



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10 September 2017

Sentence

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for whoever loves another has fulfilled the law. *Romans 13.8*

Collect

Go before us, O Lord,
and further us with your continual help,
that in all our works,
begun, continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of the Exodus.

This is the story of the beginning of what is now the annual festival of Passover. It is a celebration of God's deliverance of the Hebrew slaves from oppression in Egypt and their departure for the freedom of the land of promise. The Christian faith now interprets Jesus' death and resurrection as a new exodus; this time from humanity's captivity to sin and death.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel

shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Exodus 12.1-14

Reader For the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Psalm 149 at 8am APBA pg 379 at 10am TiS95

Psalm 149 is a song of praise for God who cares for the lowly and who allows the wicked to experience the consequences of their actions, this is called 'the judgement of God,'

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Paul quotes Leviticus 19.18 saying that the command to love our neighbour as ourselves sums up all the commandments and thus fulfils the law. This is not about emotions but actions. Loving actions are the foundations and structure of the character of our faith.

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists

what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but too bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due. 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 neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13.1-10

Reader May your word live in us
All **And bear much fruit to your glory.**

Gospel Acclamation

All **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

All **Alleluia!**

Reader The Lord be with you

ALL **And also with you**

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

ALL **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Today's gospel contains instruction on resolving conflict within the church. Only as a final resort, after offering many opportunities for the offender to change, should anyone turn their back on another member of the Christian community. This process does not allow for personal grievances to be nursed as private hostilities! Jesus spoke to his disciples. "Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the

face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost. '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 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.'

Matthew 18.10-20

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord
ALL Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Prayer for the Week

O God,
you know us to be set in the midst
of so many and so great dangers
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible Readings next week

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 17 September 2017

Exodus 14.19-31 Ps 114 Romans 14.1-14 Matthew 18.21-35

Pray for the Faithful Departed

We remember before God: Lorna Tickner, Marjorie Sawyer, Paula Abrahams, Eva Davis, Violet Atkins, Rita Campbell, Elsie Alfred, Margaret Hansen, Emma Giggins, Edith Augusta Elliott, Georgina Alice Bray, William Jarvey *whose anniversaries occur this week.*

Commemorations of the week

11 September – Mother Esther CHN, founder of the Community of the Holy Name (Melbourne) (d. 1931) Born in England, Mother Esther and the nineteen sisters who eventually joined her pioneered much of the early work of Melbourne Diocese and beyond in social welfare. By the time of her death the nuns ran homes, schools, hospitals and programs for home and prison visiting among the most vulnerable in society.

13 September – Cyprian of Carthage, bishop & martyr (d.258) Cyprian is best remembered for his writings on the unity of the Church. He was slain by sword for refusing to sacrifice as to a god to the Roman Emperor.

September 14 Holy Cross. Celebrating the Cross as the means of our salvation. September 15 John Oliver Feetham, bishop and bush brother (d.1947).

September 16 Ninian of Galloway, bishop and missionary (d. c 432). Missionary to the Scots. Ninian founded a church at Whithorn in Wigtownshire (now in Galloway), which remains a place of pilgrimage.

