

# ¶ *The Presentation of the Four Texts*

## I **Jesus' Summary of the Law**

*One of the following or other readings may be used*

Exodus 20.1-19; Leviticus 19.9-18; Romans 8.1-4; Romans 13.8-10;  
Galatians 5.13-14; Mark 12.28-34

*One of the following psalms may be used*

Psalm 1; 15; 119.9-16; 119.97-104

*The minister addresses those who are disciples on the Way of faith*

Brothers and sisters, listen carefully to the words that Jesus gave us as a summary of the law. These few words help us understand how we are to live as human beings in God's world. They are given not to condemn us but to show how by the grace of God we may live as free people reflecting the goodness and love of God.

*The Summary of the Law is read*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

God of truth,

help us to keep your law of love

and to walk in ways of wisdom,

that we may find true life

in Jesus Christ your Son.

*All* **Amen.**