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*"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."
– Romans 10:17*

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Morning Prayer – July 19, 2020
The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Who Is This Man? The Scandal of Grace

Jesus was a friend of sinners not because he winked at sin, ignored sin, or enjoyed light-hearted revelry with those engaged in immorality. Jesus was a friend of sinners in that he came to save sinners and was very pleased to welcome sinners who were open to the gospel, sorry for their sins, and on their way to putting their faith in Him.

– Kevin DeYoung

O God, may thy Spirit speak in me that I may speak to thee. I have no merit, let the merit of Jesus stand for me. I am undeserving, but I look to thy tender mercy. I am full of infirmities, wants, sin; thou art full of grace. I confess my sin, my frequent sin, my willful sin. All my powers of body and soul are defiled. A fountain of pollution is deep within my nature.... I am utterly ashamed that I am what I am in myself.... Thou hast struck a heavy blow at my pride, at the false god of self, and I lie in pieces before thee. But thou hast given me another Master and Lord, thy Son, Jesus, and now my heart is turned toward holiness, my life speeds as an arrow from a bow towards complete obedience to thee. Help me in all my doings to put down sin and to humble pride.

– *The Valley of Vision*

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Christ Church NYC is a community of Christians committed to glorifying God, glorying in God, and serving the city through our worship, our life together, and our gospel mission.

A Pastoral Note —

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This worship bulletin has been put together for you during this time that our public worship gatherings have been canceled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. As you meet with your family, roommates, neighbors in your building, other members of CCNYC, or just by yourself, I hope it will be of help to you as you seek to worship and draw near to the Lord.

Though worship in the home and among families is not intended to and can never replace the corporate gathering of the whole congregation, it is nonetheless a good practice for all of us to develop. If you are not accustomed to doing 'family worship' it may seem odd at first, but I want to encourage you to keep pressing forward with it. As you do so, remember that it need not be complicated. The essence of family worship consists simply in singing, praying, and studying God's Word together.

As we meet in our various homes and in small groups scattered throughout the city and region, please know that I am praying for all of you and longing to be meeting with you in person. In fact, I pray that our love and desire for meeting together will be strengthened because of this absence. What a sweet time of fellowship it will be when the Lord once again allows us to be together in person to worship Him!

Your pastor,
Keith

"The more we worship God in secret, the fitter shall we be for family worship, and the more we worship God in our families, the fitter shall we be for public worship." – Rev. John Angier (1605-1677)

Reflection

A quiet moment to prepare our hearts

Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners. (Mark 2:17)

A period of silence is kept.

O Lord, open our lips;

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised!

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a -
Je - sus, the Sav - ior, reigns, The God of truth and
His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and
Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the judge shall

dore! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er -
love; When He had purged our stains, He took His seat a -
heaven; The keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus
come, And take His ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal

more: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re -
bove: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re -
given: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re -
home: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re -

joyce, A - gain I say, re - - - joyce!
joyce, A - gain I say, re - - - joyce!
joyce, A - gain I say, re - - - joyce!
joyce, A - gain I say, re - - - joyce!

Confession

After a brief silence for reflection, all reply saying the words in bold.

**Most merciful Father, we humbly admit that we need your help.
We confess that we have wandered from your way like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
and have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy upon us, Lord;
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Turn our hearts to love and obey you.
Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

Words of Comfort and Assurance

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Mar - ve - lous grace of our lov - ing Lord,
 Dark is the stain that we can - not hide,
 Mar - ve - lous, in - fin - ite, match - less grace,

Grace that ex - ceeds our sin and our guilt,
 What can a - vail to wash it a - way?
 Free - ly be - stowed on all who be - lieve;

Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,
 Look! there is flow - ing a crim - son tide;
 All who are long - ing to see His face,

There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.
 Whit - er than snow you may be to - day.
 Will you this mom - ent His grace re - ceive?

Grace, grace, God's grace,

Grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in;

Grace, grace God's grace,

Grace that is great - er than all our sin.

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A Prayer for the Hearing of God's Word

Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we might hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, so that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Responsive Psalm — Psalm 5

- ¹ Give ear to my words, O LORD;
consider my groaning.
- ² **Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,
for to you do I pray.**
- ³ O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.
- ⁴ **For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with you.**
- ⁵ The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.
- ⁶ **You destroy those who speak lies;
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.**
- ⁷ But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house.
I will bow down toward your holy temple
in the fear of you.
- ⁸ **Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness
because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.**
- ⁹ For there is no truth in their mouth;
their inmost self is destruction;
their throat is an open grave;
they flatter with their tongue.
- ¹⁰ **Make them bear their guilt, O God;
let them fall by their own counsels;
because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out,
for they have rebelled against you.**

- ¹¹ But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy,
and spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may exult in you.
- ¹² **For you bless the righteous, O LORD;
you cover him with favor as with a shield.**

First Bible Reading — Mark 2:13-17

¹³ Jesus went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. ¹⁴ And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

¹⁵ And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Bible Reading — 1 John 2:1-6

¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. ³ And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

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Bible Reflection – Mark 2:13-17

The Scandal of Grace

Seventh reflection in the series: *Who Is This Man?*

To help you reflect on Mark 2:13-17 you can find recordings of teaching from Keith on our website under 'Sermons'. You can also find study questions on our blog.

Notes:

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 again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again 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 is the totality of God's people through the ages who hold firm to the classic teachings of Christ's apostles.*

Prayers

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth, as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The leader continues,

Lord, show us your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.

Lord, govern the leaders of the nations,
and mercifully hear our prayers.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness,
and make your chosen people joyful.

Lord, save your people,
and bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
for you are our help and strength.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

A Prayer for Today

Lord, we thank you for your holy word, and for the fellowship of your church; may your word live in us and bear much fruit to your glory and the salvation of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** (BCP 1662)

Almighty God, our strong tower of defense in time of trouble: We offer you praise and heartfelt thanks for our deliverance from the dangers which lately surround us and for your gracious gift of peace. We confess that your goodness alone has preserved us; and we ask you still to continue your mercies toward us, that we may always know and acknowledge you as our Savior and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for God's people, the nations, and people in need are said, concluding with:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Amazing Grace



A - maz - ing — grace! - how sweet the sound that saved a —
 'Twas grace that — taught my heart to fear, and grace my —
 Thro' man - y — dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
 The Lord has — prom - ised good to me, his Word my —
 When we've been - there ten thou - sand years, bright shi - ning —



wretch like me! — I once — was — lost, but now — am — found, was
 fears re - lieved; — how pre - cious — did that grace — ap - pear the
 read - y come; — 'tis grace — has — brought me safe — thus — far, and
 hope se - cures; — he will — my — shield and por - tion — be, as
 as the sun, — we've no — less — days to sing — God's — praise than



blind but — now I see. —
 hour I — first be - lieved! —
 grace will — lead me home. —
 long as — life en - dures. —
 when we've — first be - gun. —

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Benediction

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. (*Romans 15:13*)

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

heav - enly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.




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