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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

The Shortest Form

Prayer is an essential part of the Christian life, and one that is at once the easiest to do and the easiest not to do. Prayer can be hard in terms of taking the time to pray, and it can be difficult if we place the expectation on ourselves that we need to be incredibly eloquent and erudite in the form of our prayers.

The Church, however, tries to make it easier on us by providing us with ways to pray in the Daily Offices and Daily Devotions (page 136) found in our Book of Common Prayer. In fact, the Daily Devotions are the short form the Daily Office.

There is, however, an even shorter form of the Office. We say it at every celebration of the Eucharist, and we will hear it in this week's Gospel. I mean, of course, what has come down to us as The Lord's Prayer. In it we find both the pattern of content for prayer and a form that has Jesus' own imprimatur.

So, if you find it difficult to pray in terms of time or struggling to find the words, the Lord's Prayer is the shortest form of the

The Good News

July 26, 2019



Evensong

Is held each week at 5:30PM on Sunday. If you cannot make it to Sunday morning services Evensong is a great way to end the weekend and prayerfully prepare for the new week.

Midweek Activities

There will be a 5:30 Eucharist followed by Adult Study this week. We will be reading 1 Enoch (from the Deuterocanonical Books). Copies are available on the table next to the copy room.

There will be no Midweek activities on 14 August as Fr. Halt will be attending a Basic Training Graduation for one of our youth.

Outreach Opportunities

Items of the Month

In August and September the Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies for Oakland School. The supply list includes items for individuals for grades Kindergarten through 5th grades. For example, the First grade list includes: Elmer's white glue, large box of facial tissues, large washable classic Crayola markers and backpack (no wheels). Please see the complete list for supplies for all grades. The supply lists will be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office and near the collection baskets (in August). Place your supplies in the baskets in the vestibule between the sanctuary and the parish hall. Thank you for helping the Outreach Committee with this important project.

Office. If you are not praying regularly, consider simply adding this prayer to your life when you arise, at noon, and when you lie down to sleep.

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Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield

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The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

Worship Serving Schedule

4-August 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Christian Pitts

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Thurifer: John Stoffer

Lector: Sandy Kohlase

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Shelley Carter

Coffee Hour: Sandy Kohlase & Danielle Ward

11-August 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Kathryn Morris

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Christian Pitts

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Amy Halt

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Kia Griffin & Georgia

St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of July 28

Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

Monday-5:00 p.m.-WMFY Classes

Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

6:00 p.m.-Zumba

Wednesday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons

5:30 p.m.-Mid-week Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m.-Adult Study

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Holy Eucharist & breakfast

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons
Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer
Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Zumba

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.

Readings for July 28, 2019

Hymns: #372, #488, #337, #591

Old Testament

Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Psalm 138

Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *

because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name *

and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; *

you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *

when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *

that great is the glory of the Lord.

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *

he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;

your right hand shall save me.

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *

O Lord, your love endures for ever;

do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Epistle

Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ.

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a

spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the

power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all

our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food

and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance

belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not

holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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The Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Birthdays & Anniversaries July 28 - August 3

Anniversaries

Julie & Jim Cooper

Birthdays

Allan Horsman

Dedications for this week:

The Memorial candle is lit in loving memory of

John Palm

by Melody & Chuck Palm

Collect for 7th Sunday after Pentecost, July 28th

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; Through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who liveth and reignth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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