

## *On the Wings of Prayer*

*Just close your eyes and open your heart  
And feel your worries and cares depart,  
Just yield yourself to the Father above  
And let Him hold you secure in His love  
For life on earth grows more involved  
With endless problems that cant be solved—  
But God only asks us to do our best,  
Then He will “take over” and finish the rest...  
So when you are tired, discouraged and blue,  
There’s always one door to “**The House of Prayer**”  
And you’ll find God waiting to meet you there...  
And “**The House of Prayer**” is no further away  
Than the quiet spot where you kneel and pray—  
For the heart is a temple when God is there  
As we place ourselves in His loving care.  
And He hears every prayer and answers each one  
When we pray in His name “**Thy will be done**”—  
And the burdens that seemed too heavy to bear  
Are lifted away on “**the wings of prayer**”.*

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MARCH 5TH YEAR A 2023 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT.



### **Sentence**

**Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Joel 2: 13**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and one another: call forth our penitence and acts of love, and strengthen us to face our mortality, so that we may look with confidence for your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Genesis 12: 1-4a**

**1** The Lord had said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. **2** ‘I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. **3** I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.’ **4** So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

**Hear the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

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**Psalm 121**

**1** I lift up my eyes to the hills:  
but where shall I find help?  
**2** My help comes from the Lord:  
who has made heaven and earth.  
**3** He will not suffer your foot to stumble:  
and he who watches over you will not sleep.  
**4** Be sure he who has charge of Israel:  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
**5** The Lord himself is your keeper:  
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;  
**6** The sun shall not strike you by day:  
nor shall the moon by night.

*We welcome everyone*

**BIRTHDAY’S:**



Congratulations to those celebrating:  
Birthdays: Dot Smith 6th, Helen West 8th.  
No Anniversaries this coming week.

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**Notes to Remember:**

- At Parish Council Meeting, it was decided that fund raising events could and should be held this year.
- Second event End of Day Light Breakfast.
- The Catering committee have been asked to organise these events, but they will require a lot of help.

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**Word for Today:**

**Verse: Isaiah 55: 3**

*“I will make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the unfailing love I promised to David.”*

- God gives us His promise of His unfailing love towards us.
- Just as He was faithful to David, He will be faithful to you.
- You can enjoy God’s unfailing love, right now, and it will never end.
- Take hold of His promise to be your Companion, Protector, and Provider.

**PRAYER:** Lord, I thank you for your everlasting covenant and your unfailing love that I can enjoy today. Help me to hold onto You, and to trust in your unchanging faithfulness. May I walk confidently, knowing that You will never leave me or forsake me. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION

### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY Year A.

Marie Seckold  
Licensed Lay Minister on Duty

Genesis 12: 1-4a Judith Markham

Romans 4: 1-17 Noel Staniforth

Luke 22: 39-53

### Parish of West Wyalong Mission Statement

WE SHALL SERVE CHRIST AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AS AN ALL-AGE WELL-RESOURCED GROWING ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP USING THE "FIVE MARKS OF MISSION"

1. Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
2. Teach, baptise, and nurture new believers.
3. Respond to human need by loving service
4. Seek to transform unjust structures of society.
5. Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY 12TH MARCH 2023

Exodus 17: 1-7 Jan Heffer

Romans 5: 1-11 Caitlin Klouth

Luke 23: 26-49



### Next Service 12TH MARCH 2023. SIDE PERSONS:

Gwen Downey



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### MORNING TEA



Helen West

### CHURCH CLEANING



Arrangements have been made for professional cleaner to come

### BRASS CLEANING



### FLOWER ARRANGING



Shirley Magrath

### COUNTING TODAY

Frank Magrath  
Terry Butcher



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### Service Schedule



Service for next Sunday:  
Holy Communion 9.30am

7 The Lord will defend you from all evil:

it is he who will guard your life.

8 The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:  
from this time forward for evermore.

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Romans 4: 1-17

1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? 2 If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about – but not before God. 3 What does Scripture say?

‘Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.’ 4 Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. 5 However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. 6 David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the one to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: 7 ‘Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. 8 Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them.’ 9 Is this blessedness only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? We have been saying that Abraham’s faith was credited to him as righteousness. 10 Under what circumstances was it credited? Was it after he was circumcised, or before? It was not after, but before! 11 And he received circumcision as a sign, a seal

of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them. 12 And he is then also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised but who also follow in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised. 13 It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. 14 For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, 15 because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. 16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. 17 As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.' He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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### Prayer Requests

**Our Nation :** Prime Minister, Premier, our Mayor and Councillors. All elected and appointed people in positions of responsibility and their decision making.



**Worldwide Church:** Church of the Province of South East Asia.

**National Church:** We join with the Church throughout Australia who today pray for the Diocese of Bathurst, for Bishop Mark Calder and Susan, the clergy and people. Pray that they will be faithful and fruitful and have the joy of seeing the Lord at work through them.

**Bathurst Diocese:** The Parish of Oberon: Praise God for the appointment of the Rev'd Jonny Lush to the parish of Oberon and ask God's wisdom and strength for Jonny and Liz in their first year of ministry there. Thank the Lord for those who have carried the load in these past few years when they were without a minister. Remember Bishop Mark and Susan in your prayers.

**Other needs:** Pray for the nursing, ancillary and domestic staff in nursing homes, hostels, and aged care facilities and for the residents. Pray that our older citizens will be cherished and loved and that those who care for them would be given grace and patience.

**Parish:** We are thankful to God for His ongoing provision for us, and pray that He would guide us in His infinitely great wisdom for how we can faithfully serve His Kingdom in our community.

**Community:** St. Vincent De Paul, Anglicare, Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, Can Assist Committee, Far West Committee, Community Transport and their drivers. Ambulance and Police Services, all Doctors and Nursing Staff at our local hospital.

**We pray for Healing for:** All patients, who are in hospital, the Residents of the Waratah Village. We give thanks for the doctors and all staff who take care of them.

**Faithful Departed:** We pray for the families of their departed loved ones on the anniversary of their death: Ivy Lees, Dorothy, Lily Fahey, Glad Butcher, William Cowen, Henry Hull, Charlie Pratt, Russell Hukins, Thelma Devine (Mother Of Carmel Mead), Doris Smyth, Lillian Weller .

## Putting God First

*O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvellous for me.*

**Psalm 131: 1**

*Pride comes from overvaluing ourselves and undervaluing others. It leads to restlessness of spirit because it makes us dissatisfied with what we have and concerned with what everyone else is doing. It keeps us always hungering for more attention and acclamation.*

*By contrast, humility puts others first and allows us to be content with God's leading in our lives. Such contentment gives us security so that we no longer have to prove to others. Let humility and trust affect your perspective and give you the strength and freedom to serve God and others who may be in need.*

*Pride lures us into living independently of God. There is an incompatibility between blind arrogance and the presence of God in our heart. The proud person depends on himself or herself rather than on God.*

*This causes God's guiding influences to leave his or her life. When God's presence is welcome, there is no room for pride, because he makes us aware of our own true self.*

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The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ According to...

Luke 22:39-53

39 Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. 40 On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." 41 He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." 43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. 44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. 45 When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. 46 "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation." 47 While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, 48 but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" 49 When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" 50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. 51 But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him. 52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I

leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? 53 Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns.”

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**Sermon Title: Mount of Olives**

**Passage: Luke 22:39-53**

Jesus Prays – vv.39-46

Jesus Arrested – vv.47-53

**Bible Study Questions**

1. Is there anything that stood out for you from the passage or the message? New insights?
2. Of what is Jesus so afraid? What has caused Jesus so much emotional anguish?
3. We see the content of his prayer in v42. What is remarkable about this prayer?
4. Judgement is a necessary part of love. How is this the case?
5. Drinking the cup of God’s wrath is an image of God’s anger against evil – and God bringing disaster on evil itself. It is this cup Jesus prays will be taken from him. Why is this cup before Jesus at all - as one who was completely innocent and sinless?
6. Read Isaiah 53:3-6 and see a commentary on the reality of Jesus carrying God’s wrath. How do you react to Jesus’ willingness to do this for you?
7. Why couldn’t we just try to be better people – nice people; and pray more and go on pilgrimages and love one another more – why wouldn’t these be effective ways of saving us?
8. Do you see why Christians therefore, make exclusive claims about Jesus? (See John 14:6).
9. What is the nature of Jesus’ fear for us? – as seen in his fear for his disciples that night?
10. As we walk towards Easter, we are to remember that we walk on the only path that has hope. What are the sorts of things that take us away from or distract us from that path?
11. How can we help each other stay on this only path that brings hope and life?

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