



The Hillside Messenger

A Message from the Rector: The Fifth Commandment

Honour thy father
and thy mother:
that thy days may
be long upon the
land which the
LORD thy God
giveth thee.

Exodus 20:12,
KJV; see also
Deuteronomy
5:16

Ten (*St. James 2:10*). If we do not honor God first and love Him with all our being, then our relationships with people are broken as well.

Honoring one's father and mother includes obedience when we are children, but adults must not think that obedience to their parents when they were children comprises the whole meaning of this

without delay. He cared enough to make provision both for his father and for all his brothers and their families, too. Honoring one's parents means one should love, serve, respect, and care for them all their lives (Question 301, *To be a Christian: An Anglican Catechism*). The Catechism further defines the meaning of this commandment in

these words "and should obey them in all things that are reasonable and conform to God's Law" (*ibidem*).

Applied to children who are minors, this commandment clearly entails obedience, as St. Paul

wrote to the Ephesians:

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) that it may be well with thee, and thou

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We read the

Ten Commandments on the first Sunday of every month at the service of Holy Communion. Last month I discussed the Fourth Commandment and the concept of Sabbath rest. After 53 mass shootings in the United States of America in January, perhaps I should have given some teaching on the Sixth Commandment. However, the first four of the Ten Commandments emphasize a right relationship with God. If we break any of these four commandments, then it follows that we are law breakers, breaking all the



command. *Genesis 45:7-13* illustrates how an adult shows honor to his parent. Joseph is concerned that his father, Jacob, might starve to death during a famine in Canaan. He tells his brothers to return to Canaan and tell his father not only the good news that Joseph is governor of Egypt, but also that they should move to Egypt

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The Fifth Commandment

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mayest live long
on the earth.

Ephesians 6:1-3,
KJV

For children, obedience is the principal part of honoring their parents, and St. Paul quotes the Fifth Commandment according to *Deuteronomy 5:16* to show that God's purposes for those who obey this commandment are long life on earth and prosperity ("that it may be well with thee"). If we want to prosper and live long, then we must obey our parents when we are children and honor them throughout their lives. In his commands to children in *Ephesians 6:1-3*, St. Paul balances his command to children to obey their parents with a command to fathers not to provoke their children to anger, but to bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. If we are to have love and harmony in our households, obedience, fair discipline, and godly instruction must characterize family life. Parents should not just expect obedience from their children without giving them instruction and training from God's Word as well as discipline.

It is significant that after these instructions to children and fathers, St. Paul proceeds to tell servants to be obedient to their masters and masters to treat their servants fairly (*Ephesians 6:5-9*).

This was necessary in the days of the Roman Empire when there were many slaves and the Church had as members free men and slaves, rich and poor. Here it seems that St. Paul was effectively applying the Fifth Commandment to relationships between servants who were Christians and their masters, some of whom were Christians. Though slavery is against the law in this country and in many others, it does continue to exist, and much work needs to be done to fight it. Nevertheless, *Ephesians 6:5-9* continues to speak to Christians everywhere about our relationships with those set in authority over us, whether teachers, officers, counselors, pastors, government officials, or employers. Society cannot function without obedience and submission to superiors, leaders, overseers, and supervisors. Christians are called upon to do this (Question 304, *To be a Christian: An Anglican Catechism*). The 1928 *Book of Common Prayer* Catechism describes the duty of a Christian in obeying the Fifth Commandment in these terms:

To love, honour,
and succour my
father and mother;
To honour and
obey the civil au-
thority; To submit
myself to all my
governors, teach-
ers, spiritual pas-

tors and masters;
To order myself
lowly and rever-
ently to all my
betters,

page 580,
*The Book of
Common Prayer,*
1928

These duties certainly include the relationship between employees and their employer, but just as a marriage cannot function properly if it is one-sided (if, for example, a wife submits herself to her husband, but he shows her no love, no kindness, no compassion, and no understanding), so employers must do their part. They must make sure their employees do not work in squalid conditions, and they must pay their employees fairly and properly. If they do not, they may find that an employee not only breaks the Fifth Commandment by refusing to be submissive to their authority, but even breaks the Sixth Commandment by killing them. God always has a reason for issuing commandments that counterbalance each other—here obedience and submission to instructions and orders must be balanced by employers making provision for their employees and treating them well, including paying them fairly and giving them enough time off.

A useful devotional
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The Fifth Commandment

(Continued from page 2) exercise to help us in our obedience to the Fifth Commandment will be to take note of how the Lord Jesus Christ Himself kept this commandment from His early childhood until His death on the cross. On the cross He showed His care for His mother, St. Mary, by entrusting her to the care of St. John, His beloved disciple, creating between them a mother-son relationship (*St. John 19:26-27*). What a wonderfully comforting blessing for St. Mary this must have been, to know that as she grew older, St. John would take care of her as a son would do for his mother.

It is vital for all Christians to obey the Fifth Commandment, not only within their own families but also in their relationships with their extended family, in the Church, and in society. Through the pervasive

effects of sin and the rejection of Christ by many, as well as through rapid changes in our surrounding culture, there has arisen division within families and society so that the world stands in great need of reconciliation between parents and their children. It is just such reconciliation that the prophet Malachi prophesied in this passage:

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet

Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children,

And the hearts of the children to their fathers,

Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

Malachi 4:5-6,
NKJV

The curse of children not being reconciled with their parents is the breaking of the Sixth Commandment “You shall not murder” (*Exodus 20:13, Deuteronomy 5:17,* NKJV). Whether this is literal parricide and matricide or refusing reconciliation for years on end, this is still a curse that strikes the earth. Only in Christ is that curse broken, and it is the Holy Spirit who leads children to be reconciled to their parents and parents to their children.

How is the Holy Spirit leading you in this whole process of reconciliation between the older and the younger generation?

– *The Reverend
Chris Parrish*

The Oxford English Dictionary
defines the verb honor as
“to regard with great respect or high esteem.”
It further defines honor as
“something regarded as a rare opportunity
and bringing pride and pleasure; a privilege.”

Our Chapel Family Prayer List

***This prayer list
was current
as of February 26th,
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!***

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;

all those suffering displacement or difficulties

following recent storms;

all those affected by earthquakes in Turkey and Syria;

the residents of Palestine, Ohio;

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 Ikegami;

Mary Frances Reeves;

Mrs. Kitt;

Jon Carter;

Frank Capone;

Rose Handwerker;

Ann and Frank MacVoy;

Bishop Ilgenfritz;

Moe Martinez;

Victoria Grace;

Christina;

John and Heidi Donnelly;

Father Mike Keppler;

Carl;

Patsy Zahrt; and

Judith Boreham;

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.



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.

A Prayer for the MDAS Search Committee

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously upon Thy Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop Coadjutor for the Missionary Diocese of All Saints that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for Thy people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Thanksgiving for Relief from COVID Pandemic

ALMIGHTY God and heavenly Father, we give Thee humble thanks for that Thou hast been graciously pleased to deliver Thy servants from death by infections with the novel coronavirus. We bless and praise Thy Name for the protection of those who were never infected and for Thy gift of healing to those who have recovered. Grant, we beseech Thee, O gracious Father, that we, through Thy help, may both faithfully live in this world according to Thy will, and also may be partakers of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Rain

O GOD, our heavenly Father, by whose gracious providence the former and the latter rain descend upon the earth, that it may bring forth fruit for the use of man; we give Thee humble thanks that it hath pleased Thee to send us rain to our great comfort, and to the glory of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Parish Postings

Four out-going members of the Vestry were re-elected at the Annual Parish Meeting in February. The 2023 Vestry roster is:

Ray Boreham
Senior Warden

Clark Patteson
Junior Warden

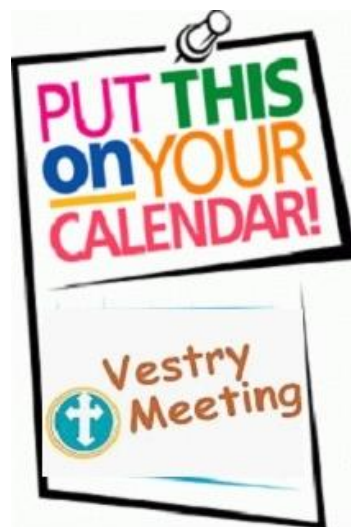
Jana Baldwin
Secretary

Elodia Fernandez
Treasurer

Bill Zahrt
Patricia Zahrt
Julia McNeely
Members-at-Large

Father Chris Parrish will continue to serve as Clerk, and Deacon Peter Vogel will act as Bookkeeper.

The Vestry will meet following Holy Communion on Sunday, March 19th, the Third Sunday in Lent. All interested parishioners are invited to observe the meeting.



It is the custom at St. Luke's to offer lilies to beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday in memory of those who, though with us in spirit, are not physically present to celebrate this great feast with us. If you would like to offer one or more lilies, look for the special lily envelopes near the Altar Flower Chart in the narthex. Please complete the form on the envelope legibly so that your dedication can be listed in our worship bulletin (or e-mail it to Father Parrish by Palm Sunday). The Altar Guild asks for a \$10 donation to cover the cost of each lily. Kindly place your lily offering envelope in the offertory basin by Palm Sunday, April 2nd. Thank you!



St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills has received a very generous gift from a private individual: a new chalice and paten. These altar appointments will add to the beauty of our Holy Communion services. Vicar-General Michael Penfield of the Convocation of the West

will consecrate the new chalice and paten prior to Holy Communion on a Sunday to be scheduled.



Thanks be to God, Governor Newsom has lifted the COVID-related state of emergency order for California, and things are beginning to return to a less socially-distanced way of life. One of the accommodations our Chapel family made during the pandemic was to offer services via Zoom so that anyone who wished could worship with us, and this will not change. If you would like to be added to the Zoom worship mailing list, please contact Father Parrish.

For those who cannot place their gifts in the offertory basin during services, our webmaster has made it possible for tithes and other offerings to be made electronically through the Chapel's website. PayPal is the Chapel's payment processor and can accept one-time or recurring gifts. It is safe and secure.

[www.
StLukesChapel.
church](http://www.StLukesChapel.church)

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 1st
Ember Day

Friday, March 3rd
Ember Day

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Saturday, March 4th
Ember Day

Sunday, March 5th
The Second Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion with Holy Unction
10:00 AM

Friday, March 10th
Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, March 12th
The Third Sunday in Lent
Office of Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Friday, March 17th
Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, March 19th
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion
10:00 AM

Vestry Meeting
following the worship service

Friday, March 24th
Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, March 26th
Passion Sunday
Office of Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Friday, March 31st
Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, April 2nd
Palm Sunday
Holy Communion with Holy Unction
10:00 AM

*These events, as well as our Holy Week and Easter services,
may be viewed at*

<https://stlukeschapel.org/2023/03/upcoming-services-and-events/>



**When Jesus therefore saw His mother,
and the disciple whom He loved standing by,
He said to His mother,
“Woman, behold your son!”
Then He said to the disciple,
“Behold your mother!”
And from that hour that disciple
took her to his own home.**

St. John 19:26-27



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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

Holy Communion
(with Healing Service on First Sundays)
10:00 AM

Second and fourth Sundays each month

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.