

CHURCH HILL ANGLICAN SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2020

AN ANTIDOTE TO FEAR AND PRIDE

16/8	Matthew 6:1-18	Fear of Approval
23/8	Matthew 6:19-24	Fear of Significance
30/8	Matthew 6:25-34	Fear of Loss
6/9	Matthew 7:1-12	Pride in Judging Others
13/9	Matthew 7:13-23	Pride in Presuming on God
20/9	Matthew 7:24-8:1	Pride in Ignoring God

Without God, there is no certain future and this leads to a profound anxiety about survival. And so life becomes the pursuit of things that might stave off the grave, to add some security in an anxiety-ridden world.

~ **Peter Bolt**

In other words, our basic choice of which of two masters we intend to serve will radically affect our attitude to both. We shall not be anxious about the one (for we have rejected it), but concentrate our mind and energy on the other (for we have chosen him); we shall refuse to become engrossed in our own concerns, but instead seek first the concerns of God.

~ **John Stott**

Don't worry about the future. Or worry, but know that worrying is as effective as trying to solve an algebra equation by chewing bubble gum.

~ **Mary Schmidt**

Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? [...] Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

~ **Jesus.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 146:1-2

¹ Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

² I will praise the Lord all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

To sing at 4pm

GREAT ARE YOU LORD

You give life you are love

You bring light to the darkness

You give hope you restore ev'ry heart that is broken

And great are you Lord

It's your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise

We pour out our praise

It's your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise to you only

And all the earth will shout your praise

Our hearts will cry these bones will sing

Great are you Lord

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To sing at 10:30am and 6pm

HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

*Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness
New every morn'
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

*Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness
New every morn'
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

LUKE 15:18-20A

The Prodigal son said:

¹⁸ “I will arise and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.”

²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

CONFESSION

Heavenly Father,

**we praise you for adopting us as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life.**

**In your mercy you have washed us from our sins
and made us clean in your sight.**

**Yet we still fail to love you as we should
and serve you as we ought.**

**Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace,
that we may continue to grow as members of Christ,
in whom alone is our salvation. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS - LUKE 15:20B-24

‘But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms round him and kissed him.

²¹ ‘The son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”

²² ‘But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” So they began to celebrate.

We know the father’s justifying love through his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,*
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The 'catholic church' denotes the totality of God's people through the ages who hold firm to the classic teachings of Christ's apostles, regardless of denomination. It affirms the unity of the church.

BIBLE

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time – God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might for ever. Amen.

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

MATTHEW 6:25-34

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ 'And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

FEAR OF LOSS



The way of Jesus:

Do not worry saying “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” For the pagans run after all these things and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.

1. Considering this way

- A. Behold the birds v26-27
- B. Consider the lilies v28-30
- C. Study ‘paganism’ v31-32

2. Choosing this way

- A. Swap ‘chasing’... v31
- B. For ‘trusting’ a Father in Heaven! v32
- C. And ‘seeking’ first the Kingdom! v33

Further study: 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Psalm 31, 130, 37:1-4, Hebrews 13:5 and Philippians 4:4-7

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast*

Those he saves are his delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in his holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life he bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last

PSALM 146

1 Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

**2 I will praise the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

**3 Do not put your trust in princes,
in human beings, who cannot save.**

**4 When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;
on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

**5 Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

**6 He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them –
he remains faithful for ever.**

**7 He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.**

The Lord sets prisoners free,

**8 the Lord gives sight to the blind,
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,
the Lord loves the righteous.**

**9 The Lord watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.**

**10 The Lord reigns for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

Praise the Lord.

To be read at 4pm

THE COLLECT FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

BENEDICTION

1 TIMOTHY 6:11-12, 1:17

¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.
¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

**Now to the King eternal,
immortal, invisible,
the only God,
be honour and glory for ever and ever.
Amen.**

NOTICES

A YEAR WITH JESUS

Want to get to know Jesus more deeply this year? Download Church Hill's daily devotional app 'A Year With Jesus' in the app store. You can catch up on last week's talks in the 'library tab' or simply join us on Monday for the next instalment in the Gospel of Matthew.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

Friday Morning Zoom Prayer 7:45-8:25am
Meeting ID: 851 5150 8467 Password: 712176

COMMUNITY GROUPS

In 2020, we are renewing our focus on the City, and we know that one way to do that is through Community Groups that can continue our mission to the City. To that end we want you to be a part of a Community Group. Our Community Groups consist of: Bible and prayer, with fun, friendship, support and hospitality, and a strong desire to see new people folded in. Please sign up now at:
bit.ly/communitygroups2020

THE MARRIAGE COURSE ONLINE

Join us from the comfort of your own home for The Marriage Course Online. Via Zoom, Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. 15 October to 26 November. Go to bit.ly/TMCONLINE2020 to register.

BUY A FACE MASK MADE BY A REFUGEE

P&G Initiatives, founded by Doug and Penny Abdiel from our 10:30 congregation, provides work for refugees and asylum seekers, another of Australia's most vulnerable communities, and have a team with sewing machines hard at work making face masks to the DHHS VIC Standard. P&G face masks are \$20 each. Go to <https://facemasks.raisely.com> to place your order!

MILLERS POINT FARMERS' MARKET

There is a potential opportunity for Church Hill to connect with the local community through holding the weekly Millers Point Farmers' Market at The Garrison Church each Monday evening. If you'd be interested in joining a discussion about the possibilities and feasibility of such a venture please contact Rowan, Justin or the office.



WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

SAVE THE DATE!

Join the Church Hill staff team, Parish Council and wider church family for a very special Zoom meeting as we set out the map for our parish, ministry and mission for the next five years.

7:00 to 8:00pm