



The Hillside Messenger

A Message from the Rector: The Ten Commandments: Part II

The Second Commandment of the Decalogue is like the First:

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me. And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments.

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Exodus 20:4-6,
KJV

Ever since the people of Israel entered the Promised Land, their greatest besetting sin was idolatry, the worship of false gods represented by images. A *graven image* is a carved or sculpted likeness of a creature in the world, whether in the

bring about good rains, plentiful harvests, abundant wealth, and success in all their ventures. But what does this commandment mean for us today?

In the words of our Anglican catechism, the Second Commandment means that “God’s people are neither to worship man-made images of God or of other gods, nor to make such images for the

purpose of worshipping them.” (Question 275, page 95, *To Be a Christian : An Anglican Catechism*). We may not even make an image of God and worship it. Whereas a cross or a crucifix

reminds us of the Lord Jesus Christ and His redeeming death on the cross, we must not worship the cross or crucifix itself. No, these images are meant to direct us to the worship of the Lord Himself and to awaken our devotion to Him. The same goes for any statue

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You shall not make for yourself a carved image.

sky, in the sea, on the earth, or under the earth. These images were worshipped by the nations surrounding ancient Israel because they were believed to represent the deities in whose likenesses they were made. People thought that by worshipping these images they could somehow gain the deities’ favor and

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or image of a saint. It is not there for us to worship but to direct us to the Lord God Almighty who gives grace to His people to live holy, saintly lives. The Scriptures also emphasize that no-one has ever seen the form of God. In **Deuteronomy 4:15-18**, God warns the Israelites through Moses:

Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire. Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, the likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, the likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth....

Deuteronomy 4:15-18, KJV

St. John also testifies:

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us,

and His love is perfected in us.

I St. John 4:12,
KJV

Of course, the Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, has made God known, for St. John also bears witness:

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him.

St. John 1:18,
KJV

The Lord Jesus Christ has revealed to mankind the nature of God the Father. As He said to St. Philip in **St. John 14:9**, the person who has seen Him has seen the Father. Yet in **St. John 20:29**, the Lord Jesus pronounces a blessing on all who have not seen Him and have still believed in Him. Seeing Jesus is therefore not essential to believing in Him. It is sufficient for us to gain a picture of Jesus through the written word of God for us to believe, but we worship Jesus Himself, God Himself, not our own idea of God.

Whenever we establish in our minds or in our lives anything besides God as a top priority, we are making an idol. Consider, for example, a cell phone. If we consider how frequently we hold our cell phones to our ear, speak into them, or look at them, we can see that the danger exists of a cell phone becoming an idol.

When we spend too much time engrossed with a piece of technology that is visible, are we not falling into the trap of the ancient Israelites, relying on the worship of visible images? St. Paul wrote that covetousness (forbidden by the Tenth Commandment) is idolatry (**Colossians 3:5c**). Again, in **Ephesians 5:5**, St. Paul writes that no covetous man, “who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God” (KJV). In **Ezekiel 14** we read that anyone who “takes idols into his heart” (**Ezekiel 14:7**) separates himself from God and is liable to destruction (**Ezekiel 14:9**). Let us examine why this is so. If one prioritizes and worships an idol (whether a material thing or an idea) that has no life and cannot bestow life, one experiences separation from God; if this separation continues permanently, it causes spiritual death.

What, then, does the Second Commandment teach us? It teaches us to place our ultimate hope only in God, for He is our Creator, whom we must love most of all. He alone gives us life and delivers us from all evil. We must not expect to find salvation in ourselves, in others, or in our wealth or career, or in any created thing, for none of these can give the love or the life that God alone gives

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(*Psalm 62:1-2; Psalm 115:1-8; Isaiah 45:20-25; Question 280, To Be a Christian*). To break the Second Commandment continually causes us to become “empty and alienated from God” (Question 282, *To*

Be a Christian). Instead of this spiritually lifeless state, let us love God wholeheartedly and look to Him alone for our salvation (*Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 40:30-31*).

– *The Reverend
Chris Parrish*

**We must
never rest until#
EVERYTHING
inside us
worships God.**

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A. W. Tozer

Our Chapel Family Prayer List

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations.

More especially we pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness:

Archbishop Foley Beach;

Bishop Richard Lipka;

Canon Michael Penfield;

Father Chris Parrish;

Deacon Peter Vogel; and

Deacon Linda Bracken;

also all those who serve as Thy ministers in governing our nation and state, particularly:

President Joe Biden; and

Governor

Gavin Newsom;

as well as all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; especially those for whom our prayers are desired:

the soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, coasties, guardians, police officers, firefighters, and pilots who protect us every day;

our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world;

all refugees;

the people and leaders of Ukraine

in this time of war;

Jim and Edna Davis;

Joya de Rossett;

Debbie;

Scott;

Brittany;

Tanya Theiler;

Mark Quinn;

Lisa;

Ben;

Marion;

Flo;

Max;

Dan and Kendra Pack;

the Stanko family;

Yoshihiko and Hideko Ikegami;

Mary Frances Reeves;

Mrs. Kitt;

Jon Carter;

Frank Capone;
Rose Handwerker;
Ann and Frank MacVoy;

Bishop Ilgenfritz;

Moe Martinez;

Victoria Grace;

Sharon Veach;

Theo Frensch;

Diane Ahlport;

Christina;

Father Thomas and Lora Vece;

Haley and Gabriella;

John and Heidi Donnelly;

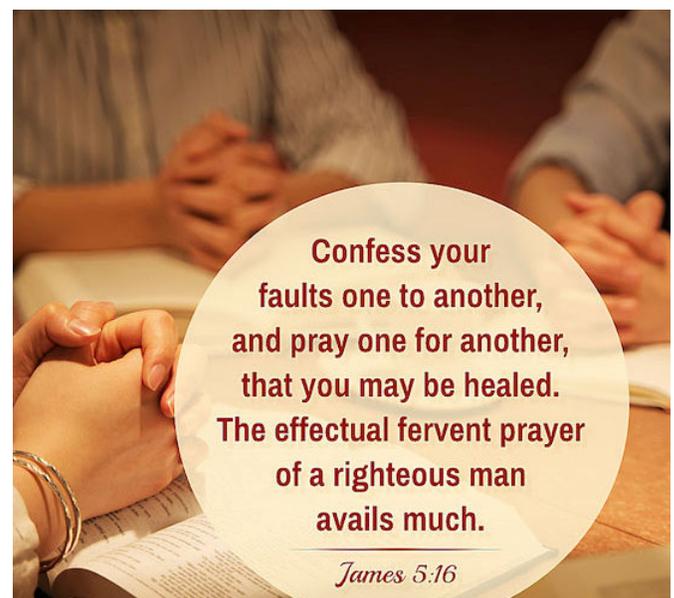
and

Ray and Elodia Boreham and Family;

that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

This prayer list was current as of July 20th, and the people of St. Luke's will pray for each need until we are notified that it has been met.

Please contact Father Parrish to add or remove names. Thank you!



A Prayer for Our Congregation

O GOD,
Holy Ghost,
Sanctifier of the faithful,
visit, we pray Thee,
the Congregation of St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills
with Thy love and favour;
enlighten our minds more and more
with the light of the everlasting Gospel;
graft in our hearts a love of the truth;
increase in us true religion;
nourish us with all goodness;
and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same,
O blessed Spirit,
Whom, with the Father and the Son together,
we worship and glorify as one God,
world without end.
Amen.

In Times of Great Sickness and Mortality

O MOST mighty and merciful God,
in this time of grievous sickness,
we flee unto Thee for succour.
Deliver us, we beseech Thee, from our peril;
give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick;
prosper the means made use of for their cure;
and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is,
we may apply our hearts
unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For Rain

O GOD, heavenly Father,
Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ
hast promised to all those who seek Thy kingdom,
and the righteousness thereof,
all things necessary to their bodily sustenance;
send us, we beseech Thee, in this our necessity,
such moderate rain and showers,
that we may receive the fruits of the earth
to our comfort, and to Thy honour;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Making Ourselves Known

Well, all right, we do still have to wear masks to protect ourselves and others, but our Chapel Family does find itself with new opportunities to engage with our neighbors in community events. Let's make ourselves known! The Outreach Committee is sponsoring;

The St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills T-shirt Contest!

Who may enter:

Absolutely anyone may enter this contest. There is no age limit. Entries will be accepted from individuals and from groups.

How to enter:

Draw or print your design on an 8.5-inch by 11-inch piece of paper with a T-shirt outline on it. Indicate what color(s) your design will feature (or color it in yourself). Put your name and contact information on the reverse. Either give the design to Julia McNeely or Kim Vogel or send it to the Chapel.

Note that multiple designs will be accepted from individuals or groups, and every design will receive consideration.

Deadline for entries:

All entries must be received by 11:15 AM on Sunday, August 21st.

Judging:

This is a simple contest. All entries will be numbered and posted on the large bulletin board in McNeely Hall. Every person present on Sunday, August 21st, will be asked to select their favorite design from the display. The design with the most votes will be used for the Chapel Family T-shirts.

Grand and only prize:

The designer(s) of the winning T-shirt will receive the undying gratitude of their brothers and sisters in Christ and enjoy the pleasure of unlimited bragging rights!



Parish Postings

Please note that, due to another surge in Covid-19 infections, the Vestry has decided face masks must be worn by all those who attend services in the Chapel.



Sunday Morning Bible Study continues with the study of the *First Epistle of St. John* on Sundays at 9:15 AM. All are welcome!



The Vestry will meet after Holy Communion and Fellowship on Sunday, August 21st. All interested parishioners are invited to observe.



The Vestry is collecting funds to paint the Chapel exterior. Please write *Chapel Painting* on your offertory envelope or check memo line when contributing to this project. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Friday, August 5th

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, August 7th

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Morning Bible Study
9:15 AM

Holy Communion with Holy Unction
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM

Friday, August 12th

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, August 14th

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Morning Bible Study
9:15 AM

Office of Morning Prayer
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM

Friday, August 17th

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, August 21st

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Morning Bible Study
9:15 AM

Holy Communion
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM

Vestry Meeting
11:30 AM

Friday, August 26th

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, August 28th

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Morning Bible Study
9:15 AM

Office of Morning Prayer
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM

Friday, September 2nd

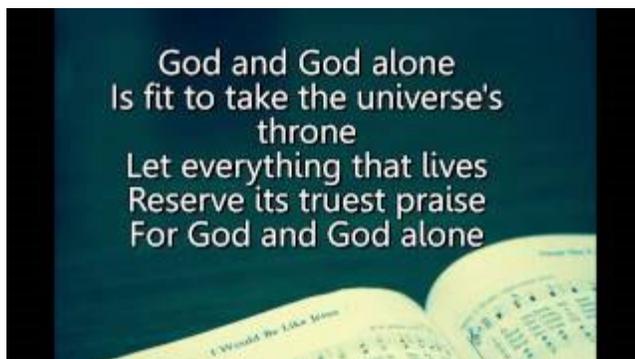
Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, September 4th

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Morning Bible Study
9:15 AM

Holy Communion with Holy Unction
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM





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Worship Schedule

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Luke's Chapel in the Hills is a traditional Anglican parish which uses the 1928 edition *Book of Common Prayer*. We invite you to join us for worship and fellowship soon!

**"A place
where the Bible is taught."**



*Biblical in teaching.
Liturgical in worship.
Loving in practice.*

First, third, and fifth Sundays of each month

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:15 AM

Holy Communion

(with Healing Service on First Sundays)

10:00 AM

Second and fourth Sundays each month

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:15 AM

Office of Daily Morning Prayer

10:00 AM

Please note that Holy Communion will be celebrated on Feast Days occurring on second and fourth Sundays.

If you cannot join us physically in the Chapel,
please contact Father Parrish
to be added to each service's Zoom invitation.