



St Paul's Hampton

*Growing spiritually and building community
through discipleship, worship & service*

February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00 am Holy Communion | Book of Common Prayer P67

10:30 am Holy Communion | Book of Alternative Services P185

Collect

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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Psalm 119: 1-8 – *The Psalmist affirms the delight in store for those who truly follow YAHWEH's commandments. He yearns for the ability to do so himself for the sake of his relationship with God.*

1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 (9:00am) – *St Paul laments that the divisions among the Corinthian church reveal their immaturity in Christ. They are more "of the flesh" than "of the spirit" when they align themselves with various leaders instead of realizing that all are merely servants of Christ. Each of us is to use our ability to build up the whole church.*

Matthew 5: 21-37 – *In the gospel Jesus calls his church to a way of life that refuses to tolerate even the attitudes that lead to sinful action, not just sinful action itself. Anger and lustful thoughts are just as much the true enemies of our soul as the actual acts of murder and adultery to which they lead. To follow Jesus truly is a challenge to our usual way of thinking.*

REFLECTIONS:

Why do you think Jesus is so intent on raising the bar on all these commandments?

Do you think the original commandments might have been wrong somehow?

Do you think what Jesus says is too extreme?

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