

**Welcome to our meeting.** *Our meetings are designed so that we may grow together spiritually in a relaxed atmosphere of mutual respect and honour, recognising that we are all on a journey. Doubts and questions are welcome. We trust in God's unconditional love.*

**We begin** *by sharing time together then we pray, sometimes sing, read the scriptures, there is a short message and discussion.*

**We then** *pray for one another and for what is on our hearts.*

**We finish** *by praying together the prayer Jesus taught.*

✠ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ✠

May 25, 2025

Year C, Revised Common Lectionary

**Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives.**

**May we never give up praying.**

**When we pray, may we keep alert and be thankful.**

**Pray that together we may make the message of the mystery of Christ as clear as possible.**

**Amen**

**(Based on Colossians 3 and 4)**

Acts 16:9-15 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us,

saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

#### Psalm 67

- ✧ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
- ✧ that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
- ✧ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- ✧ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah
- ✧ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- ✧ The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
- ✧ May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day— and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit,

producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

John 14:23-29 Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

**Listen carefully to these words from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount:**

'Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of  
heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5

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.

Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.

Amen.

**Numbers 6:24-26**

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine  
upon you, and be gracious to  
you; the LORD lift up his  
countenance upon you, and give  
you peace.

Please join us to find a place of prayer and rest in a busy week. From intimacy in prayer God is able to do many things. Wednesday at 8pm.

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