

Monday 5th February Faith ~ Excellence ~ Determination

Here I am Lord





Mission Statement

With the Lord's help, we are united in **faith**, we strive for success and **excellence**, we are **determined** to be the best that we can be.

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We take a few moments of stillness to ready our hearts and minds.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



Opening Prayer

As we gather this morning, we ask the Lord to be with us as we begin a new week.

"Father, I am here because I need you. I am here because you are the only One who can give me the grace I need to keep my peace and do your will today."





This weeks theme is Here I am Lord. This is a phrase that appears in several scriptures in the Bible. It is used to indicate a person's readiness to listen or obey God's call.

This week you will listen to different pieces of scripture that all have the same underlying message which is that we need to listen to what God wants so that we can answer his call.



Reading: A reading Isaiah 6:8

"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Then I said. "Here I am! Send me."

The Word of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Reflection

In this reading the use of "Here I am" reveals purpose. Isaiah was saying he was here on earth for a specific purpose and he wanted that purpose to be the Lord's. As he immediately followed it with "send me," he didn't wait to hear what the Lord would say but wrote a blank check to the Lord, a universal yes to God's plan for him.





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Opening Prayer

As we gather this morning, we ask the Lord to be with us as we begin a new day.

Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.



Reading: A reading from Exodus 3:4

When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Reflection:

In the reading today God calls Moses to a specific task, or vocation, and promises to be with him and provide the resources he needs to accomplish it. For us we need to work out what specific task God wants us to do. It is often when things don't go well that we find God speaking to us. We just need to learn to listen.





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Wednesday 7th February Faith ~ Excellence ~ Determination

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Let us put ourselves in the presence of God as we make the sign of the cross.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



Opening Prayer

As we gather this morning, let us pray together the prayer Our Father taught us:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses.

As we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil Amen



Reading: - A reading from Samuel 3:8

And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

Reflection:

In today's scripture, we hear those words 'Here I am' once again. Samuel listens to God and is ready to respond to his call and therefore serve God faithfully.





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Thursday 8th February 2024 **Faith ~ Excellence ~ Determination**

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Reading: A reading from Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Reflection:

In the passage Jeremiah tells us that it is not God's plan to instantly rescue us from hardship or suffering but rather a promise to use that God has a plan for us all. We again need to listen to him to find out what that plan is.





Friday 9th February 2024

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Let us begin our day together in the presence of the Lord.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



This week you have listened to scripture readings which were all focused on the Word of God and the messages within that scripture.

For a moment, think about the phrase 'Here I am.' Do you have any idea now what you think God might want you to do with your life? Have you begun to answer his call?

Let us join together in prayer.

Help us by your Spirit to hear your Holy Word that we may be equipped for every good work. Give us faith to receive your word, understanding to know what it means, and the will to put it into practice.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Help me to know Your voice and not be deceived by any other voice. Help me to guard my heart from the influences of this world and the people around me. Help me not to be deceived by the devil and his lies, but to view all thoughts and decisions through the lens of righteousness Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Father, I pray that I might be open to hear Your voice. May I be eager to hear what You have to say to me through Your written Word, and by the Word as it is preached. Lord, there are some things in Your Word that are difficult to hear—warnings about the need for purity and the need for deep repentance from sin. Let me be willing to hear those words and obey them. Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer



Closing prayer

Dear Lord, I am here for you. I am here with you. I feel you in the breath that I take every morning. Every night I am praying to you to say thank you for my happiness. Help me to listen to your call and understand what you are asking of me.

Amen

St Bede, Pray for us



In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen