

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19

Caeli enarrant

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true

and righteous altogether.
 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
 more than much fine gold, *
 sweeter far than honey,
 than honey in the comb.
 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
 and in keeping them there is great reward.
 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
 cleanse me from my secret faults.
 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
 let them not get dominion over me; *
 then shall I be whole and sound,
 and innocent of a great offense.
 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
 heart be acceptable in your sight, *
 O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the hymn and the Gospel.

GRADUAL HYMN #449 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
 O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Deo gracias

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

*People: **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.***

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:
 "The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone;
 this was the Lord's doing,
 and it is amazing in our eyes"?'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed, page 358 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Prayers of the People, the page number in *The Book of Common Prayer* will be announced

Confession of Sin, page 360 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Peace, the people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated

Announcements, Birthday, and Anniversary Blessings

OFFERTORY HYMN #657 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
Love divine, all loves excelling *Hyfrydol*

Pledgers, please place your offering in an envelope and write your name on it so the treasurer can easily identify your giving. Thank you.

Doxology (*sung*) *Old 100th*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, page 361 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD *Sanctus* *Robert Powell*

The music is found in *The Hymnal*, in the front section with "S" numbers, S 129.

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.

The service then continues on page 362 in The Book of Common Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at God's Table. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the Bread or Wine, you are welcome. Come forward and simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference.

Post Communion Prayer, page 365 in *The Book of Common Prayer*

CLOSING HYMN #618 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
Ye watchers and ye holy ones *Lasst uns erfreuen*

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Psalm 19: The heavens declare the glory of God *Benedetto Marcello*
(1686-1739)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join in the coffee hour after the service in the Parish Hall. Exit the door on the front left of the church, the Parish Hall is the next building over.

St. John's offers a service of Noonday Prayer on Wednesdays at 12:10.

HUB (*Helping Urban Bicyclists*)

The HUB could use your financial support. Checks marked "HUB" may be mailed to the church office, 316 N El Dorado St., Stockton, CA 95202.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Coming Events

The 58th Annual Diocesan Convention

October 27-28, 2017

Episcopal Conference Center Oakhurst (ECCO)

Revival, Diocese of San Joaquin, with Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry

Friday, November 17, 4:00 PM

University of the Pacific

Installation of The Rt. Rev David Rice as Bishop of San Joaquin

Saturday, November 18, 1:00 PM

St James Cathedral, Fresno

Episcopal Evangelism

**We seek, name & celebrate
Jesus' loving presence
In the stories of all people
- Then invite everyone to more.**

".. We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, to be reconciled to God."
2 Corinthians 5:20

