

WEEKLY MANNA

Welcome to The Father's House



Scripture Reading

New Testament

Acts 1:15-17,
Acts 1:21-26,
1 John 5:9-13

Psalm

Psalm 1

Gospel

John 15:1-8

The Divine Gift of Unity *by Henry Nouwen*

Jesus prays for unity among his disciples and among those who through the teaching of his disciples will come to believe in him. He says: *“May they all be one, just as, Father, you are in me and I in you . . .”* (John 17:21).

These words of Jesus reveal the mystery that unity among people is not first of all the result of human effort, but rather a divine gift. Unity among people is a reflection of the unity of God. The desire for unity is deep and strong among people. It is a desire between friends, between married people, between communities, and between countries. Wherever there is a true experience of unity, there is a sense of giftedness. While unity satisfies our deepest need, it cannot be explained by what we say or do. There exists no formula for unity.

When Jesus prays for unity, he asks his Father that those who believe in him, that is, in his full communion with the Father, will become part of that unity. I continue to see in myself and others how often we try to make unity among ourselves by focusing all our attention on each other and trying to find the place where we can feel united. But often we become disillusioned, realizing that no human being is capable of offering us what we most want. Such disillusionment can easily make us become bitter, cynical, demanding, even violent.

Jesus calls us to seek our unity in and through him. When we direct our inner attention not first of all to each other, but to God to whom we belong, then we will discover that in God we also belong to each other.

Taken from <https://henrinouwen.org/resources/daily-meditation/>

Today's Question

How are you challenged by today's reflection?

Prayer for the Week

Lord, may I see my moments of strength and my moments of weakness as invitations to draw me closer in communion with You. Amen.



"To invite people into the Reign of God, encourage them to grow in the Body of Christ, equip them to be sent into the World in the power of the Spirit.

"As the Father has sent me I am sending you." John 20:21"



BLC Service livestream starts @ 10.00 am (+8 GMT).

Do tune in from 9.45 am onwards to catch up on announcements.

Click on the Youtube button to go to BLC's channel.

Upcoming Sunday, 23 May 2021

Pentecost Sunday

Speaker: Rev. Thomas Low

Worship Lead: Adeline

Scripture readings:

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

For Sunday, 30 May 2021

Trinity Sunday (Pentecost 1)

Speaker: Ngahllina

Worship Lead: Charis

Asst. Lead: Isaac

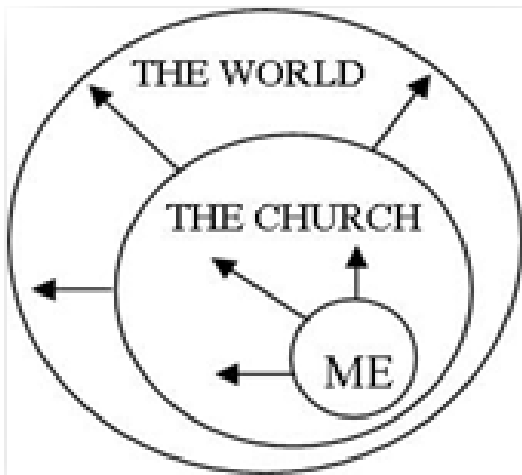
Scripture Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8;

Psalm 29;

Romans 8:12-17;

John 3:1-17



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- > Batu 20, OA Congregation*
- > United Voice – Moh Foong*
- > Bible Translation Researchers*
- > Alongsiders (<http://alongsiders.org>)*

Prayer

- That the people of God will be even more fervent in prayer.*

World & Malaysia

- For the pandemic situation in our nation, and worldwide; especially in India.*
- For the frontliners who have been working tirelessly, and healing for those infected.*
- Vaccination program to be carried out safely and efficiently.*

Economy

- Economy stability despite challenging situations. God will provide for those who lost their jobs.*

Leadership

- That God will raise up righteous and able leaders to resume a new government.*

Families

- Peace at homes especially to those who work and study at home. Students and teachers who are affected by the lockdowns and those who are undergoing major exams this year.*
- For those with health challenges in our midst and their caregivers.*

Prayer support.

We want to support you in prayer. Do send in your requests via whatsapp to Ps Thomas, Adeline or Council.



"To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world."

Karl Barth

Announcements

BLC Zoom Events in BLC Community

WEW Meeting Saturday - Sheh Ren

22.05.2021 @ 3.00pm

Bible discussion on 1 Corinthians 16

BLC Book Club - Jern Yi / Vanessa

16.05.2021 @ 2.00pm

Chapter 4: The Story of Monasticism by Greg Peters

Bible study group - Janelle

18.05.2021 @ 8:30pm

Bethel Series - Joshua 6

Tithe & Giving

Bangsar Lutheran Church

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