



In today's Gospel passage, the disciples ask Jesus "Lord, teach us to pray." These were friends of Jesus who had been following him for some time - prayer was not unknown to them. Clearly, they were not hoping to develop a new skill, but to seek a way to enhance their ongoing and daily communication with God.

Prayer, for the disciples (and all of us), is meant to be a means to improve our relationship with God, with hopes to better align their lives with the will of the divine. It encourages us to continually open ourselves to the Spirit in our lives, to read and pray over scripture so that we are continually reaching new understanding of God in the world and in one another.

Jesus' perfect response to his followers is to pray more: more often, more deeply, more personally, more vulnerably. It indicates that we can never have too much prayer, or too much connection with God. How refreshing to be reminded that through the simple and poignant daily practice of prayer, we are being engaged in a mystical dance with the Holy One.

Lord, teach us to pray!

Laura Marie+

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Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

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*To all who mourn or need comfort,
To all who are weary and need rest,
To all who seek friendship,
To all who desire to grow in relationship with God
To all who yearn to pray,
To all who need a Saviour, And to all whoever will worship,
This Church of St. John's opens wide its doors
and in the name of Christ our Lord, says - WELCOME.*

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGY:
Licensed Lay Ministers: 8:30 am Bill Black
10:30 am Robert MacMillan, Heather Hyson
Lectors: 8:30 am Christina Pottie, Maureen Moffatt
10:30am Patsy Perkins, Sheila Morris
Sidespersons & Hostesses: Ann Grandy, Carolyn White

NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 4th
Licensed Lay Ministers: 8:30 am Bill Black
10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Robert MacMillan
Lectors: 8:30 am Carolyn Hogg, Ben Smith
10:30am Mary Meisner, Haigh Carthew
Sidespersons & Hostesses: Susan MacMillan, Hazel Oliver

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: Music for lute - Kerry Burse, lute

Processional Hymn #2 'When Morning Gilds the Skies'

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no
secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Gloria

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

All and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen!

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom
nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your
mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass
through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF HOSEA

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea,
"Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of
whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the
Lord." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she
conceived and bore him a son. And the Lord said to him, "Name him
Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood
of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On
that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel." She
conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name
her Loruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or
forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save
them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword,
or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen." When she had weaned
Loruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name
him Loammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God." Yet the
number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which
can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was
said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children
of the living God."
HOSEA 1:2-10

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.

You have withdrawn all your fury
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

Restore us then, O God our Saviour;
let your anger depart from us.

Will you be displeased with us for ever?
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

Will you not give us life again,
that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those
who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

As you therefore 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.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-19

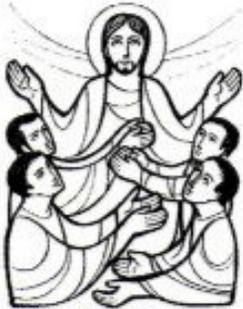
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn #92 'O Day of God, Draw Nigh'

GOSPEL

Reader The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE
People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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!" LUKE 11:1-13
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Laura Marie

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

To the petition "We pray."

Please respond with "Lord, hear our prayer."

Diocesan Cycle: We pray for Retired Clergy of Fort Sackville
Region: Rev Arthur Cuzner, Rev James Greene and Linda, Rev Tom Kerr and Aileen, Rev Judy Lafford and Arthur, Rev John Mills and Marsha.
Clergy Widows: Mrs. Judy Appleton, Mrs. Barbara Corbin, Mrs. Marion Andrews, Mrs. Greta Moore, Mrs. Barbara Tuck.
Local Ministerial: We pray for the congregation of St. John's Anglican Church and Rev. Laura Marie Piotrowicz.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams;
Clearwater - Atlantic Protector; Tall Ship - Picton Castle.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting us to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All : Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace and joy of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

Offertory Hymn #617 'Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee'

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of grace, accept all we offer you this day, as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #2

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

#726 Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power, God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.
Amen. (Sung)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

All We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

All The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Paraphrase: Malcolm Archer

O Lamb Of God (*Fraction Anthem*)

Malcolm Archer
The English Folk Song Mass

O Lamb of God, our Lord most ho-ly, who re-deems us from our
sin. Have mer-cy on us, meek and low-ly, make us clean and pure with-
in, grant us your peace we hum-bly pray, as we who wor-ship you to-day re-ceive your
bo-dy and your blood, re-newed in faith by heav'n-ly food.

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Hymns during Communion: #557 'Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ';
#664 'In Jesus' Name, We Pause to Pray'

Solo during Communion: The Lord is my Rock – Saint-Saëns
Janelle Lucyk, soprano; Tricia Snell, flute

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

All: God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and
resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to
your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus
Christ. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Celebrant Glory to God,

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Celebrant The peace of God which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son, Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God; the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you, those you love, those you pray
for, and those you serve, this day and forevermore. Amen.

Recessional Hymn #444 'Your Hand, O God, Has Guided'

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Toc-cat-a from Cat Suite – Bedard

NOTICES

MINISTRY FAIR!

A celebration of our many ministries will be held here at St John's
September 8th after the 8.30am and the 10.30am services.

more information to come

BREAKFAST ITEMS FOR DONATION TO FOOD BANK

Children who usually receive breakfast through school programs are
now home over the summer and breakfast at home is a stress for
many. Cereals, oatmeal, canned fruit are all great options for you to
donate to the Food Bank.

ST. JOHN'S SUMMER PROGRAMS

- During July and August we are offering daily guided tours 10 am
- 5 pm. Sunday tours are 12 noon - 5pm.
- Wednesday at Noon: Enjoy a half-hour of music at the church.
- St. John's chimes are played by Peter Allen and Nona White
Monday - Saturday at 1pm.

FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY

The Family and Youth Ministry is looking for three volunteers who would like to be part of the leadership team for our "Wednesday Morning Care-Giver and Tot Group". The children are accompanied by family and friends of all ages providing a wonderful multi generational mix for conversation over a morning coffee. It would be a commitment of only one morning each month 9:00am-12:00pm where the main responsibility is your presence. Our Family Fellowship Room provides a much needed place for all family members to come together and spend time with old friends and more importantly introduce themselves to new residents to our town and surrounding communities. The group has been a great success this past year and we truly want to keep it going. Those interested please call Rena Demone @ 902-277-0826 or email renademone@gmail.com

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesdays at Noon here at St. John's

July 31 at noon – Janelle Lucyk, soprano & Kerry Burse, lute

August 7 at noon – Musical Theatre

August 14 at noon – Montreal Guitar Trio (artists on tour with Musique Royale)

August 21 at noon – Perseus Trio

August 28 at noon – Glenn Patscha

A free will offering in support of St. John's Music Program is greatly appreciated.

Musique Royale performances to note:

Musique Royale provincial tour with Boxwood

Sunday July 28 at 3 pm - Osprey Arts Centre, Shelburne

Monday July 29 at 7:30 pm - St. John's in the Wilderness Church, New Germany

Tuesday July 30 at 7 pm - All Saints Anglican Church; Bedford

Wed. July 31 at 7:30 pm - St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Pictou

Thursday August 1 at 7 pm - Malagawatch United Church, Highland Village Museum, Iona

Friday August 2 at 7 pm - St. John's Anglican Church, Port Williams

At Cecilia's Retreat in Mahone Bay (Reservations needed –

barbara.butler@ns.sympatico.ca)

Montreal Guitar Trio - Monday, August 12 at 6 pm

Laura Smith and Kim Dunn - Sunday, August 18 at 4 pm

All proceeds to support Peggy Corkum/Musique Royale Legacy Award at Nova Scotia Talent Trust.

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