

## **Session Four (Year A)**

**Sunday October 22, 2017**

[Come, Holy Ghost!](#)

Pentecost Prayer

Kiss of Peace

Questions? Thoughts?

Theme: Creed, Cult, Code

- What we believe
- How we worship
- What we do to show that we believe and whom we worship

Questions for the Candidates

- How does what you believe affect what you do?
- How does your worship affect your belief?

## **The Ten Commandments**

[Exodus 20](#)

- 1 Then God delivered all these commandments:
- 2 "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery.
- 3 **You shall not have other gods besides me.**"

This passage contains the basic principle of the whole Mosaic law, the keynote of the Book of Deuteronomy: since the Lord alone is God, we must love him with an undivided heart.  
- The New American Bible

[Deuteronomy 6](#)

- 4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!
- 5 Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.
- 6 Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today.
- 7 Drill them into your children. Speak of them at home and abroad, whether you are busy or at rest.

- 8 Bind them at your wrist as a sign and let them be as a pendant on your forehead.
- 9 Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates.

### Matthew 6

- 24 "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

### Matthew 22

- 34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together,
- 35 and one of them [a scholar of the law] tested him by asking,
- 36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"
- 37 He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.
- 38 This is the greatest and the first commandment.
- 39 The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
- 40 The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

### The Beatitudes

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### Saints

#### St. Anselm

- Lived during the 11<sup>th</sup> Century
- Abbot, Bishop, and theologian
- Known as the Father of Scholasticism

#### St. Thomas Aquinas

- Lived during the 13<sup>th</sup> Century
- Integration of Reason and Revelation in his *Summary of Theology*
- Known as the Angelic Doctor

## **Sacraments**

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## **Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

### Isaiah 11

- 2 The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD,
- 3 and his delight shall be **the fear of the LORD** (or **Wonder and Awe in His presence**).

### Proverbs 1

- 7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; wisdom and instruction fools despise.

### Jeremiah 32

- 38 They shall be my people, and I will be their God.
- 39 One heart and one way I will give them, that they may fear me always, to their own good and that of their children after them.
- 40 I will make with them an eternal covenant, never to cease doing good to them; into their hearts I will put the fear of me, that they may never depart from me.

## **Fruits of the Holy Spirit**

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Comments? Questions?

### Blest Be the Tie That Binds

## Supplemental Readings

### 1 Kings 11

- 1 King Solomon loved many foreign women besides the daughter of Pharaoh (Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites),
- 2 from nations with which the LORD had forbidden the Israelites to intermarry, "because," he said, "they will turn your hearts to their gods." But Solomon fell in love with them.
- 3 He had seven hundred wives of princely rank and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart.
- 4 When Solomon was old his wives had turned his heart to strange gods, and his heart was not entirely with the LORD, his God, as the heart of his father David had been.
- 5 By adoring Astarte, the goddess of the Sidonians, and Milcom, the idol of the Ammonites,
- 6 Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not follow him unreservedly as his father David had done.
- 7 Solomon then built a high place to Chemosh, the idol of Moab, and to Molech, the idol of the Ammonites, on the hill opposite Jerusalem.
- 8 He did the same for all his foreign wives who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

### 1 Kings 14

- 22 Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and by their sins angered him even more than their fathers had done.
- 23 They, too, built for themselves high places, pillars, and sacred poles, upon every high hill and under every green tree.

### Sirach 39

- 12 Once more I will set forth my theme to shine like the moon in its fullness!
- 13 Listen, my faithful children: open up your petals, like roses planted near running waters;
- 14 Send up the sweet odor of incense, break forth in blossoms like the lily. Send up the sweet odor of your hymn of praise; bless the LORD for all he has done!
- 15 Proclaim the greatness of his name, loudly sing his praises, With music on the harp and all stringed instruments; sing out with joy as you proclaim:
- 16 The works of God are all of them good; in its own time every need is supplied.
- 17 At his word the waters become still as in a flask; he had but to speak and the reservoirs were made.
- 18 He has but to command and his will is done; nothing can limit his achievement.
- 19 The works of all mankind are present to him; not a thing escapes his eye.
- 20 His gaze spans all the ages; to him there is nothing unexpected.
- 21 No cause then to say: "What is the purpose of this?" Everything is chosen to satisfy a need.