

St. Luke's Table

SEASON OF CREATION

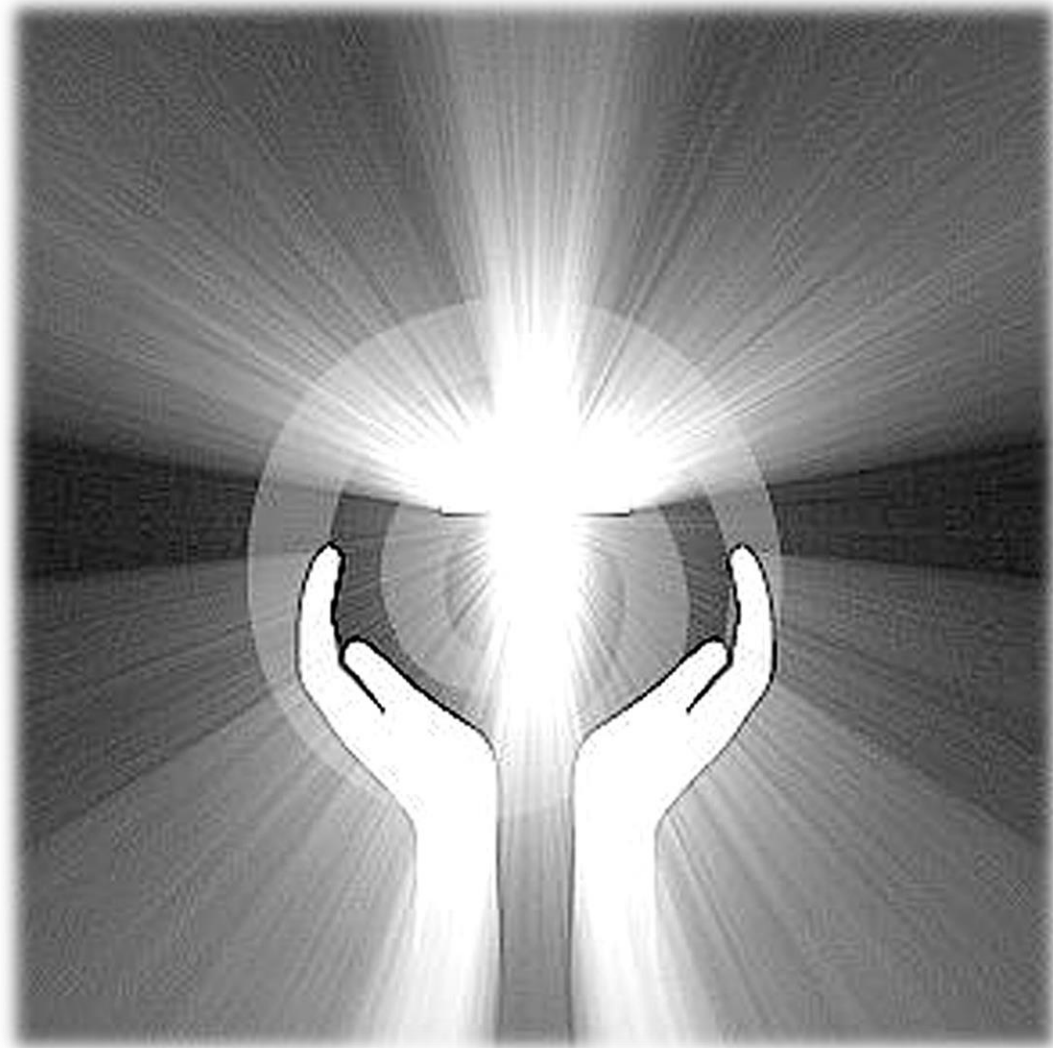
A new commandment
I give to you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.
John 13.34



Love One Another, Record number: [55171]

Announcements

Birthdays



For God So Loved the World, Record number: [57573]

Morning Prayer

(Service of the Word 1, Supplementary to the BAS)

The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn:

Will Your Anchor Hold



Cross-Anchor with Ship, Record number: [46034

Will Your Anchor Hold? (4 verses)

**Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
when the clouds unfold
their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift,
and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift or firm remain?**

**We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock
which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep
in the Saviour's love.**

**2. It is safely moored,
'twill the storm withstand,
for 'tis well secured by the Savior's hand;
and the cables passed
from His heart to mine,
can defy the blast,
through strength divine.**

**We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock
which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep
in the Saviour's love.**

**3. It will firmly hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers have told
the reef is near;
though the tempest rave
and the wild winds blow,
not an angry wave
shall our bark o'erflow.**

**We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock
which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep
in the Saviour's love.**

**4. It will surely hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold
chill our latest breath;
on the rising tide it can never fail,
while our hopes abide within the veil.**

**We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock
which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep
in the Saviour's love.**

The Grace

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

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**We thank you, O God,
that you have again brought us together
on the Lord's Day to praise you
for your goodness
and to ask your blessing.
Give us grace to see your hand
in the week that is past,
and your purpose in the week to come;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

**Most merciful God,
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.**

Merciful God,
grant to us, your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

**Almighty God,
you call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

A Reading from the Book of Genesis
(Chapter 50: verses 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.”

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.

Psalm 103 (alternating verses)

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

**He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.**

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

**For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.**

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.

**As a father cares for his children,
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.**

**God of infinite mercy and forgiveness,
by the cross and resurrection of Jesus your Son,
wash away our sins and deliver us
from our infirmities of body and spirit,
that we may live with him his risen life,
to the praise and glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Second Reading:
Paul's Letter
to the Romans 14: 1-12



History of Los Angeles Mural, detail of one section,
Los Angeles, CA

Our Second Reading is taken from Paul's Letter to the Romans (chapter 14, verses 1-12)

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions.

Some believe in eating anything while the weak eat only vegetables.

Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another?
It is before their own lord that they stand or fall.
And they will be upheld, for the Lord
is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another,
while others judge all days to be alike.
Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.
Those who observe the day, observe it
in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat,
eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God;
while those who abstain,
abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister?
Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister?
For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.
For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord,
every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gradual Hymn

Will You Come
and Follow Me

(First three verses)



Christ Cares for All -- Church of the Natividad,
Pangasinan, Philippines

Will You Come and Follow Me, (5 verses)

Will you come and follow me

If I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know

And never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,

Will you let my name be known?

Will you let my life be grown

In you and you in me?

**2. Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?**

**3. Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?**

The Good News

The Gospel of Christ according to Matthew 18: 21-35



Reconciliation -- Josephina Vasconcellos, Coventry
Cathedral, Coventry, England

The Gospel of Christ

according to Matthew (chapter 18, verses 21-35)

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”

Jesus said to him,

“Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.”

“For this reason the kingdom may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of the slave released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you? And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’”

Gradual Hymn

Will You Come
and Follow Me

(Last two verses)



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Pangasinan, Philippines

Reflection



National Shrine of Divine Mercy
Marilao, Philippines

The Creed

Let us confess our faith as we say,

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

And born of the Virgin Mary.

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Offered by Jackie Snair

As we stand in God's presence,
let us pray to the Lord, saying,
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

We pray for those who face lives filled with darkness: those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit; those bent under burdens of sorrow; those who cannot see the way ahead.

We pray for those who accompany others in dark times and places;

For those who comfort the grieving, and work for healing and new possibilities.

May all these find their darkness transformed by your presence.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

We pray for those who work for peace in the world,
for leaders and decision makers,
for those who hold power
and can make a difference in their communities,
and for those who make, interpret, and enforce laws.
Awaken a respect for the needs of the most vulnerable,
including the earth and its fragile balances.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

We pray for those who misunderstand
the words and actions of others,
and for those who are misunderstood.
We pray for those who teach,
and those who learn, especially those
who struggle and are afraid to ask for help.
In this challenging school year,
guide teachers and students
in new patterns of learning
and keep each one safe and healthy.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

We pray for our new Bishop
and for Reverend Laurie, Reverend Bill,
Jerry our Postulate and all the lay ministry team:
that they may remain faithful to their calling
and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

We pray for everyone in this community,
for those who are facing trials and difficulties,
for those who are sick or injured,
and for those who are dying.

We pray especially for those
we name aloud or in our hearts

In silence we name before you
other concerns on our minds today...

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

We pray for our prayer partner
the Parish of the Resurrection in Sydney.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

Merciful Father, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Offertory Hymn

Sister

Let Me Be Your Servant



Merciful Mother, Multi-media

Sister Let Me Be Your Servant, (6 verses)

**Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.**

**2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**6. Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God,

accept all we offer you this day.

**May we who are reconciled at this table
bring wholeness to our broken world.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

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Honouring our EFM graduates

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(Jerry's) recent graduation.



Multitudes, Pittman, Lauren Wright

Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

**Almighty God, you have given us grace
at this time with one accord
to make our common supplications to you,
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together
you will hear their requests.**

**Fulfill now our desires and petitions,
as may be best for us,
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the age to come eternal life;
for you, Father, are good and loving,
and we glorify you
Through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the Holy Spirit, now and for
ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Doxology

Glory to God

**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

May the God of hope
fill us with all joy
and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Seek Ye First



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