



***Making disciples who make disciples***

***June 6, 2021***

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**Next Parish Council Meeting**

**June 30, 2021 6:30 p.m.**

***After Word – Keeping Track***

This week's readings include Psalm 130, a short individual lament that showcases Yahweh's forgiving nature. The author begins by calling out to Yahweh for help in the depths of his despair. As we read through the psalm, you may notice the verses are numbered differently in the readings than they are in the Bible. That's because the readings use a version of the Psalter written by Miles Coverdale, dating back to the early days of the Anglican Church, and his numbering system sometimes differs from the biblical design. Coverdale's version of Psalm 130 has seven verses rather than the eight listed in most English Bibles. His first verse is separated into two in other translations. We should remember that chapters and verses were not part of Scripture originally. Chapter designations were added in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, and verses were added to the Old Testament in the 15<sup>th</sup> century and the New Testament in the 16<sup>th</sup>. Verse numbering has nothing to do with translation or accuracy.

So, let's look at the beginning of Psalm 130.

*<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I call to you, O  
Yahweh. — Psalm 130:1 (LEB)*

The word the writer uses for depths usually refers to the depths of the sea, which symbolized chaos and danger. This may be meant figuratively as an expression of his feelings of guilt, or it could be referring to literal

imprisonment. Either way, he is at a spiritual low point, deep in his despair. Yet he has hope. He knows Yahweh's redemptive nature and love for his creation, and cries out to him.

<sup>2</sup> *“O Lord, hear my voice.  
Let your ears be attentive to  
the voice of my  
supplications. — Psalm  
130:2*

He asks Yahweh to listen to his request and respond. He seems to link his current circumstances to punishment for his sins. He implies that Yahweh's forgiveness of sins leads to worship of him by those who have been forgiven and that he, too, will worship Yahweh if he is rescued from the turmoil he is enduring.

<sup>3</sup> *If you, O Yah, should keep  
track of iniquities, O Lord,  
who could stand? <sup>4</sup> But with  
you is forgiveness, so that  
you may be feared.” —  
Psalm 130:3-4*

If God kept a list of our sins instead of forgiving us, the enormity of that list would be horrific. No one can withstand scrutiny into our behavior; we all fall short of God's standard (as Paul reminds us in Rom 3:23).

Yahweh's forgiving nature contrasts distinctly with our own innate need to carry grudges. When Peter asks Jesus about forgiving others, the standard given by

Jewish leaders was that one should forgive someone up to three times, expecting a deeper display of contrition from the person each time. After three times, however, one could assume the person wasn't really sincere in his regret, so the obligation to forgive ended after the third time. Peter's offer of seven times probably seemed very generous in his mind, so Jesus' response likely surprised all his disciples.

<sup>21</sup> *Then Peter came up to  
him and said, “Lord, how  
many times will my brother  
sin against me and I will  
forgive him? Up to seven  
times?” <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him,  
“I do not say to you up to  
seven times, but up to  
seventy times seven! —  
Matthew 18:21–22*

The Greek word translated as “seventy times seven” can also mean “seventy-seven,” which is why various translations have one or the other. Jesus' point, however, is not an arithmetic depiction of 490 or 77. The multiple sevens represent a very large number that also symbolizes completeness. Keep forgiving until the relationship is perfected, completed, made whole, etc. Relationships are important to God—our relationship to him, and our relationships with each other. Reconciliation is complete only when both parties are reconciled. God doesn't give up on us, and he expects us not to give up on each other.

The psalmist understood Yahweh's forgiving nature and his offer of redemption to those who turn back to him and away from their sins.

*<sup>5</sup> I await Yahweh; my soul awaits, and I wait for his word. <sup>6</sup> My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning. Yes, more than watchmen for the morning. — Psalm 130:5-6*

Anyone who has been in the military, or knows someone who has, understands the idea of "standing watch." It's a long boring time of waiting diligently for hopefully nothing to happen. The "end of watch" is looked forward to with great anticipation and its arrival is welcomed. Military and first responders also use "end of watch" as a reference to retirement and death (the final peaceful rest). The psalmist likewise recognized the expectant urgency that night watchmen have for the sunrise, their "end of watch."

*<sup>7</sup> O Israel, wait for Yahweh. For with Yahweh there is loyal love, and with him there is abundant redemption. <sup>8</sup> And he will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. — Psalm 130:7-8*

The psalmist concludes with a call to Israel to remember Yahweh's nature as their redeemer and to seek his forgiveness for their sins. Many of God's promises in the Bible are for

specific persons or groups at specific times in specific locations, and not for everyone everywhere for all time. But God's character is consistent. The sort of behavior that God warns against will yield negative results consistently, and the sort of behavior that aligns with his character is blessed.

God's response to contrite hearts, seeking his forgiveness through true repentance is always positive. The psalmist's call to Israel to look to Yahweh for their redemption applies to us for our own as well.

The declaration made by Job has global and timeless impact:

*<sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. — Job 19:25 (ESV)*

Alleluia!

Grace and Peace,  
Fr. Austin



The **GriefShare** program will begin **Tuesday, June 8, 6:30 p.m.** in our multipurpose room (library/classroom). The 13-week program is for people who have lost a family member or friend.

## Sunday's Lessons

Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130;  
2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1; Mark 3:20-35



Lord, we ask you to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in sickness, or any other adversity. Open the hearts to know your love and feel your presence.

We pray for Dale, Idella, Corney, Scotty Haskell, Julie Corral, Bill and Judy Fletcher, Zachary Kircher, M., Ben Berkshire, Kenneth Holbert, Katy Mize, Lina, Bruno Hildebrandt, Kara, Eric, Ella & Timothy, Gerry Pyper, Sandra Pyper, Steven Fischer, Ann Traverso, Neil, Lauren, Fr. Austin, Pat Galloway, Dorothy Green, Denise, Connie, Sue, Diane Manning, Bishop Keith, Abbie Bundy, Betty (Bo Peep) Penny, Donna, Dcn. Linda, Lorraine Chavez, Steve Chacon, Merle Shyne, Laura, Darlene O., Maddy, Lauren, Steven, Elena, Officer Shay K. Mikalonis, Niki, Roni, Bob, Carol, Kathy Watson, and Pray for the World.

*If you would like to submit prayer requests for this newsletter or if you have any updates, please contact the church office at 928-343-9551, or [ctryuma@gmail.com](mailto:ctryuma@gmail.com).*



## Prayers for the Deanery of Arizona

Emmaus Anglican Church, Maricopa  
Fr. Michael Wiley, Deacon Chandler Wiley

## CtR Prayer Project

**Romans 8:28-And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.**

Yesterday I heard a sermon based on Romans 8:28-39 by Don Vander Giessen, Master of Divinity. It was the best sermon on this passage I have ever heard, so with his permission, I want to share with you his main points. He reminded us that this passage in Romans is written by St. Paul to believers, to encourage them. We've all lived through a tough year, and believers today, much to our surprise, are being threatened at every turn, just as those living in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century A.D. were. He asked us what is meant by "good". Paul wrote that the good refers to being conformed to the likeness of Christ and being glorified. Then he took us one by one through the five ways God accomplishes the good in us: 1) God **foreknows us**; 2) God **predestines us**; 3) God **calls us**; 4) God **justifies us**; and 5) God **glorifies us**. After explaining each of these and reminding us that Satan has no claim on us---that NOTHING---can separate us from Christ's love, Don listed four important points about this passage that I had never thought of before or heard preached before. First, he told us that this passage is a perfect one to use as a constant source of encouragement. The five key words, highlighted above, will help us move away from the pity pit. Any time we feel the slightest bit discouraged, we can remind ourselves that God is still at work in us, and that this isn't something God will do in the future, but rather something He is in the process of doing through His Holy Spirit in the lives of each and every believer right here and now! Second, he informed us that this passage is often misused. Paul never meant the "good" to include money, jobs, or any other item on our wish list. Things happen in this life that we will never understand. We don't have all the answers, but God is focused on our sanctification and the life we will spend in eternity with Him, so think of the "good" as spiritual food. Third, God has a purpose for us, and He uses difficulty to help us learn from our trials and tribulations. Hebrews 12:5-10 reminds us that those whom the Lord loves, He disciplines. Nobody is exempt from this disciplining process, so when trouble comes, we must ask the Lord to

use it for His purpose, not our own. And fourth, the five things listed in bold above **are the Gospel!!!** So many of us feel ill-equipped to share the Gospel with family or friends, but if we can just remember these five ways God works in the lives of believers and in His Church, we can share the Good News with anyone! And when we live out this Gospel and see God's work in us as good, others will see that there is definitely something we believe in.

**Praying in One Accord**-When we are in one accord with the five ways God accomplishes good in us, we are much better equipped to share the Gospel with those around us.

**Accord Prayer**-Lord Christ, YOU ARE GOD. Thank You for foreknowing us, predestining us, calling us, justifying us, and glorifying us. Help us see Your hand at work in everything that happens in our lives. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**-Loving Father, thank You for showing us a new way to use Your Word to share the Gospel with our family and friends. Thank You for reminding us that the GOOD You seek for us is all neatly tied up in our relationship with YOU. Amen.



**Sunday, June 6**

11:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Tuesday, June 8**

6:30 a.m. Bible Study

9 – 10:30 a.m. Prayer time in the Chapel

9:30 a.m. Prayers and Squares – CtR Library

6:30 p.m. Grief Share – CtR Library

**Wednesday, June 9**

2 p.m. Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Worship Service

**Thursday, June 10**

11:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group

12 – 1:30 p.m. Prayer time in the Chapel

**Sunday, June 13**

11:30 a.m. Worship Service

## Hope for the Redemption of Yahweh

Psalms 130:1-8

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