

**Help us to maintain our prayer intercession list.**

The personal and collective intercessions we make asking our Lord to intercede in our lives and on behalf of others are a central aspect of our private and common worship. At St. John's we have always made an aural reading of our prayer list a part of our regular services. However, there comes with this an important responsibility to maintain it as current and accurate. To accomplish this we are asking our community to take that personal responsibility to heart in the following way:

We ask everyone to please let us know when someone should be added, removed, or otherwise amended on our prayer list. This is accomplished best by either dropping a note in the collection plate or by emailing or calling the parish secretary at (631) 283-0549 or [secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org).

To avoid a name being orphaned on the prayer list names will be removed after 60 days of being added, unless the parish secretary is contacted to extend that time for another 60 days.

Of course, there is no limit to the number of persons we will faithfully include on our prayer list, nor a limit to the duration we will intercede on their behalf. This policy is to take special care in maintaining the names we bring before the Throne of Grace in prayer each time we gather together.

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*Reconciliation* by Josefin de Vasconcellos in the bombed ruins of St. Michael's Cathedral, Coventry

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*For Pastoral Emergencies, please contact Fr. Patrick at 404-660-3592.*

**Sunday Services**

8:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
11:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer, Rite I

**Weekday Services**

**Monday – Friday**

7:30 A.M. – Morning Prayer, Rite I  
6:00 P.M. – Evening Prayer, Rite I

**Wednesday**

10:00 A.M. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I


# The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 12, 2023 • 11:00 A.M.

## Processional Hymn 304

*I come with joy to meet the Lord*

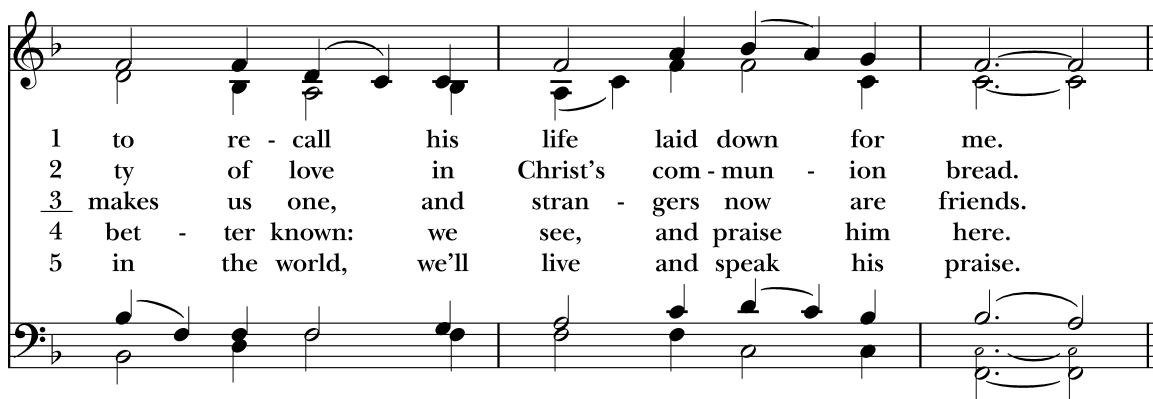
*Unison or harmony*



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.



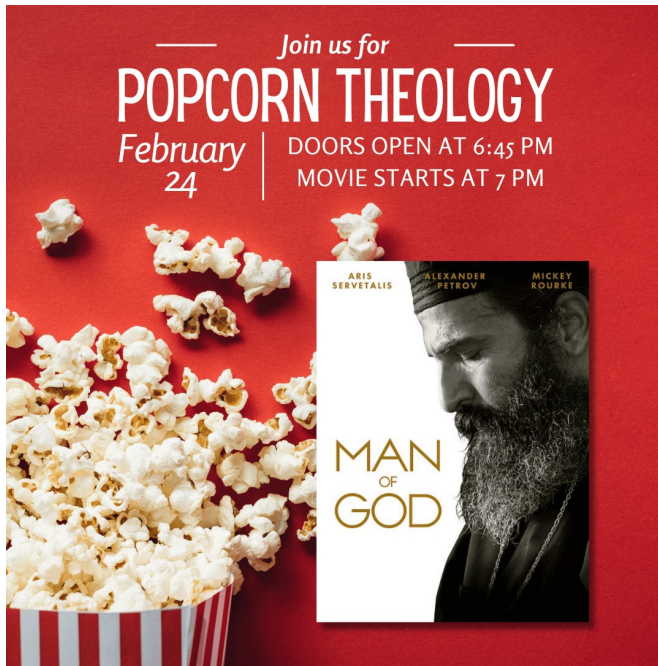
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**WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER:** In order to keep our church family abreast of our latest updates and church reminders, we have been sending out a weekly e-newsletter. If you, or someone you know would like to be included on our email list, contact [secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org) or sign up from our website's homepage.

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:** Stay connected with the church and your friends by following us on our Facebook page: StJohnSouthampton. You can also worship online LIVE on Sundays.

**ONLINE GIVING:** Links are available on St John's Homepage at [www.stjohnsouthampton.org](http://www.stjohnsouthampton.org). You may also make an online gift by texting the keyword StJohnSouthampton to 73256 on your cell phone.

**BULLETINS:** You can follow along our Sunday services by downloading our Bulletins from our website, [stjohnsouthampton.org](http://stjohnsouthampton.org). The Bulletins are uploaded every Saturday afternoon for your convenience.



*Man of God* brings to life the incredible true story of Saint Nectarios of Aegina, Greece. A priest of the common people, his humility annoyed the prideful orthodox clergy of the day. In contrast to his religious superiors - the bishops and patriarchs mesmerized by worldly honors and power - Nectarios cared for the poor; taught peasant girls to read and write; inspired by example young men to enter the priesthood; and wrote books and delivered sermons that uplifted nations of believers. In this exquisitely made film, relive Nectarios' inspiring devotion and perseverance as, despite the efforts of the religious establishment to discredit him and dismantle his good works over decades, he embraced humility and inspired thousands to become one of Greece's most renowned saints.

Join Fr Patrick with wine and cheese as well as the usual theatre fare to enjoy this wonderful film and thoughtful discussion.

I will give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.  
*Isaiah 49:6b*

## Confession

*Officiant*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to  
have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to  
have done.**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*Officiant*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Blessing and Departure of the Children

## Opening sentence and invitatory

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*People* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
*People* as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
*Officiant* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness  
*People* O come, let us adore him.

## *Venite Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9, 13*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, \*  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \*  
and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his and he made it, \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Psalm 119:1-8

## *Beati immaculati*

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
who walk in the law of the Lord!

## St. John's Lenten Season Program Tuesdays • 6:15 PM February 28 March 7, 14, 21, 28

Evening Prayer at 6:15 PM

Lenten Soup Suppers at 6:30 PM

"The Abolitionists" at 7:30 PM

Join us after our Lenten Suppers for a video series and conversations in five parts – studying the lives and missions of five faithful, yet utterly different, crusaders who confronted the seminal paradox of our nation's history: slavery. Strengthened and informed by their deep Christian faith, Frederick Douglass, William Lloyd Garrison, Angelina Grimké, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and John Brown, (the eloquent eyewitness, the tireless yet frustrated newspaper publisher, the repentant slave owner, the world-changing storyteller, and the failed anti-slavery jihadist), became the conscience of a nation and the winner of people's hearts and minds.

Each night a part of the American Experience documentary, *The Abolitionists*, will be viewed followed by a discussion led by Fr. Patrick, drawing on his scholarship and years of experience teaching U.S. Religious History. Our conversations will focus on how these abolitionists' faith led them to have an impact in their world in deeply dividing and volatile issues, and where they succeeded and failed in their impact and lives' work.



## Valentine's Day Tea Party for Our Lovely, Seasoned Citizens

Join us for a viewing of "Casablanca" on  
Tuesday, February 14th at 2 PM in the  
Parish Hall

Tea, soft drinks, sweets, cheese and  
crackers will be served.

Free admission • All are welcome



**2 Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
and seek him with all their hearts!**

**3 Who never do any wrong, \*  
but always walk in his ways.**

**4 You laid down your commandments, \*  
that we should fully keep them.**

**5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
that I might keep your statutes!**

**6 Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
when I regard all your commandments.**

**7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.**

**8 I will keep your statutes; \*  
do not utterly forsake me.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **The First Lesson**

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

A Lesson from the book of Deuteronomy by the prophet Moses.

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Here endeth the Lesson

### *Benedictus es, Domine*

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,  
and dwellest between the Cherubim; \*

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **The Second Lesson**

*1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

A Second Lesson from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

Here endeth the Lesson

### *Jubilate Deo Psalm 100*

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; \*

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

## *Announcements*

### **Sunday Adult Formation**

**Sundays • 10 AM**

***Dante’s Divine Comedy &***

***C.S. Lewis’s The Great Divorce***

**Journeys through the Afterlife reveal how to live in this life.**



In the 14th century, Dante Alighieri wrote the greatest epic poem of human history, tracing a mythical journey through Hell, Purgatory, and Heaven that was representative of the medieval worldview as it existed. Over the seven hundred years since this work was completed, it has been recognized as representing the soul's journey towards God from our recognition and rejection of sin (Inferno), the penitent life of the Christian (Purgatorio), and finally the soul's ascent to God (Paradiso).

Written by C.S. Lewis in 1945, *The Great Divorce* is a vision in which Lewis reflects on the Christian conceptions of Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell. A classic Christian allegorical tale about a bus ride from Hell and Purgatory to Heaven. It is an extraordinary meditation upon good and evil, grace and judgment, Lewis’s idea in *The Great Divorce* is that the gates of Hell are locked from the inside. Using his extraordinary descriptive powers, Lewis changes the way we think about good and evil, salvation and damnation, in this life and the next.

Join Fr. Patrick in the Parish Hall on Sundays at 10 AM to delve into these two insightful and famous works searching for the nature, struggles, and victories of our lives here and after death. Important parallels between the two famous works will be examined as well as the common lessons about the here and the hereafter.



## Dedications

The flowers at the altar this week are given to the  
Glory of God and in loving memory of Florence Van Nooten  
by Florence Rolston.



## Verse of the Week

Moses declared, “I call heaven and earth to witness against  
you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings  
and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may  
live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast  
to him.”

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

## “Quote of the Week”



“Whatever your heart clings to and confides in,  
that is really your God.”

Martin Luther

German priest, theologian, author, hymnwriter, professor,  
and Augustinian friar. He is credited with initiating the  
Protestant Reformation in 1517.

d. 18 February 1546

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;  
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; \*  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving  
and into his courts with praise; \*  
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.  
For the Lord is gracious;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*The people stand or kneel*

<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And with thy spirit.</b>
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Suffrages A**

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**  
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;  
R. **Thy saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

**Intercessions**

**Collect of the Day**

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing: for still our an - cient foe  
the man of God's own choos - ing: dost ask who that may be?  
his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark-ness grim,  
through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin-dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,  
Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,  
we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

Blessed, hallowed, worshiped, and adored be our Lord Jesus Christ on His throne in Heaven, on the altars of His churches, and in the hearts of His faithful people. And may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercies of God rest in peace.

*Officiant and People*

**And may Light Perpetual shine upon them. Amen.**

cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

Sermon The Rev'd W. Patrick Edwards

The Offertory  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Closing Hymn 688

*A mighty fortress is our God*



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A Collect for Sundays  
O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Mission  
Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. Amen.

A Collect for Guidance  
O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving  
*Officiant and People:*  
Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

*Officiant*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Officiant*

Let us bless the Lord.

## People

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

2 Corinthians 13:14

## Announcements

## Sermon Hymn 474

*When I survey the wondrous cross*

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that  
 love of flow-min-gled down! Did the e'er such love and  
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing, (b)

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

A lesson from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

*Matthew 5:21-37*

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you