

GOING OUT TO SERVE GOD:

Grant us, Heavenly Father
Reverence, as we recall your glory,
Understanding as we recall your compassion,
and gratitude as we recall your goodness.

So that we may go from this service with our knowledge deepened,
with love rekindled and with strength to live better lives through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BLESSING

The Lord keep you safe in his grasp; know that you can never fall out of
the everlasting arms, and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and those you care for,
now and always. Amen

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Anne, Margaret, Johnny, Alan, Sylvia,
Joyce, Eddie, Audra, Adam, Arlene
Senior members resident in care homes
Nan, Isabel, Leslie, Lillian, Tom, Sally, Kay



Remember all who have been bereaved especially Patsy Hoy and family following the death of Bobby, formerly of 61 Blythe Street.

PARISH PRAYER LINE – TEL: 07553404711 (New)

NOTICES

Next Sunday 20 September: 11am Informal Service
Wednesday 23 September: 7.30pm Confirmation Service
Please keep the candidates in you prayers: Emma, James, Natalie,
Brooks and Tommy.

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TODAY'S THEME: FORGIVENESS

GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
And also with you

PENITENCE *(We say sorry to God)*

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.

Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead but now have life
through Christ our Lord. Amen

ABSOLUTION *(We receive God's forgiveness)*

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our
Saviour, forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the
world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PSALM PRAISE 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul;

And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:

Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,

Who redeems your life from destruction,

Who crowns you with loving-kindness and tender mercies,

Who satisfies your mouth with good things,

So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen

The Ministry of the Word

Gen.50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves."

But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Matthew 18:21-35

"Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.



"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. 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.

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

"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow-servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. "His fellow-servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'

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

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

"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you that in your redeeming love you have drawn us together as members of your Church. We pray that you would deepen our love for you, strengthen our fellowship with each other and help us to worship you in spirit and in truth. We pray that during this time of change, we will keep our eyes fixed on you and trust you for the future. Help us to be faithful in our prayers for the continuing ministry in this community and guide us in all things to know and do your will, for the honour and glory of your name. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER