



Sunday within Ascensiontide

The Collect.

O GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle 1 St. Peter iv. 7.

BRETHREN. THE end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel St. John xv. 26, and part of Chap. xvi.

AT THAT TIME JESUS SAID, WHEN the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them.

In the Epistle St Peter calls us, as we noted last week, to an orderly life. Viewed through the lens of the pending Ascension of Jesus – or our own transient lives – the “end of all things” – we are invited to “have fervent charity – as it covers a multitude of sins” to use hospitality toward one another without grudging”, and when we speak to speak as if we were the very oracles of God Himself.

And in the Gospel we are told that although Jesus will no longer be with us physically as we have known him, he will not leave us comfortless.

Questions:

1. What is “covering” a sin versus forgiving, forgetting, remitting, or erasing?
2. How does it enhance an action to engage in it “ungrudgingly?” Does it matter to the recipient? If not...who cares?
3. How can we the Oracle of God?
4. What does “Comfort” mean to you?
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