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Sunday, June 11th

Matthew 15:29-39 *Jesus said “I have compassion for these people, they have been with me for three days and have had nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry or they may collapse on the way.”* (v.32 NIV)

I remember seeing a movie of the life of Christ where he lifts a large basket with two small fish in the bottom of it to his Father for a blessing. When he brings it down it is full of thousands of fish—enough to feed 4,000 hungry men plus women and children, with 12 baskets full of leftovers! Jesus cares for their needs.

In the same way we can offer up our time, talents, and treasure to our Heavenly Father for His blessing, and He will multiply them to meet the needs and bless many needy people.

Help us always remember, Lord, to share what we have with others.

Deuteronomy 29:16-29; Psalms 24, 29; Revelation 12:1-12

Monday, June 12th

Psalms 56 *When I am afraid I put my trust in you, in God whose word I praise in God I trust and am not afraid.* (vv.3-4)

David is being pursued by King Saul and his army. But David puts his trust in the Lord God Almighty. He promises to present his thank offering to God because he has delivered his feet from stumbling and now David can walk before God in the light of life (v.13).

As we walk with God we, too, can pray this prayer of praise and thanksgiving. We can count our blessings and name them one by one and see what great things God has done for us.

Thank you, gracious Father, for all Your kindness and tender mercy.

Deuteronomy 30:1-10; Psalms 57, 58; 2 Corinthians 10:1-18;
Luke 18:31-43

Tuesday, June 13th

Luke 19:1-10 *Zacchaeus stood up and said, “Look, Lord, here and now I give half my possessions to the poor; and if I have cheated anybody out of anything. I will pay back four times the amount.”* (v.8)

Jesus has come to Jericho. Zacchaeus the chief tax collector (a wealthy man but also a short man) cannot see over the crowd so he climbs up a sycamore tree. When Jesus reaches the spot, he looks up at Zacchaeus and says, “Zacchaeus come down. I must stay at your house today.” Zacchaeus comes to saving faith that day.

Jesus sees Zacchaeus’ change of heart and says, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost” (v.9). Proof of his pure heart is his promise to Jesus. Would we be as generous?

Lord, may we always remember to share what we have with others.

Deuteronomy 30:11-20; Psalms 61, 62; 2 Corinthians
11:1-21a

Wednesday, June 14th

Deuteronomy 31:30–32:14 *I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just.* (vv.3-4)

Moses is turning over leadership of the children of Israel to Joshua as they are about to enter the Promised Land. He offers life and prosperity or death and destruction. This same choice is available to us. We can go God’s way or the wrong way. It’s a warning to our nation as well. May we walk with God!

Lord, help us be a nation whose God is You, the Lord Almighty—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Psalms 72; 2 Corinthians 11:21b-33; Luke 19:11-27

Thursday, June 15th

Psalms 70 *May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, “The LORD is great!”* (v.4)

Yes, God is good all the time and all the time God is great! Our Heavenly Father sends many blessings every day. He forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. He answers our prayers and sends the Holy Spirit to guide us. He gives us His peace which passes all understanding and keeps our hearts and minds centered on Him.

We thank You, Gracious Father, for all Your kindness and tender mercies.

2 Chronicles 6:18-31, Psalms 71; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Luke
19:28-40

Friday, June 16th

Psalms 69 *I will praise God’s name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.* (v.30)

Practicing the attitude of gratitude is such an important spiritual discipline. Thanking the Lord throughout the day for His presence and peace should fill our waking hours. Thankfulness is the language of love between us and God our Heavenly Father.

As we thank God for His blessings and rejoice in His goodness, we don't have time to worry and complain. Keep our eyes on you, dear Jesus, and all your goodness to us so that our hearts are filled with thanksgiving.

2 Chronicles 26:1-22; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21; Luke 19:41-48

Saturday, June 17th

2 Corinthians 13:1-14 *Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All God's people here send their greetings. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.* (v.11-13)

During the Covid 19 pandemic it was good to have Church on the computer. But I greatly missed having Holy Communion, passing the peace, and fellowshiping with my brothers and sisters in Christ. It is great to be back together again.

In this passage from Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth, he gives greetings and blessings. They are good advice for 21st century believers as well.

Thank You, Lord, for our Church family—we are indeed the body of Christ.

2 Chronicles 31:2-10, 20-21; Psalms 75, 76; Luke 20:1-8

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Mary's, Goochland, and St. Stephen's, Catlett

CURRENT PRAYER LIST

Christine, Dianne, Ellen, Gary, Harry, James, Johnny, Kathy, Latavia, Marlene, Penny, Steve, Walter, Susan Anderson, Janet Bailey, Joanne Beck, Mo Cowie, Jenny Grant, Liam Jackson, Ken Luehrs, Nancy Russler, Janice Lee Sealy, Marianne Simpson, Shirley Sumner, May Jane Tillman, Annette Trafacante, Anne Warlick, Pat Weber

BIRTHDAYS

June 11th - Caleb Hosaflook
June 13th - Hailey Macina
June 14th - Nicole Grinnan
June 15th - Ryan Salyan
June 16th - Jack Cedarleaf
June 17th - Kitty Ripley, Tom Rotella
June 19th - Richard Brace
June 20th - Val Folden
June 21st - Barbara Harkins
June 22nd - Gabe Eckenrode
June 23rd - Landon Davis, IV
June 25th - Frank Brooks, Jere Hinson, Elizabeth Jacobsen, Bruce Petit
June 29th - James Laird

ANNIVERSARIES

June 12th - Don and Cathy Smith
June 14th - John and Martha Crigler
June 17th - Paul and Bette Fugitt
June 24th - TIm and Melissa Allison
June 25th - Steve and Destine Bradshaw
June 28th - Derrick and Kathleen Williams
June 29th - Tom and Jackie Rorrer