

A PRAYER BEFORE READING THE SCRIPTURES

In effortless phrases, well-worn upon our lips, simple forms of inspiration catch us and call to us again. As these words settle into our minds, may we feel them stir and lift our hearts. *Amen!* (Gretta Vosper Another Breath)

BIBLE READINGS -

Colossians 1:1-14 (Page 1165)

Roslyn McCawley

James 5:13-20 (Page 1099)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

MESSAGE *“The Power of Faithful Prayer”* Krikor Youmshajekian

NOTICES - **Movie/ Pizza Nights** - Tuesday 1 October 6:30 pm.


- **Lane Cove Music** - Tue 8 Oct at 7:30 pm in LCM Anglican Church. Sydney Eisteddfod/Pollard Awards concert.
- **Sunday 20 October** - We will join Crows Nest Uniting for Worship at 10:00 am at Crows Nest.
- **John Flynn Combined Service with LCU and the Great Outback BBQ** Sun 27 October 9:30 am at St. Columba's.
- **Elders' & Council Meetings** Wed 30 October 10:30 am.
- **Reserve the Sunday 1 Dec - Advent 1 and St. Andrew's Day** - Rev. Bill Crews from Exodus Foundation will be our guest speaker followed by the St. Andrew's Day Lunch.

OFFERING - *Honour the Lord with your wealth.* (Proverbs 3:9)

HYMN: 590 *“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

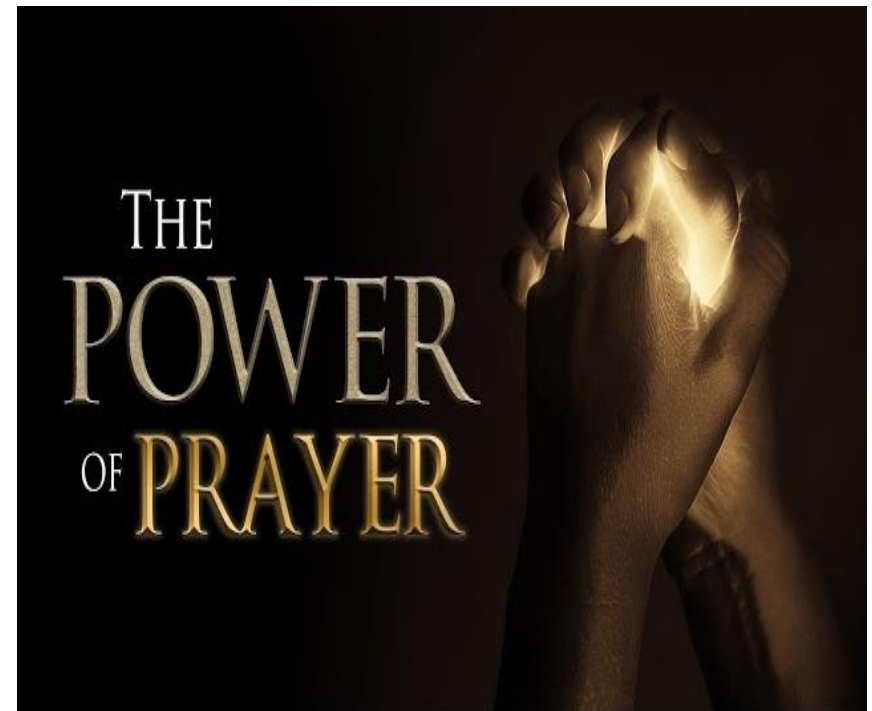
BENEDICTION



Remember Daylight Saving starts on the 6th of October.
Please make sure to change your clocks forwardswards.

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ORDER OF SERVICE
PENTECOST 19
29 September 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

(Psalm 95:1-3)

Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord, bless His name;

Tell of His salvation from day to day.

I will bless the Lord at all times;

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

Let the afflicted hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt his name together!

(Psalm 34:1-3)

HYMN: 152 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

A PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, our true life, to know You is life, to serve You is freedom, to enjoy You is kingdom, to praise You is the joy and happiness of the soul.

I praise and bless and adore You, I worship You, I glorify You. I give thanks to You for Your great glory. I humbly beg You to live with me, to reign in me, to make this heart of mine a holy temple, a fit habitation for Your divine majesty.

(Augustine of Hippo 354-430)

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 27

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THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them to the Lord our God.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks. It is our joy and our peace, at all times and in all places, to give thanks to You, holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, through Christ our Lord.

We bless You for Your continual love and care for every creature. We praise You for forming us in Your image and calling us to be Your people.

We thank You that You did not abandon us in our rebellion against Your love but sent prophets and teachers to lead us into the way of salvation.

Above all we thank You for sending Jesus Your son to deliver us from the way of sin and death by the obedience of His life, by His suffering upon the cross, and by His resurrection from the dead. We praise You that He now reigns with You in glory and ever lives to pray for us. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity, and out of every people unites us into one holy church. Therefore, with the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth we worship and glorify You, God most holy, and we sing with joy.

HYMN: 10 “The Lord is My Shepherd” (Tune 129)

TIME TO PRAY

- Praying for Lebanon, Israel and Palestine

Father of all mercies, we pray for the families who have fled their homes in fear. We lift up the mothers and fathers who have escaped with only their children, leaving everything else behind. Their country has changed, their lives will never be the same and they are afraid of the future.

Lord, You are the God who heals. Please bring Your comfort and healing to those who are hurting.

We lift up the communities who have taken in refugees and displaced people, even though they may be struggling themselves. We thank You for their generosity and compassion towards those in distress.

Lord, You are the God who provides. We pray that timely help and support will reach all who are in need.

Father, there is so much pain and conflict across the Middle East. We pray for leaders throughout the region and ask You to turn their hearts towards peace. As our leaders and those around the world consider how to respond to war and destruction, please grant them wisdom and insight.

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Prince of Peace. We pray for an end to the violence and bloodshed and ask You to bring a new dawn of peace across the Middle East and especially Lebanon.

God of all creation, bring justice and peace to our world. Teach us to be peacemakers. Guide us in our pursuit of justice and the common good. Inspire us to welcome all, forgive all, and love all. Direct us as we walk in the shadow of Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Inspire us to perceive the world through Your eyes, that we might find hope and joy each day, supportive of each other, for the sake of your Kingdom.

HYMN: 472 “Father of Mercy, God of Consolation”