

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 4, 2020

Prelude: Canon in D

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We gather for worship in order to listen, get inspired and reflect on what it is we believe and how it is we are called to live.

Jesus summarized God's will for us when he said: "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... and you shall love your neighbour as yourself." (Mark 12:30-31)

As we listen, think, sing, pray and feel, may God speak to us and inspire us to live as God's children in the specific challenges, responsibilities and opportunities of our lives.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

Hymn: "Open my eyes, that I may see"

No. 500

1. Open my eyes that I may see
glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, Thy will to see;
open my eyes: illumine me,
Spirit Divine!

2. Open my ears that I may hear
voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
and while the wave notes fall on my
ear,
everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, Thy will to see;
open my ears: illumine me,
Spirit Divine!

3. Open my mouth and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, Thy will to see;
open my heart: illumine me,
Spirit Divine!

Prayer of approach, confession & restoration

The Peace of Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: "I give you a new commandment"

Peter Aston

Soloists: Joanne Nasmith, Radostina Borisova, Elias Theocharidis, Jim Nasmith, Organist: Bruce Nasmith

Scripture Readings: Exodus 20. 1-17, Mark 12. 28-34, Romans 13. 8-10

Exodus 20. 1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3 you shall have no other gods before me.

4 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.

5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 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.

8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9 For six days you shall labour and do all your work. 10 But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

12 Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

13 You shall not murder. 14 You shall not commit adultery.

15 You shall not steal. 16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
17 You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Mark 12. 28-34

28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' 29 Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30 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." 31 The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' 32 Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; 33 and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' 34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Romans 13. 8-10

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

We are listening, O God;

Speak to us!

Sermon: WHAT PRINCIPLES DO YOU LIVE BY?

(Full sermon can be found at the end of the bulletin)

Special Music: "Thy perfect love"

John Rutter

Soloists: Joanne Nasmith, Radostina Borisova, Elias Theocharidis, Jim Nasmith, Pianist: Bruce Nasmith

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again! Hallelujah!

Our Father ...

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer after Communion:

Thank you, O God. Bread and wine are food for our bodies as Christ is food for our souls. Feed us with your love, with the power and strength of your mercy, confidence in your gracious acceptance of us, and empowerment to live authentically in the world as your children in spirit and in truth; Amen.



1. Put peace into each other's hands,
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candleflame;
with tenderness enfold it.

2. Put peace into each other's hands,
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways
in touch with God's creation

3. Put peace into each other's hands
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:

our life is meant for caring.

4. As at communion, shape your hands
into a waiting cradle;
the gift of Christ receive, revere,
united round the table.

5. Put Christ into each other's hands,
he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a
chance,
and share it like a treasure.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude: Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

G. F. Handel

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