

Weekly Fellowship  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025



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**Join us for weekly fellowship, reflection and prayer**

**Wednesdays 10am-11am**

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## Opening Prayer

O God, make speed to save us.

**All O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,

**All and teach me your paths.**

## Psalm 24.1-10

**Of David. A psalm.**

*1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;*

*2 for he founded it on the seas  
and established it on the waters.*

*3 Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?  
Who may stand in his holy place?*

*4 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not trust in an idol  
or swear by a false god.*

*5 They will receive blessing from the Lord  
and vindication from God their Saviour.*

*6 Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek your face, God of Jacob.*

*7 Lift up your heads, you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.*

*8 Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord strong and mighty,  
the Lord mighty in battle.*

*9 Lift up your heads, you gates;  
lift them up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.*

*10 Who is he, this King of glory?  
The Lord Almighty –*

*he is the King of glory.*

**Thanks be to God for His word.**

### **Gospel Reading Luke 2.22-40**

#### ***Jesus presented in the temple***

*22 When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord), 24 and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: 'a pair of doves or two young pigeons'.*

*25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:*

*29 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,*

*you may now dismiss your servant in peace.*

*30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,*

*31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:*

*32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,*

*and the glory of your people Israel.'*

*33 The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'*

*36 There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. 38 Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.*

*39 When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.'*

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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**

May God grant to the world justice, truth and peace.

**All Amen.**

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

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