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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday October 11, 2020

This is an abridged service bulletin to serve as an online aid to worship.

The links to the hymns and choral music are indicated in red.

Love the Lord your God
with all your Heart and
with all your Soul and
with all your Mind
Matthew 22:37

|The Preparation & Gathering|

Call to Worship

Presbyter Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
People **let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**
Presbyter Let us come before Him with thanksgiving;
People **and extol Him with music and song.**

“Come let us join our cheerful voice”

Opening Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyj2QijjsBc>

| The Word of God |

The Collect for the Day

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Deuteronomy 6. 4 - 9

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Reflections on St Matthew 22. 34

Jesus' answer is classic. Loving God is the first thing, the most important thing. But, with it comes a corollary: to love God means that you also love God's people.

The key problem in interpreting this double commandment for our time is that we lose sight of the biblical meaning of love. Our culture has equated love with intense emotion. To love is a stronger response than to like. And, both are measures of a passive response to something outside us.

Biblical love is something we do. It is loving-kindness, merciful action that is both generous and continuous. Herein is the good news for Christian people. To love your neighbour as oneself is to act toward the other as one would act toward those close to you.

See how these commandments are connected, "the greatest commandment" and the "second, which is like it"? When we love God's people, we are always, and at the same time loving God

~ CLAYTON SCHMITT, Provost of Lutheran Southern Seminary School of Theology, Columbia

The Epistle

I Corinthians 1. 4 - 8

I THANK my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; that in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you; so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 22.34 - end

WHEN the Pharisees had heard that Jesus had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of them, who was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, the Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy foot-stool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer him a word; neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

All recite **The Nicene Creed**

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

|The Sharing of the Peace|

Presbyter We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

| The Prayers of the People |

Invocation

"I need Thee every hour"

Watch in YouTube link

I need Thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

I need Thee every hour,
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is vain.

*I need Thee, O I need Thee
Every hour I need Thee
O bless me now, my Saviour
I come to Thee.*

Words: ANNIE HAWKS (1835 - 1918) • Music: ROBERT LOWRY (1826 - 1899)

Intercessory Prayers

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for
† *the Universal Church,*
† *the nation and all who govern,*
† *the welfare of the world, especially in these times of great uncertainty and anxiety*
† *the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed.*
We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church — the Body of Christ.

| The Liturgy of the Lord's Table |

*The Celebrant receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of the people gathered online.
All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion.*

*The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith,
giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly
"eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ",*

Although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.

*The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building
but by the Body of Christ of which we are members.*

*In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere
to be nourished by the one who tells us, "I am the Bread of Life."*



| The Thanksgiving |

Closing Prayer and Benediction The Presbyter

God of blazing light, through the power of the Cross you shattered our darkness, scattering the fears that bind us and setting us free to live as your children. Give us courage and conviction, that we may joyfully turn and follow you into new adventures of faithful service, led by the light that shines through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

And The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Closing

"And can it be that I should gain"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mISbGETVr84>

Dismissal

Presbyter Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

~~~ Prayer requests and Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for:

- † the invention of a cure for the Corona virus. Thank God for the progress made so far.
  - † all those who are facing financial insecurity.
  - † greater responsibility and restraint among members of the public as restrictions are further relaxed.
  - † the reduction in the number of COVID - 19 cases. Pray especially for our City.
  - † all doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.
  - † the well-being of all patients in hospitals and those who are in quarantine and self-isolation.
  - † public worship to resume again and for church authorities as they make necessary arrangements.
  - † the family of Uma Moses. Uma's mother passed away last week. May God's comforting presence be with the family.
  - † all pupils and teachers as they impart learning via online platforms. Especially pray for children who do not have access to digital learning.
  - † all senior citizens in our community and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers.
  - † the Cathedral's security guards and sextons. Pray for their good health and well-being.
  - † St Andrew' Church (Marathi congregation) and the Revd. Shekhar Jadhav.
  - † the Church of North India's Diocese of Delhi and the Rt Revd Dr Warris K. Masih.
  - † the Church of South India's Diocese of Madhya (Central) Kerala and the Rt Revd Thomas Oommen.
  - † in the Anglican Communion, the Church of the Province of Uganda and the Most Revd Samuel Kaziimba.
- Next Sunday we will be remembering the ministry of all involved in healing. October 18 is the day in the Church calendar which commemorates *St Luke the Evangelist*.
  - Sunday, October 25 is observed as *Reformation Sunday*. We give thanks for the reformers.

~~~ Birthdays ~~~

May God bless you abundantly.

Jaya Mayadas (12), Divya Mayadas (12), Dhyan Mayadas (13), Daniel Sinate (13),
Sonal Parmar (15), Nikhil Salvi (15), Christopher Karkada (16),

~~~ Wedding Anniversaries ~~~

*Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.*

Johnson and Sara Isaac (16)

**Bank details** to make your online offering and payment for your membership

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**Zooming INTO church from home!**

Contact the Presbyter for the zoom link and invitation.

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| Sun   | 10 am    | Prayer and fellowship lasting approximately 45 minutes.       |
|       | 11:15 am | Sunday school                                                 |
|       | 7:30 pm  | Bible study for the youth.                                    |
| Daily | 6pm      | Prayer cycle led by the Women's Fellowship.                   |
| Sat   | 5 pm     | Class on liturgy & theory of music for the junior choristers. |