

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: *Psalm 101:1* – I will sing of mercy and justice; to You, O Lord, I will sing praises.

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:** 341 *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

***Collect of the Day (unison):** O God, forasmuch as we are not able to please You without Your help, grant Your Holy Spirit to rule and direct our hearts in all things. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** *Psalm 15* (page 486)

***Old Testament Lesson:** *Isaiah 5:20-23*

²⁰ Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

²¹ Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

²² Woe to men mighty at drinking wine, woe to men valiant for mixing intoxicating drink,

²³ Who justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away justice from the righteous man!

***New Testament Lesson:** *2 Corinthians 5:17* – Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Children's Sermon

Sermon: *"How Should We Now Live?"*

***Hymn of Preparation:** *"Thank You Jesus for the Blood"* (insert)

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.

Have Mercy:

Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.

Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.

Oh, help my unbelief. Oh, help my unbelief.

Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.

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:** *“There Is One Gospel”* (insert)

***Benediction**