GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

November 13, 2022 - Order of Service 11:00am

VOLUNTARY

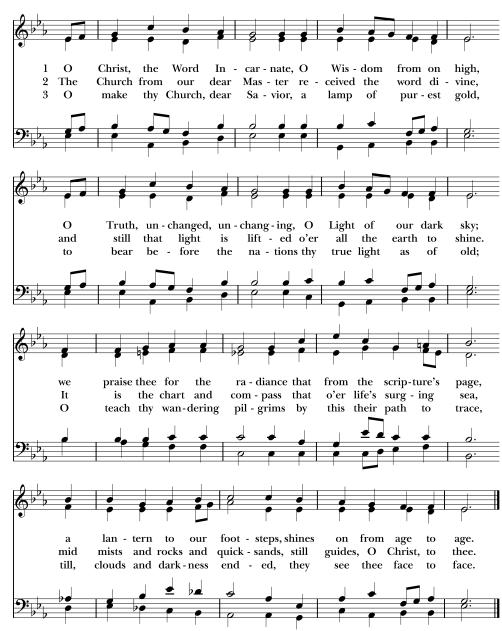
Variation on "Slane" (Dedicated to Robert Barrows)

Warren Swenson (b.1937)

HYMN IN PROCESSION 682

Munich

(All Stand)



Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt. Music: Munich, melody from Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1807-1847).

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: And blessed be God's 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*

HYMN OF PRAISE S-202

Willan

(Sung by all)



Celebrant: May God be with you. People: And also with you. Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

THE FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98 (Sung by the Choir)

chant: J. Barnby

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

THE SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. *People: Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN 454

Lowry

(Standing)



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON The Reverend Judy Ferguson (Please be seated)

NICENE CREED (After the sermon. All stand.)

All: 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (People respond as indicated after each petition.)

Subdeacon: Holy God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in

confidence and trust we pray for the Church. Living God, enliven the Church for its mission.

People: That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Subdeacon: Breathe fresh life into your people.

People: Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Subdeacon: We pray for the world, and for all places where there is conflict, violence, and strife. Creator of

all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

People: That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Subdeacon: Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

People: Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

Subdeacon: We pray for the community: For our leaders and institutions and for our neighbors who live and

work throughout Rockland County and beyond. God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those

whose decisions affect the lives of others.

People: That all may act with integrity and courage.

Subdeacon: Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

People: May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Subdeacon: We pray for those in need: Remembering especially _____ and those we name, either silently or

aloud . God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

People: May they know the power of your healing love.

Subdeacon: We remember those who have died and those who mourn: including _____, those who have lost

their lives in the service of their country, and especially Douglas Leigh Holt, Jr., Anna & John H. Fruauf, William & Elizabeth Matthews, John W. Perry, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Harry Scott, E. Michael Growney, Margaret C. Harvie, and J. Beverly Harvie, Sr., in whose memory the flowers are lovingly offered this morning, and those we now name, either silently or aloud. We

remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is

known to you alone.

People: Father, into your hands we commend them.

Subdeacon: Give comfort to those who mourn.

People: Bring them peace in their time of loss.

Subdeacon: We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

People: May their example inspire and encourage us.

Subdeacon: We pray for ourselves and for our ministries: For our church school teachers, choir and lay

ministers, commission and vestry members, and for all members of our parish family. Lord, you

have called us to serve you.

People: Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your

strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and

the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the

purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake. Amen.

CONFESSION

Celebrant: With humble hearts let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.

All: 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.

THE PEACE (Standing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AT THE OFFERING (Sung by the Choir) (Please be seated)

We wait for Thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of Thy temple. Alleluia.

O God, according to Thy Name, so is Thy praise unto the world's end.

Thy right hand is full of righteousness: Alleluia. O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen.

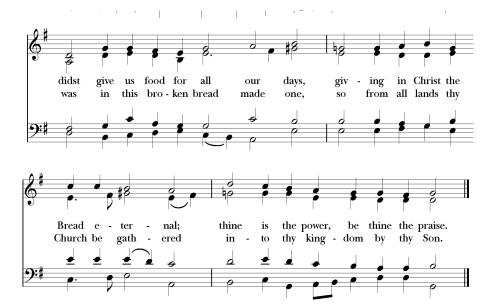
Music: William McKie

PRESENTATION HYMN 302

Rendez à Dieu

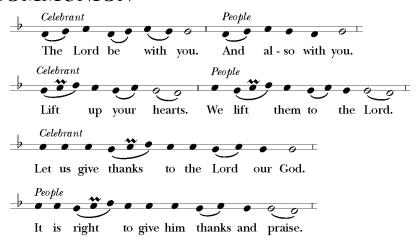
(Sung by All)





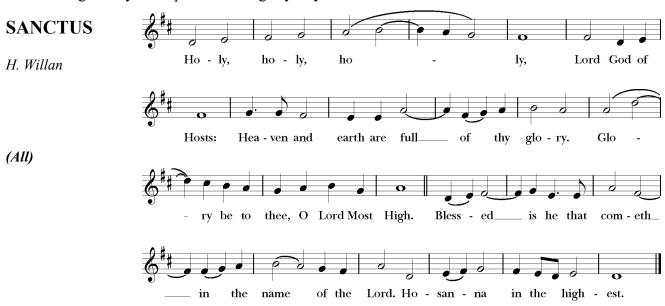
THE HOLY COMMUNION

SURSUM CORDA



Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become 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 Father of all.

He 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 Lord 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 he 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."

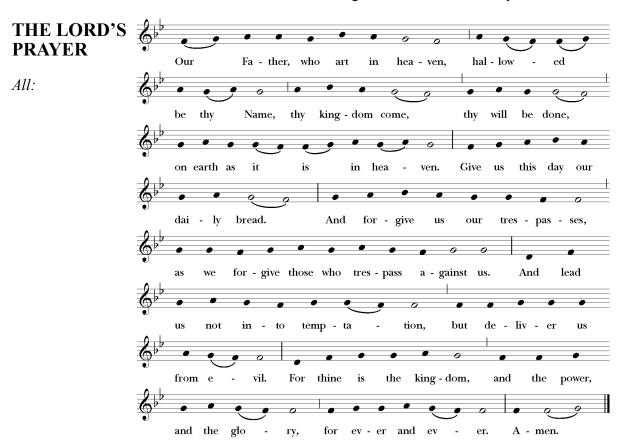
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:



AGNUS DEI

H. Willan



Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All who seek God are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. If you wish a blessing please cross your arms so that your



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray. (All kneel)
All: 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

HYMN IN PROCESSION 7

Ratisbon



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: Ratisbon, melody from Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

DISMISSAL

Subdeacon: Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

VOLUNTARY Variations on "Ratisbon"

Richard Lloyd



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — November 13, 2022 WELCOME

We hope that you will find in this community of faith a place for spiritual growth and opportunities to give thanks to God for the many gifts bestowed upon you and all God's creatures.

We invite people of all ages to participate fully in worship at Grace Church. To learn more about us, fill out a newcomer/visitor card, or visit our website: www.gracechurchnyack.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Our vestry, lay leaders, and congregation as we journey together on the search process for a new rector; Lainie Murrell, our postulant to the diaconate; Rick & JoAnn Stone, Jean B., Lin, Vicki Hudson, Caroline Tucker, Pastor Tyler, Phyllis & Bob Holgerson, victims of gun violence everywhere. If there are names you would like to add to the prayer list, please contact the church office: parishoffice@gracechurchnyack.org/845-358-1297

This morning we welcome back The Rev. Judy Ferguson as guest celebrant.

The Rev. Judy Ferguson recently retired from 26 years of active, full-time ministry. She attended All Angels' Church and St. George's Church while living in New York City. St. George's Church was her sponsoring parish for Holy Orders. Rev. Ferguson went to University of the South, The School of Theology, Sewanee, Tenn. for her seminary training. She was the Curate at the Church of the Virgin Mary, Chappaqua (1 year); Curate/Assistant at St. John's Church, Larchmont (4 years); and Rector at the Church of the Holy Innocents, Highland Falls/St. Mark's Chapel, Fort Montgomery (21 years). Rev. Ferguson continues to serve as the Episcopal Civilian Chaplain to USMA, West Point (21 years), which is the campus/alumni ministry for Holy Innocents'/St. Mark's parish. She retired at the end of July 2022; and is now supplying for parishes in the Hudson Region.





November 9, 2022

Hello Friends,

I hope you have enjoyed the bursts of summery fall days intersected with the cold! Such a mixed bag... and so like our finances here at Grace. The income side of our budget comes from pledges (74%), rents, investment funds, and careful management make. The last

three years have been difficult, yes, but not impossible because you have stepped up in so many ways. You have continued to feed the hungry, shelter refugees, provide safe space for meetings, while at the same time participating in a joyous liturgy, church school, and life celebrations.

You have stepped up. Our 94 pledgers have promised \$267,270 for the coming year. Thank you! You have been very generous. But we have not quite met our goal. In fact, we are about \$63,000 short. Please look at the list of pledgers below and make sure your name is there. If it is, thank you again. If it isn't please consider making a commitment of any amount towards our work with God and each other in the community we call Grace. You will find a pledge card at the entry to the church or online at www.gracechurchnyack.org.

Some folks have asked me how to determine how much they should give. A very difficult question and one I can only answer by explaining proportional giving. Jerry Keucher, long time finance advisor to Episcopal churches, came to Christ Church Warwick where I attended to speak about pledging. Besides assuring us that **the amount is not the important part, the commitment is**, he talked about income, wages, salaries and percentages.

Since I was a new, new teacher, working during 10% inflation and a gas crisis, I listened closely. Christ Church had been getting what was left over after my expenses. Instead, he suggested that we pick a percentage of what we could give, either of total income or take home pay, and make that percentage our pledge amount. For example, my salary was less than \$10,000 – 1% of 10K = \$100 to be given over a term of 12 months... roughly \$8.00 a month. A little more than I had been giving and a stretch. Turned out it worked! As I earned more and my expenses changed – at one point I no longer was paying 50% of my income to shelter – I increased my percentage. Twenty years later when we lost one income and things were tough, we could give the same percentage but it was a smaller dollar amount. Please consider looking at your budget and making a pledge to Grace a regular "expense". *Any amount is great* – it is the financial expression of *your commitment to Grace Church and our mission*.

Your generosity and willingness to help others constantly overwhelms me. It gives me such joy to be a small part of this community. Thank you. Thank you for pledging, thank you for making us a community, thank you for your support in all its myriad forms.

Kickie Fulmor, Stewardship Chair

PLEDGES FOR 2023 as of 11/8/22 94 pledgers \$267,270 pledged

Karin Baere

Debra Banks

Verne Becker
Wendy Brown
Yvonne E. Brown
Larry & Stephanie Campbell
Shirley Chalke
Kate Chisholm
Diane Churchill
Sally & James Cochran
Jean Connor-Tierney

Pat Cose
Cindy Cox
Charles & Barbara Cross
Robert D'Errico
Barbara DeFrancis
Hilda DeLoatch
Diane Deveau
James & Virginia Dillon
Paul Dixon

Daphne Estwick
Kevin Faherty
Gerald & Marjorie Federico
Ruby Frae
Jeff & Catherine Friesen
Katharine Fulmor & Theresa Bergen
James & Peggy Gilbert
Michael Growney
Ronald Hammond
Mary Herje
Heidi Hill
Elaine Hinsch
Robert & Phyllis Holgerson
Sondra Holt
Karen Hughes & Joy Barrow

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Patty & Jimmy Hyland
Sean & Amanda Hyland
Daniel & Myria Jean-Gilles
Robert & Samantha Jeffreys
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