



October 1, 2023, The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity (Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer, 1962)

Dear Friends: Welcome to St. John's Richmond!

Today we continue our series on the Ten Commandments as our Artizo Apprentice Matt Myers preaches on the third commandment, which forbids taking or using the name of God "in a manner that is wicked, worthless, or for wrong purposes" (Kevin DeYoung). One of the ways we can take this commandment seriously is by remembering how much we value the name of God - so highly - because of what he has done for us. We also remember that Jesus Christ is "the name above all names" so that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11). If the Apostle Paul is right in what he wrote, then the goal of God is for us to honour his name and that of his beloved Son.

We also celebrate Holy Communion this morning. For those of you who are new to our church, Holy Communion was begun by Jesus Christ at his Last Supper with his Disciples before his crucifixion. He started it for the continued remembrance of the sacrifice of his atoning death (his death in our place for our sins), and to convey the benefits all believers receive through his sacrifice. We call it a Sacrament, an outward and visible sign of a profound invisible reality: that through Christ's death we can have a relationship with the living God. Holy Communion is open to all baptized people. If you are not yet baptized, you are invited to come up to the front for a blessing.

Warmly, **Sean**

THE LITURGY (ORDER OF SERVICE) will be presented entirely on screen.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Lyrics are projected on-screen; also available by following the links at stjohnsrichmond.ca/church-life/sundays/.

TODAY'S READINGS (Bibles are available from the cart by the Welcome Table)

Psalms 19 Philippians 2:1-11 Exodus 3:1-15 Anna Chu

CHILDREN & YOUTH PRAYER After the children & youth come forward for prayer, they will meet upstairs for, respectively, children's ministry class or youth group (bi-weekly), and afterward they will be brought down for Holy Communion.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent - go before - and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Sarah Fleming

HOLY COMMUNION

NOTICES

- Welcome Potluck on Sun. Oct. 15th! In two weeks we will host a time to welcome those who have joined SJR in the past several months, to hear some stories and testimony, and to share the vision of our church. We will convert the Hall to a Dining Room immediately after the service, and enjoy a great time of fellowship together. Further info will follow, including sign-up for food.

WELCOME AND GREETING; OPENING VERSES

OPENING HYMN

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;
and you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and
with all your soul, and
with all your mind, and
with all your strength.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY *(a focused request to God from the Book of Common Prayer, for this day in the church year; found on Page 1 of our service sheet).*

FIRST BIBLE READING (listed on the front page)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

TALK & PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

PSALM

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SECOND BIBLE READING (listed on the front page)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

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 the 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 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 is seated 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 proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke through
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.

SERMON

OFFERTORY SONG

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in
the heaven and in the earth is thine.

All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. (*1 Chronicles 29. 10, 11, 14*)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

INVITATION

You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your
neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and
walking from henceforth in his holy ways:

Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble
confession to Almighty God:

CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Maker of all things and Judge of all people:

We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness,

which we from time to time most grievously have committed,

by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.

The memory of them grieves us. The burden of them is more than we can bear.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;

**and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ says to all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Hear also what Saint Paul says: This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.** *1 Timothy 1:15.*

Hear also what Saint John says: **If anybody sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.** *1 John 2:1-2*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you; **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts; **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is indeed right, our duty and joy, that we should always and everywhere give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, mighty Creator and eternal God.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you, and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of thy glory,
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.
But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy:
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he broke it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

THE COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

**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 them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

**And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies,
to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee.
And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this
our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and
glory, world without end. Amen.**

NOTICES

CLOSING HYMN

BLESSING / BENEDICTION

The Ten Commandments as a gift

God reveals his name - Exodus 3:1-15

What does it mean to use God's name in vain?

A call to *Remember* the name above all names.