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JESUS REPLIED:
"LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." THIS IS THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."
MATTHEW 22:37-39

The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

OCTOBER 25, 2020

Prelude:

“Autumn” from “The Four Seasons”

by Antonio Vivaldi

The Greeting

Presider

May the strength of God, the compassion of Christ and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

The Kyrie

Presider

O God, our maker and redeemer, when we forget that this is your world and we are your people: **Lord, have mercy.**

When we have willfully misused your gifts of creation, forgetting that we are the stewards of your bounty: **Christ, have mercy.**

When we have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid: **Lord, have mercy.**

When we have condoned evil and dishonesty and have failed to strive for justice: **Christ, have mercy.**

When we have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others: **Lord, have mercy.**

When we have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves: **Christ, have
mercy.**

Presider

May the God of love and power forgive you and
free you from your sins, heal and strengthen
you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life
in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise:

“Not for Tongues of Heaven’s Angels”

Common Praise #494

Not for tongues of heaven’s angels,
not for wisdom to discern,
not for faith that masters mountains,
for this better gift we yearn:

Refrain

May love be ours, Lord;
may love be ours.
May love be ours, O Lord.

Love is humble, love is gentle,
love is tender, true, and kind;
love is gracious, ever patient,
generous of heart and mind:

Refrain

Never jealous, never selfish,
love will not rejoice in wrong;
never boastful nor resentful,
love believes and suffers long:

Refrain

In the day this world is fading,
faith and hope will play their part;
but when Christ is seen in glory,
love shall reign in every heart:

Refrain

The Collect of the Day

Presider

Let us pray.

Your love, O God, is boundless. We who were strangers have been made your children; we who were defenceless have been brought into your household. Keep us mindful of your mercy, so that we may love you with our whole heart and love our neighbour as ourselves. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: ***Deuteronomy 34.1-12***

Before the Reading the Reader says,
A reading from Deuteronomy.

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the

Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain — that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees — as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite

Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

After the Reading the Reader says,
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17

Psalmist

Happy are they who fear the Lord.
Happy are they who fear the Lord.

Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or
the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say, *
“Go back, O child of earth.”

Happy are they who fear the Lord.

For a thousand years in your sight are like
yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Happy are they who fear the Lord.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
Be gracious to your servants.
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the
morning; *

so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days
of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that
you afflicted us *

and the years in which we suffered
adversity.

Happy are they who fear the Lord.

Show your servants your works *

and your splendour to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be
upon us; *

prosper the work of our hands; prosper our
handiwork.

Happy are they who fear the Lord.

The Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

*Before the Reading the Reader says,
A reading from the First Letter to the
Thessalonians.*

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters,
that our coming to you was not in vain, but
though we had already suffered and been
shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know,
we had courage in our God to declare to you
the gospel of God in spite of great opposition.
For our appeal does not spring from deceit or
impure motives or trickery, but just as we have
been approved by God to be entrusted with

the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

After the Reading the Reader says,
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Alleluia

Deacon

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us love Christ
and keep his word. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel: Matthew 22.34-46

Before the Gospel the Deacon says,
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet” ’? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*After the Gospel the Deacon says,
The Gospel of Christ.*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

***The Sermon:
The Ven. Richard Geoffrey
Leggett***

*After the Sermon we have a period
for silent reflection.*

The Apostles' Creed

Deacon

I believe in God,

**the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Intercessions, Petitions and Thanksgivings

Leader of the Prayers

Let us pray to our God, saying, "Hear us, Lord

of glory. Let us pray to our God: Hear us, Lord of Glory.

We pray for God's people throughout the world, for this gathering, for Melissa our Archbishop, John our Bishop-elect, and for all ministers and people. Let us pray to our God: **Hear us, Lord of Glory.**

We pray for peace, for goodwill among nations, and for the well-being of all people. Let us pray to our God: **Hear us, Lord of Glory.**

We pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed and those in prison, for those in any need or trouble. Let us pray to our God: **Hear us, Lord of Glory.**

We pray for the mission of the Church and for the coming of God's reign of peace and justice among all nations and peoples. Let us pray to our God: **Hear us, Lord of Glory.**

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ and for those whose faith is known to God alone. Let us pray to our God: **Hear us, Lord of Glory.**

We give thanks for all God's goodness to us and to all humanity. Let us pray to our God: **Hear us, Lord of Glory.**

Creator of the sun and the moon, yours is the

morning and yours is the evening. Let Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine for ever in our hearts and draw us that light where you live in radiant glory; through your Beloved and in the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Exchange of the Peace

Presider

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Hymn: “A New Commandment”

A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.

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if you have love one for another.

A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider

Let us pray. God of constant love, you have

guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Thanksgiving at the Table

Presider

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and compassionate God, Creator of all things, seen and unseen: endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of Jesus the Christ, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to the giving of his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes, saying:

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

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, so that who share in Christ's body and blood may live to praise your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, Sovereign of the universe, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion of the People

If you are not receiving Communion in-person, then offer this prayer.

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, I offer you praise and thanksgiving for

The Doxology

Presider

Glory to God,

whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

The Blessing of the Community

Presider

May the power of God sustain you. May the wisdom of the Word enlighten you. May the mercy of the Holy Spirit unite you.

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

The Recessional Hymn:

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Common Praise #528

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

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

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

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

The Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace loving God and our neighbour.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude:

“Ein’ Feste Burg”

by Martin Luther

It is the custom for our sisters and brothers in the Lutheran churches to celebrate the last Sunday of October as Reformation Sunday. As an expression of our Full Communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada we close our worship today with this anthem of the Reformation.