

A PRAYER BEFORE READING THE SCRIPTURES Dianna Brookes

Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may in wisdom hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by practice, and comfort of Thy Holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen!*

BIBLE READINGS -

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Genesis 45:1-15 (Pages 47-48) Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (Pages 1121-1122)
Matthew 15:21-28 (Pages 971-972)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

MESSAGE:

Liam McKenna

HYMN: 161 “*Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord!*”

NOTICES - Sunday Worship 27 August 10:00 am - at Crows Nest UC.

- Please join our sisters and brothers for Sunday worship.
- **Father's Day** - Sunday 3 Sept - Extended Morning Tea.
- **Movie/Pizza Night** - Tuesday 5 September 6:30 pm.
- **Elders' and Council Meeting** - Wednesday 6 Sep 12:30 pm.
- **Church 100th Anniversary Worship Service - Sunday 10 Sept 2023 at 2:00 pm.** Come and bring guests with you.
- **Spring Fashion Parade** - Thursday 14 September.

OFFERING - “*Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*”.
(Matthew 6:21)

HYMN: 189 “*Glory to Our Boundless God*”

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING OUT and BLESSING

Liam McKenna

Go out into the world in the power of the Spirit; in all things, at all times, remember that Christ is with you.

The grace of Christ attend you; the love of God surround you; the Holy Spirit keep you; this day and for ever. *Amen!*

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Pentecost 12

20 August 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Virginia Knowles

Let us sing of the beauty around us!

Let us sing of the beauty within!

O hear the earth tell that all shall be well!

All shall be well. In our bliss, in our sorrow, in the sun and in the rain, all shall be well.

INVOCATION

Virginia Knowles

Put Your music in our soul, O Lord. If we have lost our song, help us find it. If our joy has dried up, water us with the lyrics of Your love. If our voices are flat, enliven us with the energy of life. O Lord, receive this our act of worship and praise, to the glory and honour of Your name. **Amen!**

HYMN: 152 “*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*” Virginia Knowles

PRAYER - from St. Augustine

Virginia Knowles

You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised: great is Your power and to Your wisdom there is no limit. And man, who is a part of Your creation, wishes to praise You You arouse him to take joy in praising You, for You have made us for Yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in You Lord, let me seek You by calling upon You, and let me call upon You by believing in You, for You have been preached to us. Lord, my faith calls upon You, that faith which You have given to me, which You have breathed into me by the incarnation of Your Son and through the ministry of Your preacher.

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Virginia Knowles

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give You most humble and hearty thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men.

We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Your inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech You, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be sincerely thankful; and that we show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen!**

HYMN: 717 “*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*” Virginia Knowles

CONFESSION

Ian Butters

We come to God, knowing that we have failed to obey the call of Jesus to love God and one another with our whole being; but we come also to a God who reaches out to us with healing and reconciliation.

Silence

Let us pray:

God of all mercy, give us grace today to make a fresh start.

We know we have not loved You with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbour as ourselves. As we hope to be forgiven, teach us how to forgive; and lead us forward in a new life where neither grudges nor resentment have a part; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen!**

Silence

Let us pray:

For our misuse of Your creation, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

For our failure to love as You have loved us, Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

For our lack of faith in Your gift of life, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Ian Butters

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom; for God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Hear then Christ's word of grace to us: 'Your sins are forgiven'.

Thanks be to God.

DOXOLOGY

Ian Butters

*Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame;
All glory, honour, to God's name.*

HYMN: 52 “*Let Us Sing to the God of Salvation*”

Ian Butters