

## Session Twelve (Year A)

Sunday January 7, 2018

[Come, Holy Ghost!](#)

Pentecost Prayer    Kiss of Peace

Questions? Thoughts?

Theme: The Splendor of Truth

Questions for the Candidates

- What is truth?
- Is it ever right to deceive?
- Is it always necessary to tell?

### The Ten Commandments

[Exodus 20](#)

7     **You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain.** For the LORD will not leave unpunished him who takes his name in vain.

[Matthew 5](#)

33    "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.'

34    But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne;

35    nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

36    Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black.

37    Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

[From the New American Bible, Revised Edition](#)

Verse 33 is not an exact quotation of any Old Testament text. The purpose of an oath was to guarantee truthfulness by one's calling on God as witness. The use of the other oath formularies that avoid the divine name is in fact equivalent to swearing by it, for all the things sworn by are related to God. Let your `Yes' mean `Yes,' and your `No' mean `No': literally, "let your speech be 'Yes, yes,' 'No, no.' " From the evil one: i.e., from the devil. Oath-taking presupposes a sinful weakness of the human race, namely, the tendency to lie. Jesus demands of his disciples a truthfulness that makes oaths unnecessary.

### Leviticus 19

12 You shall not swear falsely by my name, thus profaning the name of your God. I am the LORD.

### Ephesians 4

29 No foul language should come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for needed edification, that it may impart grace to those who hear.

### Ephesians 5

3 Immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be mentioned among you, as is fitting among holy ones,

4 no obscenity or silly or suggestive talk, which is out of place, but instead, thanksgiving.

### **The Beatitudes**

Not this session

### **Saints**

### Blessed John Paul II

### **Sacraments**

Not this session

### **Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

Not this session

### **Fruits of the Holy Spirit**

### Galatians 5

22 In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, **joy**, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

### Zephaniah 3

- 14 Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!
- 15 The LORD has removed the judgment against you, he has turned away your enemies; The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear.
- 16 On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged!
- 17 The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, He will sing joyfully because of you,
- 18 as one sings at festivals.

### Luke 2

- 8 There were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock.
- 9 The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear.
- 10 The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.
- 11 For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.
- 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."
- 13 And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:
- 14 "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

### Romans 15

- 13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Psalms 40

- 17 May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. May those who long for your help always say, "The LORD be glorified."

## Supplemental Readings

### Joy to the World Ode to Joy

#### John 18

- 33 Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"
- 34 Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?"
- 35 Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"
- 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants (would) be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here."
- 37 So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."
- 38 Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

### John 18:33-38

#### Ezekiel 36

- 23 I will prove the holiness of my great name, profaned among the nations, in whose midst you have profaned it. Thus the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when in their sight I prove my holiness through you.
- 24 For I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the foreign lands, and bring you back to your own land.
- 25 I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.
- 26 I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts.
- 27 I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes, careful to observe my decrees.
- 28 You shall live in the land I gave your fathers; you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

## [Ezekiel 36:23-32](#)

### The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World

22. The truth is that only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of man take on light. For Adam, the first man, was a figure of Him Who was to come, namely Christ the Lord. Christ, the final Adam, by the revelation of the mystery of the Father and His love, **fully reveals man to man himself** and makes his supreme calling clear. It is not surprising, then, that in Him all the aforementioned truths find their root and attain their crown.

## [George Herbert, "Dare to be True"](#)

### [Veritatis Splendor](#)