

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 25

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

October 27, 2024 Year B

10:30 AM

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Prelude Sonata II: Grave and Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

***Processional Hymn** Praise, my soul, the King of heaven (*Lauda anima*)

Hymnal #410

***Opening Acclamation**

BCP 355

***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 and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Job 42:1–6, 10–17

Job answered the Lord:

“I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
‘Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.’
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.”

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had

seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Kerenhappuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1–8

Sung by the choir

Thomas Norris (1741–90)

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who
fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

The Epistle Reading

Hebrews 7:23–28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gradual** *Amazing grace! (New Britain)*

Hymnal #671 vv. 1–3

***The Gospel**

Mark 10:46–52

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

Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again."

Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

***Sequence** Amazing grace! (*New Britain*)

Hymnal #671 vv. 4–5

The Sermon

Bishop Duncan-Probe

***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**

+ Loving God, creator of this world who is the source of our wisdom and understanding, watch over this nation during this time of election. Help us to see how our faith informs our principles and actions.
God, our creator,
Guide us in truth and love.

+ We give thanks for the right to vote. Help us to hold this privilege and responsibility with the care and awareness it merits, realizing that our vote matters and that it is an act of faith. God, our creator,
Guide us in truth and love.

+ Guide us through this election as a nation, state, and community as we vote for people to do work on our behalf and the behalf of our communities. Help us to vote for people and ballot initiatives that will better our community and our world so it may reflect the values Christ taught us. God, our creator,
Guide us in truth and love.

+ Help us create communities that will build your kingdom here on earth – communities that will protect the poor, stand up for the vulnerable, advocate for those who are not seen and heard, and listen to everyone’s voice. God, our creator
Guide us in truth and love.

+ We pray for this nation that is deeply divided. May we come together for the common good and do as you have called us to do – to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you through creation. God, our creator
Guide us in truth and love.

+ Help us act out of love, mercy and justice rather than out of arrogance or fear. God, our creator
Guide us in truth and love

+ Lord, continue to guide us as we work for the welfare of this world. We pray for places that are torn by violence, that they may know peace. God, our creator
Guide us in truth and love.

+ We pray for communities who are struggling with inequality, unrest, and fear. May we all work toward reconciliation with one another and with God. God, our creator
Guide us in truth and love.

+ Help us to listen in love, work together in peace, and collaborate with one another as we seek the betterment of our community and world. God, our creator
Guide us in truth and love

In the faith that makes all things new, we continue our prayers and thanksgivings.

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

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

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:
Rob Steuteville, Elsa Grace Wagner, Melinda Oakes, Brett Oakes

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 peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Blessing of the Frances Perkins Icon

This icon is given in gratitude for the contributions of Canon Megan Castellan to our parish and our community.

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Sentence

Anthem How Lovely Are the Messengers (*St. Paul*) Felix Mendelssohn

***Presentation Hymn** I'll praise my maker while I've breath (*Old 113th*) **Hymnal #429**

***The Great Thanksgiving** Eucharistic 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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.

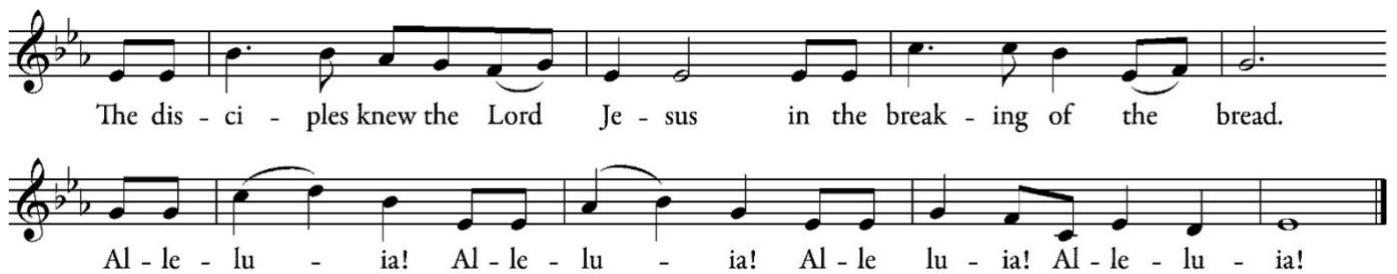
Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day, bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

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

This altar is not ours, it is the Lord's. So come to this altar you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more. You who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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 Bread of the world in mercy broken (*Rendez a Dieu*)

Hymnal #301

Father, we thank thee who has planted thy holy Name (*Rendez a Dieu*)

Hymnal #302

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

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People: The maker of heaven and earth.
Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
People: From this time forth for evermore.
Bishop: The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*

***Closing hymn** Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim (*Paderborn*)

Hymnal #535

Dismissal

Postlude Sonata II: Allegro maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn

Crucifer: Alan Mata

Acolyte: Chris Way

Liturgical Ministers: Beverly Way, Kang Meng, Pamela Talbott

Virtual Vergers Sara VanLooy, Mike Roman

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in recognition of Canon Megan Castellan.

This morning we welcome The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe 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 **November, December, and January** 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

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

(Lauda anima)

Hymnal #410

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing: Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia,
alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.

4 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Amazing grace! (New Britain)

Hymnal #671

1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

I'll praise my maker while I've breath

(Old 113th)

Hymnal #429

1 I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past
while life and thought and being last,
or immortality endures.

2 How happy they whose hopes rely
on Israel's God, who made the sky
and earth and seas with all their train;
whose truth for ever stands secure,
who saves the oppressed, and feeds the poor.
And none shall find his promise vain.

3 The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;
the Lord supports the fainting mind
and sends the laboring conscience peace.
He helps the stranger in distress,
the widowed and the fatherless,
and grants the prisoner sweet release.

4 I'll praise him while he lends me breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past
while life and thought and being last,
or immortality endures.

**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim
(Paderborn)
Hymnal #535**

1 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful Name;
the Name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious; he rules over all.

2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh: his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
and honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing and infinite love.