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Psalm 19 (NIV)

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for
the sun.
⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his
chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.
⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.
⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.
⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.
The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.
¹⁰ They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.
¹¹ By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
¹² But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.
¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.
¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this
meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (NIV)

Unity and Diversity in the Body


- ¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts,
but all its many parts form one body, so it is with
Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by^[a] one
Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or
Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given
the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not
made up of one part but of many.
¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a
hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not
for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And
if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I
do not belong to the body,” it would not for that
reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole
body were an eye, where would the sense of
hearing be? If the whole body were an ear,
where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact
God has placed the parts in the body, every one
of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they
were all one part, where would the body
be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one
body.
²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need
you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I
don’t need you!” ²² On the contrary, those parts of
the body that seem to be weaker are
indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are
less honorable we treat with special honor. And
the parts that are unpresentable are treated with
special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts
need no special treatment. But God has put the
body together, giving greater honor to the parts
that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no
division in the body, but that its parts should have
equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part
suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is
honored, every part rejoices with it.
²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one
of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the
church first of all apostles, second prophets, third
teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of
helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of
tongues.
²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all
teachers? Do all work miracles?
³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in
tongues? Do all interpret?
³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.



"A smile is a curve that sets
everything straight." Phyllis Diller



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for the people of Tonga, as they face cleaning up from the tsunami and the volcanic ash.
- We give thanks for the rain. 
- We pray for people isolated by the Covid Omicron variant.
- We pray for medical staff working long hours covered up in protective gear.
- We thank God for his provision. During the last lockdown we enjoyed watching the Olympic Games and Paralympics. During Omicron we've had the cricket and tennis to enjoy on TV.

Megs Musings

It seems appropriate, early in the new year, to have the reading from I Corinthians 12. The reading talks about "gifts of the Holy Spirit". Most of us don't see ourselves as having spiritual gifts. In fact, many Christians throughout the world feel that they don't have spiritual gifts. I read of someone attending a seminar of Christian women. They were asked to sit in a circle, and to state what tasks within their Christian life they found the hardest. The first lady began, and the others were asked if anyone found that an easy task. A couple of people said that they enjoyed that task. Then those ladies were asked what they found difficult. They answered. Others then said that they were happy to do those things. Everyone soon realised that there are many tasks which need to be undertaken if the Christian church is to function effectively..... and that there are people able to effectively tackle each and every task! Together, we are able to be the church, and to lead effective Christian lives - because the Holy Spirit equips us to do just that.

Blessings from Meg



As long as we have memories, yesterday remains. As long as we have hope, tomorrow waits. As long as we have love, today is beautiful. As long as you have God, anything and everything is possible. Amen.

Luke 4:14-21 (NIV)

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10



NOTICE: At this stage we plan to recommence worship on 6th February. We will keep an eye on the Covid situation, as the Synod has concerns about people meeting together for worship. City Church cancelled worship last week, and Southside is Livestream worshipping at the moment.

- 24 January ~ Phyllis Bylund
- 30 January ~ Trevor Forrester
- 31 January ~ Margaret Crowell & Cameron



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