

Gospel Reflection

We ought to remember that what makes a church a church is precisely the presence of so many troublesome people. That the expulsion of the troublemaker is a last resort, a human condemnation that so easily redounds with divine implications. That Matthew's Jesus must assume that most conflicts will be confronted well with step one or step two, never requiring the harsh step of estrangement.

In short, the steps Jesus lays out here are not a mere blueprint so much as a statement of communal values and an acknowledgment of both the frailty as well as the utter necessity of communal discernment. Love requires that we address the inevitable conflicts that will arise among us. It is not enough to sweep them under the rug and thus allow them to fester. Unaddressed conflicts can render a community unable to function as God hopes. But neither is rejection our first instinct. Separation is not to be taken lightly even when it proves necessary.

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Poems for reflection

WHAT am I, after all, but a child, pleas'd with the sound of my own name? repeating it over and over; I stand apart to hear--it never tires me.

*To you, your name also;
Did you think there was nothing but two or three pronunciations in the sound of your name?*

[Walt Whitman](#)

THE LORD'S SUPPER PENTECOST XIV TRINITY XIII



Two or Three Gathered in My Name from 'The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ'
[by James Jacques Joseph Tissot](#)

We welcome you this morning!
If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us today.

Officiant Rev. Chris McCann **Sept 06, 2020**

Opening Hymn *Joyful , Joyful, We Adore Thee*

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

2 All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally!

3 Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,

Commemorations in the Episcopal Church for Trinitytide/Season after Pentecost

*Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud
of witnesses... [Hebrews 12:1]*

Week of September 6th to September 12th

- September 7 [Elie Naud](#), Huguenot Witness to the Faith, 1722
- September 8 [Nativity of Mary](#)
 - [Søren Kierkegaard](#), Teacher and Philosopher, 1855.
 - [N. F. S. Grundtvig](#), Bishop and Hymnwriter, 1872
- September 9 [Constance, Nun, and her Companions](#), 1878
- September 10 [Alexander Crummel](#), 1898
- September 11 [Harry Thacker Burleigh](#), Composer, 1949
- September 12 [John Henry Hobart](#), Bishop of New York, 1830

This Week's Focus on a Commemoration:

John Henry Hobart (September 14, 1775 – September 12, 1830) was the third [Episcopal bishop](#) of New York (1816–1830). He vigorously promoted the extension of the Episcopal Church in Central and Western New York. He founded the [General Theological Seminary](#) in [New York City](#) and [Geneva College](#), later renamed Hobart Free College in 1852 after him, in [Geneva](#), in the [Finger Lakes](#) area of upstate New York. Bishop Hobart supported the [High Church Movement](#) within the Episcopal Church. A predecessor of the [Anglo-Catholic Movement](#) deriving from the [Oxford Movement](#) in the 1830s and 40s, the High Church movement, like the Anglo-Catholic, stressed continuity with the pre-[Protestant Reformation](#) church, while at the same time strongly opposed certain Roman Catholic doctrines. The movement emphasized the Apostolic Succession and Anglican Covenantal Theology. In contrast to the later Anglo-Catholic movement, Hobart's High Churchmanship did not have a significant liturgical character. Hobart emphasized the significance of [baptism](#) and apostolic succession, and how the apostolic succession affected Episcopal ecumenical relationships and ministry with "non-apostolic" churches. The seminary became a center for the High Church Movement and later for the Oxford Movement in America. Through General Seminary, Hobart in particular influenced two future bishops: [Benjamin Onderdonk](#) and [Jackson Kemper](#).

church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” *The Gospel of the Lord*

Church Financial Income Information			
Week of 08/30/20		Year To Date	Budget
Pledges/Non Pledge	\$715	\$72,905	\$107,500
Loose Plate	\$1	\$256	
Attendance	22 people		

Capital Campaign 2019

Week	Year to Date Contribution	GOAL
\$20	\$	\$40,000
Please use memo notation or envelope notation "Capital Campaign" for all contributions.		

Metro Food Bank Project
The next Metro Food Bank event will be on **Sept 19, 2020**. Volunteer sign-up online www.stlukechardon.org, in food pantry info.

Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Celebrant: ***Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.***
People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.*

The people, standing, the Celebrant prays.

Collect for Purity

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Kyrie

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Collect

Inserted

(Please sit for the readings)

First Reading Book of Ezekiel 33:7–11
Gradual Psalm 119:33–40 BCP. p. 766
Second Reading Romans 13:8–14

Gradual Hymn Christ is Made The Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,

in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

3 To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

5 Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
while unending ages run.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 18:15–20

Sermon Rev Chris McCann

Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

Parish Intercession/Prayer List:

- Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop, Arthur

which you make to those who fear you.
39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

Second Reading

A Reading (Lesson) from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 13:8–14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 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 neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to
Matthew 18:15–20

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the

we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

First Reading

A Reading (Lesson) from the Book of Ezekiel 33:7–11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, “As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?” *The Word of the Lord.*

Psalm

119:33–40

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *

and William our associate bishops;

- For the whole world for which Jesus died and rose again, that this pandemic may bring about a permanent dismantling of the dividing walls that have set us in opposition to one another, and so, wounded the love of God

- Our parish family, that God will draw us closer to God’s self and to one another, through this pandemic. For seniors who are isolated from families; for those who have lost their jobs and miss their friendships. For care givers who work in selfless dedication to others, especially the sick and the dying.

- For all who have asked our prayers: Jeanette, Charlie, Mary, Robert, Amber & Family, William, Neil, Cathy, Rebecca, Donald, Anna, Bob, Dorothy, Thelma, Shirley, Georgette, Joan, Donna, Pastor Tim, the May family, Darlene Housley, Johanna, Callie, Jan, Joe, Barb, Peggy, Deb, Shannon, Larry

- Faithful departed: Rev. Lloyd F. O’Keefe (wife: Roberta)

Confession

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The Peace

Offertory Hymn

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your love

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Refrain

Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away.

Refrain

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love,
all these are neighbors to us and you.

Refrain

Loving puts us on our knees,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.

Refrain

Prayer Over The Gifts

*All things come of thee O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer	A	BCP p 361
Sanctus		S130
Lord's Prayer		S149

Fraction Sentence

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Communion Hymn

(Please kneel)

Prayer after Communion BCP p. 366

(Please stand)

Closing Hymn Blessed Assurance

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

Lectors: Carolyn Schue & Grace Butcher
Organist: Jean Spangler
Altar Guild: Cindy Lorenzci & Thelma Wise

Today's Readings

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Collect & Scripture Readings for The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Collect

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant,