St. Augustines Family Service

29 June 2003

RULES FOR LOVING

Welcome

Please stand for the hymn

- Thou Whose almighty word
- 1. Thou, Whose almighty word Chaos and darkness heard. And took their flight; Hear us, we humbly pray, And where the Gospel-day Sheds not its glorious ray, Let there be light!
- 3. Spirit of truth and love, Life-giving, holy Dove, Speed forth Thy flight; Move on the water's face, Bearing the lamp of grace, And in earth's darkest place Let there be light!
- On Thy redeeming wing Healing and sight, Health to the sick in mind, Sight to the inly blind, O now to all mankind Let there be light!
- 2. Thou, Who didst come to bring 4. Holy and blessed Three, Glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might; Boundless as ocean's tide Rolling in fullest pride, Through the earth far and wide Let there be light!

Please sit for the play.

Leader:

Jesus said, "love the Lord Your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength and love your neighbour as you love yourself."

Leader Lord, change our hearts.

People Help us to love you, O God, and our neighbours as

ourselves.

EARLY IN THE WEEK

- ending with:

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ourselves.

FRIDAY MORNING

- ending with:

Leader Lord, change our hearts.

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ourselves.

AFTER SCHOOL

- ending with:

Leader Lord, change our hearts.

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ourselves.

SATURDAY LUNCHTIME

- ending with:

Leader Please stand for the hymn.

Hymn

The Ten Commandments

1. You shall have no God but Me, To no idol bow the knee. Don't use God's name carelessly, May your Sabbath restful be.

Chorus

God's ten commandments, God's ten commandments, God's ten commandments, That He Himself has given.

2. Love your parents as you should For their loving parenthood; If you give them honour due, God Himself will honour you.

Chorus

3. Do not kill, be ever true
To the one you're married to;
Do not steal, and truthful be;
Keep yourself from envy free.

Chorus

Please sit for the reading, adapted from Exodus chapter 20 verses 1-17

Please remain seated as the play continues.

– ending with :

Leader Please sit or kneel for the prayers.

Prayers, led by members of the cast.

Leader Lord, change our hearts.

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Please stand for the hymn A New Commandment I give unto you

Hymn A New Commandment I give unto you

A new commandment I give unto you That you love one another As I have loved you, That you love one another As I have loved you.

By this shall all men know You are My disciples, If you have love one for another, By this shall all men know You are My disciples, If you have love one for another.

Please sit for the reading from 1 Corinthians chapter 13 verses 1-8, 11-13.

I may be able to speak the languages of human beings and even of angels, but if I have no love, my speech is no more than a noisy gong or a clanging bell. I may have the gift of inspired preaching; I may have all knowledge and understand all secrets; I may have all the faith needed to move mountains – but if I have no love, I am nothing. I may give away everything I have, and even give up my body to be burnt – but if I have no love, this does me no good.

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail.

Love is eternal.

When I was a child, my speech, feelings, and thinking were all those of a child; now that I am an adult, I have no more use for childish ways. What we see now is like a dim image in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. What I know now is only partial; then it will be complete – as complete as God's knowledge of me.

Meanwhile these three remain: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Leader Lord, change our hearts.

People Help us to love you, O God, and our neighbours as ourselves.

Please sit for the story

Thomas and his neighbour.

Please sit or kneel for the hymn

Change my heart, O God

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Leader Lord, change our hearts.

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Please stand for the hymn

Amazing Grace

- 1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind but now I see.
- 2. Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.
- 3. Through many dangers toils, and snares I have already come;
 Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4. When weve been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, Weve no less days to sing Gods praise Than when we first begun.

Please sit or kneel for the prayers ending with the Lord's Prayer, which we shall sing.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth, as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and for ever. Amen.

Please stand for the collection hymn

How great Thou art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the works Thy hand hath made; I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder; Thy power throughout the universe displayed –

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze –

Chorus

3. But when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin –

Chorus

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart, Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And there proclaim, My God, how great Thou art.

Chorus

Please remain standing for the Blessing

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Those taking part:

Leader
Overheads
Organists
Clipboard
Mum
Dad
Children

Helpers
Storyteller

We invite you to join us for a cuppa in the Hall (behind the church) at the end of this service.

Family Service dates for this year, both at 10am :

August 31st, October 26th.

Christmas Services:

Carol Service and Barbecue December 14th at 5pm Christingle Service December 24th at 7pm.

If anyone would like to take part in any of these services please 'phone ••••• (••••) at least two weeks before the date of the service.

Kids Club for Primary School children meets in the Hall 3:15pm – 4:15pm each Tuesday during term time. All children are welcome.