the power of your Spirit, restore your image within us. As every human being is known and loved by you, may we care for one another with love and respect.

God of all-embracing love: hear our prayer.

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

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Bettie Lee Yerka, Sidney Herman, Stephanie Nevels, Sonja Sandstrom, Miles Herman, Julie Carter

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 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell (1905-58)

***Presentation Hymn** If Thou But Trust in God (*Wer nur den lieben Gott*)

Hymnal #635

***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-125

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 dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! 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 Commit thou All that Grieves (*Herzlich tut mich verlangen*)

Hymnal #669

Post Communion Prayer

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

***Recessional** All Praise to Thee (*Engelberg*)

Hymnal #477

Dismissal

Postlude Engelberg Toccata

O. H. Lane (1914-1969)

Crucifer: Amber Massa

Acolyte: Chris Way

Liturgical Ministers: Josette Garrison, Amber Massa, Beverly Way

Virtual Vergers Sara VanLooy, Mike Roman

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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Hymns

Praise to the Lord (*Lobe den Herren*)

Hymnal #390

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;

O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation:

Join the great throng,
Psaltery, organ, and song,
Sounding in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:

Borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.

Hast thou not seen
How all thou needest hath been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;

Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;

Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with his love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath breath come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

Lord of All Hopefulness (*Slane*)

Hymnal #482

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,

Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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If Thou But Trust in God

(*Wer nur den lieben Gott*)

Hymnal #635

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee,
and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on a rock that nought can move.

2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving;
so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust his word, though undeserving
thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook in need
the soul that trusted him indeed.

Commit thou All that Grieves
(Herzlich tut mich verlangen)
Hymnal #669

1 Commit thou all that grieves thee
And fills thy heart with care
To Him whose might and glory
The starry skies declare.

He shows the winds their courses
And points the clouds their way;
Will He not guide thy footsteps
And be thy staff and stay?

2 The Lord must be thy refuge
If thou wouldst feel secure;
His work must thou consider
If thine is to endure.

No profit will it yield thee
To pine in grief and care;
But God will lend His blessing
In answer to thy prayer.

3 Thy loving heart so faithful,
O Father, knoweth well
The needs of all Thy children
Who in Thy shadow dwell.
And what Thy wisdom chooseth
Thy might will surely do;
According to Thy counsel
Wilt Thou Thy work pursue.

4 Hope on, then, weak believer,
In trouble undismayed;
The gloomy night is waning,
Thy fears shall be allayed.
Possess thy soul in patience,
Be firm in God's employ,
And thou in radiant beauty
Shalt see the Sun of joy.

All Praise to Thee (*Engelberg*)
Hymnal #477

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield your glory that of right was thine,
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might
shine:
Alleluia!

2 Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:
Alleluia!

3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:
Alleluia!

4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the name to which all knees shall
bow:
Alleluia!

5 Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God the Father be by all adored:
Alleluia!