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THE little 
CHILDREN
Come TO Me
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 3, 2021

10:30 a.m.

The Introduction

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

The Prelude & Meditation

The Ringing of the Bell

The Welcome & Announcements

*The Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

ALL: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

The Hymn *“I Love to Tell the Story”* #390

*The Service of the Word

“Holy is the Lord...” page 126

*The Apostles’ Creed page 128

*The Prayer of the Day (unison)

P: The Lord Be With You

C: And also with you.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Installation of Sunday School Teachers, Lambs and Story Bible

The First Reading Genesis 2:18-24

The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the LORD God formed

every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

R: The Word of the Lord C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm -Psalm 8
O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children;**

you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe and avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
**the moon and the stars you have set in their
courses,**

what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of
them,

human beings that you should care for them?

Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:
all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

The Second Reading -Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might

little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Hymn

“Jesus Loves Me”

*Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.*

Refrain

*Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. Refrain*

*Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. Refrain*

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

The Offering

*The Lord's Prayer

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*The Benediction

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*The Hymn "On Our Way Rejoicing"

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*The Silent Prayer

*The Postlude

*Congregation stand if you are able

WELCOME to all who have joined us for worship this morning. If you are a visitor, please sign the guest registry and do come visit us again. May the Lord bless each of us.

THE OFFERING TODAY and next Sunday is for Current Expenses.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- The family of Mark Schuster
- Thomasa Koch
- All Active Military
(Brandon Bengtson and Seth Green)
- All our folks in Nursing Homes
- Our Bishops, Haalas and Eaton



THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Tues., Oct. 5	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wed., Oct. 6	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Pastor's Study
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Orientation @ Good Hope (attend one!)
	7:30 p.m.	Confirmation Orientation @ Parish Three (attend one!)
Sat., Oct 9	1:00/1:15 p.m.	Graveside Service for Mark Schuster
Sun., Oct. 10	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion

PLEASE KEEP THE family of Mark Schuster in your prayers. Mark passed away on Friday, August 27, 2021 in Phoenix, AZ.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Orientation will be held on Wednesday, October 6th. Attend the one most convenient for you at 6:30 at Good Hope or 7:30 at Parish Three.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER(S) NEEDED:

We are looking for a volunteer(s) to teach the 7 & 8th Grade and High School Sunday School class. Parish Ed has discussed combing the two classes into one class. We have also considered having the class meet just two Sundays each month and having the students help with the younger kids' rotations on the Sundays they don't have class. We are open to suggestions. Perhaps there is someone you could team teach with to share the responsibility. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talents for this important ministry to our youth. Contact Vicky Nelson at 515-928-7152.

