

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

➔ FIRST READING – Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

➔ SECOND READING – Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

➔ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Reader	In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
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Silence

Reader	For all people in their daily life and work;
People	For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Reader	For this community, the nation, and the world;
People	For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

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Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
Reader For Shaun, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Sylvia, our priest; Ken, our deacon; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People For all who serve God in his Church.
Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Reader Hear us, Lord;
People For your mercy is great.
Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Reader We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.
Reader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Reader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People Who put their trust in you.
Reader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.