

b17Pentecost 13 ~ August 30, 2009 ~ A homily preached by The Rev'd Erl G. Purnell at *Old St. Andrew's Church*, Bloomfield, CT

Song of Solomon 2.8-13; Psalm 45.1-2, 7-10; James 1.17-27; Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Great Love & Redemption

Song of Solomon

- *Arise my love, my fair one, and come away*
- Scripture – exciting, evocative, even erotic
- The stuff of life! - I love that!
- We talk about “love” ... Song of Solomon portrays Love

Love, amour (Fr), amore (It), amor (Sp), amo (L)

Greek: agapê ; erôs ; philadelphia

- **Erôs**: *Arise my love, my fair one, and come away*
- **Philadelphia**: brotherly/sisterly affection
- **Agapê**: communal love ; commensality

Life filled w/ opportunities for Love

Ted Kennedy – 3 stages of life

Youth

- Life of privilege
- arrogance

1960s – 1980s

- 1962 - Jack's Senate seat
- Tragedy: JFK ; RFK ; plane crash ; Chappaquiddick
- Alcohol ; philandering ; broken marriage

Senior years

- Break from sordid past
- Vicki Reggie (**Great Love**)
- Soccer dad
- Friend, colleague, collaborator
- Passionate civil servant
- Conciliator
- For the good of *ALL*

Redemption

- *Be doers of the Word*
- Works not just words

Jesus & Pharisees in market place

- Pharisees don't get it
- What's important here?
- What are **you** going to **DO**?

Said many times before ... All I have to say

Amen.