

Thursday 18th June 2020 – The Glory of the Lamb

In love, O Lord, all your works have begun; by love you sustain them and in your love our life is everlasting. So let the beginning and ending of all our loving be to see you O God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Julian of Norwich (c.1343-c.1417)

Lectionary Reading-John2:13-35

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Joh 2:13 And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,

Joh 2:14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

Joh 2:15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;

Joh 2:16 And said unto them that sold doves, **Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.**

Joh 2:17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

Joh 2:18 Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign showest thou unto us, seeing that thou does these things?

Joh 2:19 Jesus answered and said unto them, **Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**

Joh 2:20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

Joh 2:21 But he spoke of the temple of his body.

Joh 2:22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

Jesus Knows What Is in Man

Joh 2:23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast *day*, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.

Joh 2:24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all *men*,

Joh 2:25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

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| 1 | Jesus comes with all his grace,
comes to save a fallen race:
object of our glorious hope,
Jesus comes to lift us up.
Alleluia! | 3 | He has our salvation wrought,
he our captive souls has bought,
he has reconciled to God,
he has washed us in his blood.
Alleluia! |
| 2 | Let the living stones cry out;
let the seed of Abram shout;
praise we all our lowly King,
give him thanks, rejoice, and sing.
Alleluia! | 4 | We are now his lawful right,
walk as children of the light;
we shall soon obtain the grace,
pure in heart, to see his face.
Alleluia! |
| | | 5 | We shall gain our calling's prize;
after God we all shall rise,
filled with joy, and love, and peace,
perfected in holiness.
Alleluia! |

Charles Wesley 1707-1788

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PSALM 55:16-22

Psa 55:16 As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.

Psa 55:17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

Psa 55:18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle *that was* against me: for there were many with me.

Psa 55:19 God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abided of old. Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

Psa 55:20 He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant.

Psa 55:21 *The words* of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war *was* in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet *were* they drawn swords.

Psa 55:22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

PRAYER

Lord, we rejoice in your holy word and we pray that our lives will serve as witness to your love, which surpasses all understanding. We love in full knowledge that you loved us first. We pray that we will show love towards each other daily through our words and deeds.

Lord, in this complex and often troubled world, help us to live your truth that love always protects, always trusts, always hopes and always perseveres. Amen

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God of grace and love, the future seems uncertain and dangerous, so we become distrustful and obdurate, we are willing to believe only those who agree with us, and are fearful of difference. We become angry and defensive, hurting others before they can hurt us, regardless of the consequences.

In responding to the gospel of your love for us in Christ, help us to remember that, although you were announced by angels, you came to us vulnerable as a new-born child. May all that we offer in your name be filled with compassion and kindness. Amen.

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