

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

May you never give up praying.

When you pray, may you 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)

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.*

✠ NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST -PROPER 14 ✠

August 10, 2025

Year C, Revised Common Lectionary

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah...

Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more! Bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove your evil deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: If your sins are like scarlet, will they become like snow? If

they are red like crimson, will they become like wool? If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land, but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

- ✧ The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- ✧ Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
- ✧ Our God comes and does not keep silent; before him is a devouring fire and a mighty tempest all around him.
- ✧ He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
- ✧ "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
- ✧ The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.
Selah
- ✧ "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you.
- ✧ I am God, your God. Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me...

- ✧ Mark this, then, you who forget God, or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to deliver.
- ✧ Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honour me;
- ✧ to those who go the right way, I will show the salvation of God."

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible...

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as

many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12:32-40 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Let us pray (Psalm 19)

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, Lord, my rock, and my redeemer. Amen

Short Message and discussion

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

Matthew 5:38-39

³⁸ 'You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also...

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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