

**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.*

✠ ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST -- PROPER 16 ✠

August 24, 2025

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Jeremiah 1:4-10 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, LORD God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Psalm 71:1-6

- ✧ In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.
- ✧ In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.
- ✧ Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
- ✧ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
- ✧ For you, O LORD, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.
- ✧ From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb.
- ✧ My praise is continually of you.

Hebrews 12:18-29 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which

we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Luke 13:10-17 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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 5:43-45

⁴³ 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

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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