

Weekly Fellowship
Wednesday 13th September 2023



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Join us for weekly fellowship, reflection and prayer

Wednesdays 10am-11am

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Opening Prayer

In the name of the Blessed Trinity
of Life and Light and Love.

Amen.

Psalm 114

*1 When Israel came out of Egypt,
Jacob from a people of foreign tongue,
2 Judah became God's sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.
3 The sea looked and fled,
the Jordan turned back;
4 the mountains leaped like rams,
the hills like lambs.
5 Why was it, sea, that you fled?
Why, Jordan, did you turn back?
6 Why, mountains, did you leap like rams,
you hills, like lambs?
7 Tremble, earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
8 who turned the rock into a pool,
the hard rock into springs of water.*

Thanks be to God for His word.

Gospel Reading Matthew 18.15-20

The parable of the unmerciful servant

21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?'

22 Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.[a]

*23 'Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.
24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold[b] was brought to him. 25 Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.'*

26 *'At this the servant fell on his knees before him. "Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay back everything."* 27 *The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.*

28 *'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.[c] He grabbed him and began to choke him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded.*

29 *'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay it back."*

30 *'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.*

32 *'Then the master called the servant in. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. 33 Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" 34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.*

35 *'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'*

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Reflection

We look back over the Bible readings
and explore any thoughts or questions that come to mind.

Prayer

We take our reading and reflection into prayer,
praying especially for those on our hearts or minds today.

We close our time of prayer with the Lord's Prayer,
and a blessing for all for whom we pray,
for one another and for ourselves.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen**

Come, O Christ.

**Open our minds to your presence,
our hearts to your love.
And bless us in waking us
to love, joy and peace,
patience, kindness and generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.**

Let us bless God.

Amen.

If there is anything you would like to talk through any time,
just send me a message.

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