

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Proper 26 | Year B

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PRELUDE | When in the Hour of Utmost Need | J. C. Bach, b.1642

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT | DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9

*M*oses said: Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

THE RESPONSE | PSALM 119:1-8

Beati immaculati

- 1 *H*appy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees *
and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *

that I might keep your statutes!

6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; *
do not utterly forsake me.

THE EPISTLE | HEBREWS 9:11-14

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

THE GOSPEL | MARK 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 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.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 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'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE¹

Deacon The law that transforms the wasteland into a land of milk and honey is the law of love. Trusting in God's promise to lead us more deeply into that land, let us ask with confidence for all we need, saying: Teach us your ways, O God; hear us, good Lord.

We pray for the leaders of this country, that they may govern with justice and mercy, mindful of their responsibility to the world's poor. Teach us your ways, O God; **hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for the church that, as a sign of your loving embrace, it may call all to share in your reign. Teach us your ways, O God: **hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for ministers everywhere, that you may strengthen them in their desire to serve. Teach us your ways, O God; **hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for this community of faith, that we may learn to love with all our hearts, our minds, our strength. Teach us your ways, O God; **hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for the unloved of this world, for those who are widowed, orphaned, and friendless, for those who are homeless and alone, and for all who experience alienation, that you may touch them with your compassion. Teach us your ways, O God; **hear us, good Lord.**

For what else shall we pray and give thanks?
The people may add their own prayers aloud or in silence.

Teach us your ways, O God; **hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for all those who have died, that they may find eternal life in your loving presence. Teach us your ways,
 O God; **hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant Loving God, inscribe your words upon our hearts that, carrying them with us out into the world, we may reveal your reign to all those we meet upon our way. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our guide and goal. **Amen.**

1. From: Ramshaw, Gail. 1988. *Intercessions for the Christian People: Prayers of the People for Cycles A, B, and C of the Roman, Episcopal, and Lutheran Lectionaries.* Pueblo Pub. Co.

OFFERTORY | O Spirit Divine | J.C.F. Fischer, b.1650

POSTLUDE | My Hope is Firmly on Christ | J. Pachelbel, b.1653

Parish Events | See our newsletter, Tune-Up, for details

Online				In Person			
Oct. 31	10:30	Sunday School	Zoom	Oct. 30	17:30	Eucharist, Rt. II	Sanctuary
	10:30	Eucharist, Rt. II	YouTube	Oct. 31	8:00	Eucharist, Rt. I	Sanctuary
Nov. 2	19:00	Bible Study	Zoom		9:15	Bible Study	Yellow Rm.
Nov. 3	19:00	Episcopal 101	Zoom		10:30	Eucharist, Rt. II	Sanctuary
Nov. 5	8:30	Silent Prayer	Zoom	Nov. 3	19:00	Episcopal 101	Yellow Rm.
				Nov. 5	9:30	Tai Chi	Parish Hall