

**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.

**¶ FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST -- PROPER 19 ¶**

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Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse, a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. "For my people are foolish; they do not know me; they are stupid children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and it was complete chaos, and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation, yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn and the heavens above grow black, for I have spoken; I have purposed; I have not relented, nor will I turn back.

## Psalm 14

- ✖ Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.
- ✖ The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.
- ✖ They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.
- ✖ Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD?
- ✖ There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.
- ✖ You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.
- ✖ O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
- ✖ When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

1 Timothy 1:12-17 I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 15:1-10 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

Matthew 6:5-6 (GNB)

"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites! They love to stand up and pray in the houses of worship and on the street corners, so that everyone will see them. I assure you, they have already been paid in full. But when you pray, go to your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. And your Father, who sees what you do in private, will reward you.

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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