

Praying with Paul

Notices

- RIP Margaret Nash, 2pm, Mon 11th, St Faith's
- Tuesday 12th – coffee morning in HH - Fran
- Cheese & Wine, 7pm, Wed 13th, Rectory

Introduction & Welcome

We are met in the presence of God,

and we do not meet alone:

With the angels in the highest heaven,

we gather to worship the Lord.

With the church throughout the world,

we gather to worship the Lord.

By children and babes at the breast

God's holy name is praised.

With drums, sitars and trumpets

God's holy name is praised.

In barrios and basilicas,

God's holy name is praised.

And here with our hearts and our voices,

God's holy name is praised.

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[From "A Wee Worship Book" 1999, Wild Goose Worship Group]

Song: Jesus, the name high over all

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In hell or earth or sky

Angels and men before it fall

And devils fear and fly

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Jesus, the name to sinners dear

The name to sinners given

It scatters all their guilty fear

And turns their hell to heaven

And turns their hell to heaven

Jesus, the prisoner's fetters breaks
And bruises Satan's head
Power into strengthless souls it speaks
And life into the dead
And life into the dead

O, that the world might taste and see
The riches of His grace
The arms of love that compass me
Would all mankind embrace
Would all mankind embrace

Receiving God's Forgiveness

In baptism we died with Christ,
so that, as Christ was raised
from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.
Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins
in penitence and faith.

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection,
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

Let us heed this promise from our 2nd reading:

'The Father....has brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.'

Colossians 1 verses 13 – 14

May the God of love and power
Forgive us and free us from our sins,
Heal and strengthen us by His Spirit,
And raise us to new life
in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Song: Only By Grace Can We Enter

Only by grace can we enter
Only by grace can we stand
Not by our human endeavour
But by the blood of the Lamb
Into Your presence You call us
You call us to come
Into Your presence You draw us
And now by Your grace we come
Now by Your grace we come

Lord if You mark our transgressions
Who would stand?
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed
By the blood of the Lamb

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Song: When I Survey

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Matthew 6:5-8 (NIV)

⁵ “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

⁷ And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Colossians 1:1-14 (NIV)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
² To God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you.

In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,

¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Talk – Jill Wright, AWA
PRAYING WITH PAUL

Map of Turkey, Showing Colossae



Colossians 1:1-14

Paul's prayer of...

v. 2 Blessing

vv. 3 – 6 Thanksgiving

vv. 9 – 14 Intercession

v.2 BLESSING of...

Grace
&
Peace...

from God our Father

vv. 3 – 6 We always thank God..... because of...

- **your faith in Christ Jesus** and

- **the love you have for all God's people** –
- the **faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven** and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is **bearing fruit** and
- **growing** throughout the whole world – just as it has been doing **among you** since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace....

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- **fill you with the knowledge of his will** through all the wisdom and understanding *that the Spirit gives*,
 - so that **you may live a life worthy of the Lord** and
 - **please him in every way:**
 - **bearing fruit in every good work,**
 - **growing in the knowledge of God,**
 - **being strengthened with all power** according to his glorious might so that
 - **you may have great endurance and patience** and
- **giving joyful thanks to the Father**, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light....

Special Prayer for 4th Sunday After Trinity

Gracious Father,
 by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world:
 draw us into harmony with your will
 that we may find all things restored in him,
 our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Song: May the Mind of Christ My Saviour

May the mind of Christ, my Saviour,
 Live in me from day to day,
 By His love and power controlling
 All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
 In my heart from hour to hour,

So that all may see I triumph
Only through His power.

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me,
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
This is victory.

May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.

May His beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing only Him.

Declaring What We Believe

Let us declare our faith in God:

**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 strengthen us
with power from on high.**

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

AMEN

Our Prayers

Led by Bev

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.

Song: O Happy Day

The greatest day in history
Death is beaten, You have rescued me
Sing it out, Jesus is alive
The empty cross, the empty grave
Life eternal, You have won the day
Shout it out, Jesus is alive
He's alive

Oh, happy day, happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh, happy day, happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed

When I stand in that place
Free at last, meeting face to face
I am yours, Jesus, You are mine
Endless joy, perfect peace
Earthly pain finally will cease
Celebrate, Jesus is alive
He's alive

Oh, happy day, happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh, happy day, happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed

Oh, what a glorious day
What a glorious way
That You have saved me
And oh, what a glorious day
What a glorious name

Oh, happy day, happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh, happy day, happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed

Closing Blessing

We seek God's blessing as we leave:

From where we are
to where you need us,
Christ be beside us.

From what we are
to what you can make of us,
Christ be before us.

From the mouthing of generalities
to making signs of your kingdom
Christ be beneath us.

Through the streets of this world
to the gate of heaven
Christ be above us.

Surround us with your presence,
inspire us with your purpose,
confirm us in your love.

Amen.

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