

The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 23

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

October 13, 2024 Year B

10:30 AM

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Prelude from *Mass for Parish Use*

François Couperin (1668-1733)

***Processional Hymn** God Himself Is with Us (*Tyske*)

Hymnal #475

***Opening Sentence**

Confession

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

***The Invitation**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen. Alleluia.*

***The Jubilate** (*sung by the Choir*)

Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that
hath made us and not we ourselves; *
we are his people and the sheep of his
pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him and speak good of
his Name.

For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is
everlasting;*
and his truth endureth from generation to
generation.

Psalm 90:12–17

(sung by the Choir)

Domine, refugium

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the
morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days
of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that
you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be
upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

The First Lesson

Job 23:1–9, 16–17

Job said:

“Today also my complaint is bitter;
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his dwelling!

I would lay my case before him,
and fill my mouth with arguments.

I would learn what he would answer me,
and understand what he would say to me.

Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
No; but he would give heed to me.

There an upright person could reason with him,
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

“If I go forward, he is not there;
or backward, I cannot perceive him;
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

God has made my heart faint;
the Almighty has terrified me;

If only I could vanish in darkness,
and thick darkness would cover my face!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9 *The First Song of Isaiah* (St. Anne) *(please join in singing)*

Hymn 679

The Epistle Reading

Hebrews 4:12–16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 13 *Glory to You* (please join in singing)

Hymnal S-236

*The Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17–31

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Gwen Freeman

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again to judge the living and
the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Suffrage A

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and
truth.
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. Thy saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

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. *God of peace and justice, hear our prayers. 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	Denis

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Marguerite Wells, Amelia Clark

***Collect of the Day**

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

***Collects**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

***The Peace**

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Sentence

Anthem Brother James' Air

Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

***Presentation Hymn** Praise to God (*Old 100th*)

Hymnal #380 v.3

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

***The General Thanksgiving**

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Dismissal**

***Recessional Hymn** O God, Our Help in Ages Past (*St. Anne*)

Hymnal #680

Postlude Dialogue (*Mass for Parish Use*)

François Couperin

Liturgical Ministers: Josette Garrison, Stephanie Nevels, Jerome Fung

Today we welcome Gwen Freeman as officiant 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.

LARGE PRINT EDITIONS OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

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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.

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.

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).

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY MEMORIAL FLOWERS: All Saints' Sunday will be observed

November 3rd: Anyone wishing to donate toward the flowers for All Saints' day, please send in your donation to the office with the memo “**All Saints' Day flowers**” and note any name(s) you wish to have listed on the Necrology list. Please email, drop a list in the offering plate, or call the parish office with names you wish to have included by **Wednesday, October 30th**.

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Hymns

God Himself Is with Us (*Tysk*)

Hymnal #475

1 God Himself is with us;
let us now adore Him
and with awe appear before Him!
God is here within us;
souls in silence fear him,
humbly, fervently draw near him.
Now his own who have known God,
in worship lowly, yield their spirits wholly.

2 Gladly, Lord, we offer thine to be forever,
soul and life and each endeavor.
Help us to surrender Earth's deceitful
treasures,
pride of life, and sinful pleasures;
thou alone shall be known Lord of all our
being,
life's true way decreeing.

3 Thou pervadest all things;
let thy radiant beauty light mine eyes to see my
duty.
As the tender flowers eagerly unfold them,
to the sunlight calmly hold them, so let me
quietly in they rays imbue me;
let thy light shine though me.

4 Come, abide within me;
let my soul, like Mary, be thine earthly
sanctuary.
Come, in dwelling Spirit, with transfiguring
splen will I render.
Where I go here below,
let me bow before thee, know thee, and adore
thee.

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Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah

(*St. Anne*)

Hymn 679

1 Surely it is God who saves me;
trusting him I shall not fear.
For the Lord defends and shields me
and his saving help is near.
So rejoice as you draw water
from salvatsion's living spring;
in the day of your deliverance
thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

2 Make his deeds known to the peoples:
tell out his exalted Name.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things;
all his works his might proclaim.
Zion, lift your voice in singing;
for with you has come to dwell,
in your very midst, the great and
Holy One of Israel.

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Canticle 13 *Glory to You*

Hymnal S-236

1. Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
2. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy
Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
3. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of you majesty, glory to you.
4. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
5. Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
6. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Praise to God (*Old 100th*)
Hymnal #380 v.3

3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (*St. Anne*)
Hymnal #680

1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

2 under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.