

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: Psalm 67:1-2 God be merciful to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us, Selah that Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 40 (page 31)

Q. What is God's will for us in the sixth commandment?

A. I am not to belittle, insult, hate, or kill my neighbor-not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds-and I am not to be party to this in others; rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge. I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either. Prevention of murder is also why government is armed with the sword.

Q. Does this commandment refer only to killing?

A. By forbidding murder God teaches us that He hates the root of murder: envy, hatred, anger, vindictiveness. In God's sight all such are murder.

Q. Is it enough then that we do not kill our neighbor in any such way?

A. No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God tells us to love our neighbor as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly to him, to protect him from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 319 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

***Collect of the Day:** O God, without Your guidance and protection, we would surely falter in our faith as we make our way through this world. Please so fill us with Your Spirit that we would be kept pure and fit to serve as the royal priesthood to which You have appointed us in Christ. We pray through Him, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 52:1-12 (pages 651-652)

***New Testament Lesson:** Revelation 18:1-4 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. ² And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has

become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! ³ For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury." ⁴ And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Isaiah 52:1-12

***Hymn of Preparation:** Psalm 90:12-17 (back of bulletin)

Reading of The Law: Exodus 20:1-17 (page 68)

Call to Confession: 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, forgive us for we are guilty of belittling, insulting and hating our neighbor. We have violated the commandment not to kill by failing to love one another as You have commanded us. We have not taken all the steps we should have to preserve each other's wellbeing and to foster eternal life in those we meet. Have mercy on us for we are guilty of envy, anger and vindictiveness. Instill in us the compassion and kindness of Christ. Purge away our guilt. Build the Body of Christ strong in patience, gentleness and mercy for Your glory. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Kyrie:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 66:2b "But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word."

C: Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Holy Communion

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (unison): Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory Response:** Doxology

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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn of Response:** Praise Book 70 "Clothed In Righteousness"

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**