

Sunday, November 11, 2018
Renewal of the Church (*Hudos Eetho*)

Mark 11:15-17

- 15 They came to Jerusalem, and on entering the temple area he began to drive out those selling and buying there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves.
- 16 He did not permit anyone to carry anything through the temple area.
- 17 Then he taught them saying, "Is it not written: 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples'? But you have made it a den of thieves."

Exodus 32:1-14

- 1 When the people saw that Moses was delayed in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make us a god who will go before us; as for that man Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him."
- 2 Aaron replied, "Take off the golden earrings that your wives, your sons, and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me."
- 3 So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron.
- 4 He received their offering, and fashioning it with a tool, made a molten calf. Then they cried out, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt."
- 5 On seeing this, Aaron built an altar in front of the calf and proclaimed, "Tomorrow is a feast of the LORD."
- 6 Early the next day the people sacrificed burnt offerings and brought communion sacrifices. Then they sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.
- 7 Then the LORD said to Moses: Go down at once because your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, have acted corruptly.
- 8 They have quickly turned aside from the way I commanded them, making for themselves a molten calf and bowing down to it, sacrificing to it and crying out, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"
- 9 I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are, continued the LORD to Moses.
- 10 Let me alone, then, that my anger may burn against them to consume them. Then I will make of you a great nation.
- 11 But Moses implored the LORD, his God, saying, "Why, O LORD, should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a strong hand?"

- 12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent he brought them out, that he might kill them in the mountains and wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your burning wrath; change your mind about punishing your people.
- 13 Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.'"
- 14 So the LORD changed his mind about the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people.

1 Kings 8:22-30

- 22 Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly of Israel, and stretching forth his hands toward heaven,
- 23 he said, "LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below; you keep covenant and love toward your servants who walk before you with their whole heart,
- 24 the covenant that you kept toward your servant, David my father, what you promised him; your mouth has spoken and your hand has fulfilled this very day.
- 25 And now, LORD, God of Israel, keep toward your servant, David my father, what you promised: There shall never be wanting someone from your line to sit before me on the throne of Israel, provided that your descendants keep to their way, walking before me as you have.
- 26 Now, God of Israel, may the words you spoke to your servant, David my father, be confirmed.
- 27 "Is God indeed to dwell on earth? If the heavens and the highest heavens cannot contain you, how much less this house which I have built!
- 28 Regard kindly the prayer and petition of your servant, LORD, my God, and listen to the cry of supplication which I, your servant, utter before you this day.
- 29 May your eyes be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, My name shall be there; listen to the prayer your servant makes toward this place.
- 30 Listen to the petition of your servant and of your people Israel which they offer toward this place. Listen, from the place of your enthronement, heaven, listen and forgive.

Jeremiah 31:10-14, 22-26

- 10 Hear the word of the LORD, you nations, proclaim it on distant coasts, and say: The One who scattered Israel, now gathers them; he guards them as a shepherd his flock.
- 11 The LORD shall ransom Jacob, he shall redeem him from a hand too strong for him.
- 12 Shouting, they shall mount the heights of Zion, they shall come streaming to the LORD's blessings: The grain, the wine, and the oil, flocks of sheep and cattle; they themselves shall be like watered gardens, never again neglected.

- 13 Then young women shall make merry and dance, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will show them compassion and have them rejoice after their sorrows.
- 14 I will lavish choice portions on the priests, and my people shall be filled with my blessings— oracle of the LORD.
- 22 How long will you continue to hesitate, rebellious daughter? The LORD has created a new thing upon the earth: woman encompasses man.
- 23 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: When I restore their fortunes in the land of Judah and in its cities, they shall again use this greeting: “May the LORD bless you, Tent of Justice, Holy Mountain!”
- 24 Judah and all its cities, the farmers and those who lead the flock shall dwell there together.
- 25 For I will slake the thirst of the faint; the appetite of all the weary I will satisfy.
- 26 At this I awoke and opened my eyes; my sleep was satisfying.

Isaiah 55:1-13

- 1 All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, buy grain and eat; come, buy grain without money, wine and milk without cost!
- 2 Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what does not satisfy? Only listen to me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare.
- 3 Pay attention and come to me; listen, that you may have life. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, the steadfast loyalty promised to David.
- 4 As I made him a witness to peoples, a leader and commander of peoples,
- 5 So shall you summon a nation you knew not, and a nation that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.
- 6 Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.
- 7 Let the wicked forsake their way, and sinners their thoughts; let them turn to the LORD to find mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
- 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways—oracle of the LORD.
- 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts.
- 10 Yet just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats,
- 11 So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me, achieving the end for which I sent it.
- 12 Yes, in joy you shall go forth, in peace you shall be brought home; mountains and hills shall break out in song before you, all trees of the field shall clap their hands.

- 13 In place of the thorn bush, the cypress shall grow, instead of nettles, the myrtle. This shall be to the LORD's renown, as an everlasting sign that shall not fail.

Revelations 3:14-22

- 14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea, write this: "The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the source of God's creation, says this:
- 15 "I know your works; I know that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either cold or hot.
- 16 So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.
- 17 For you say, 'I am rich and affluent and have no need of anything,' and yet do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.
- 18 I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich, and white garments to put on so that your shameful nakedness may not be exposed, and buy ointment to smear on your eyes so that you may see.
- 19 Those whom I love, I reprove and chastise. Be earnest, therefore, and repent.
- 20 ""Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, [then] I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.
- 21 I will give the victor the right to sit with me on my throne, as I myself first won the victory and sit with my Father on his throne.
- 22 ""Whoever has ears ought to hear what the Spirit says to the churches.""

Hebrews 9:1-14

- 1 Now [even] the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary.
- 2 For a tabernacle was constructed, the outer one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of offering; this is called the Holy Place.
- 3 Behind the second veil was the tabernacle called the Holy of Holies,
- 4 which were the gold altar of incense and the Ark of the Covenant entirely covered with gold. In it were the gold jar containing the manna, the staff of Aaron that had sprouted, and the tablets of the covenant.
- 5 Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the place of expiation. Now is not the time to speak of these in detail.
- 6 With these arrangements for worship, the priests, in performing their service, go into the outer tabernacle repeatedly,
- 7 but the high priest alone goes into the inner one once a year, not without blood that he offers for himself and for the sins of the people.

- 8 In this way the Holy Spirit shows that the way into the sanctuary had not yet been revealed while the outer tabernacle still had its place.
- 9 This is a symbol of the present time, in which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the worshiper in conscience
- 10 but only in matters of food and drink and various ritual washings: regulations concerning the flesh, imposed until the time of the new order.
- 11 But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation,
- 12 he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.
- 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed,
- 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.

John 2:13-22

- 13 Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
- 14 He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there.
- 15 He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables,
- 16 and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."
- 17 His disciples recalled the words of scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me."
- 18 At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?"
- 19 Jesus answered and said to them, k "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."
- 20 The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?"
- 21 But he was speaking about the temple of his body.
- 22 Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.