

PRAYERS

Lord, we are grateful to be gathered together today to worship your Holy Name. We offer our worship and adoration to you, for you are worthy to be praised. Thank you for bringing us together today to worship in this place. Proverbs 3:5 urges us to trust in you with all our hearts and lean not on our own understandings. Lord, we therefore pray that you will guide and direct all those involved in the decisions regarding a future pastor for NHA. Father, we know that you are in control of the situation and will provide a suitable person for us. May we all grow in faith and learn to trust in you more deeply in this situation. Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We thank you, Father, for all the various ministries your people here are involved in. Thank you for touching the heart of so many of our church family to be involved in our weekly service. We thank you also for our Bible study groups that occur throughout the week and ask that you will grow these groups and bless them as they meet to fellowship and grow in knowledge of your Word. Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Lord, this morning we pray for all those involved in MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship), both in Australia and throughout the world. We praise, you, for the continued growth of MAF's Education Program in Australia and for the opportunities to engage and inspire young minds about mission aviation. We pray that this program will continue to flourish and impact future generations. We also pray that you will call and provide more engineers, pilots and staff to serve with MAF as they face critical shortages. Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Most merciful Father, we bring before you all those in our church who are suffering in some way. May they feel your love and presence at this time. Please comfort them with the promise that nothing can separate us from your love. As we go into a new week, we thank you for the gift of each new day, and for the opportunity to serve and to love you through our words and our actions. We ask for your blessing, guidance, and your wisdom to lead us in our decisions and our interactions with others. May we be instruments of your love and your grace, bringing comfort, hope, and joy to those around us. Grant us the courage to face any challenges that come our way, and the strength to persevere through any difficulties. Help us to remain focused on you and your will, and to seek your presence in every moment of our day. Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer. Amen.**

Northern Hope Anglican Church

9 March 2025

Established 8 January 2023 (Peace Lutheran College, Sundays at 9am)

*Empowered by the Spirit, we are to make disciples of Jesus,
to the glory of God the Father*

- † **AGM & Pot Luck Lunch:** Annual General Meeting. This is for everyone☺; Sunday 23rd March, 11am, Potluck Lunch to follow. An AGM report will be emailed to you this coming week and also made available next Sunday on the Entrance Table. Enquiries: Craig Waters.
- † **Women's Breakfast:** Our first one for 2025. Saturday 29th March, 8am, Holloways Beach. Please invite a friend. Just put your name/s on the clipboard. Enquiries: Sue Sagers.
- † **Forum:** There's a Leichhardt candidate forum (co-hosted by MAF: Mission Aviation Fellowship) addressing the issue of Australian overseas aid. Thursday 20 March, Crystalbrook Flynn, 6pm to 7.30pm. Enquiries: Vaughan Woodward.
- † **Bible Readings:** Numbers 11:1-20, p203 and Luke 4:1-13, p1562.



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¹ Now the people complained about their hardships in the hearing of the LORD, and when he heard them his anger was aroused. Then fire from the LORD burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp. ² When the people cried out to Moses, he prayed to the LORD and the fire died down. ³ So that place was called Taberah, because fire from the LORD had burned among them.

⁴ The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, 'If only we had meat to eat!' ⁵ We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost – also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. ⁶ But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!

⁷ The manna was like coriander seed and looked like resin. ⁸ The people went around gathering it, and then ground it in a hand-mill or crushed it in a mortar. They cooked it in a pot or made it into loaves. And it tasted like something made with olive oil. ⁹ When the dew settled on the camp at night, the manna also came down.

¹⁰ Moses heard the people of every family wailing at the entrance to their tents. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. ¹¹ He asked the LORD, 'Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me?' ¹² Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their ancestors? ¹³ Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, "Give us meat to eat!" ¹⁴ I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵ If this is how you are going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me right now – if I have found favour in your eyes – and do not let me face my own ruin.'

¹⁶ The LORD said to Moses: 'Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Make them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you. ¹⁷ I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take some of the power of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them. They will share the burden of the people with you so that you will not have to carry it alone.

¹⁸ 'Tell the people: "Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow, when you will eat meat. The LORD heard you when you wailed, 'If only we had meat to eat! We were better off in Egypt!' Now the LORD will give you meat, and you will eat it. ¹⁹ You will not eat it for just one day, or two days, or five, ten or twenty days, ²⁰ but for a whole month – until it comes out of your nostrils and you loathe it – because you have rejected the LORD, who is among you, and have wailed before him, saying, 'Why did we ever leave Egypt?'"'

SERMON OUTLINE

Ever felt like Moses?

† There seemed to be a _____ problem and a _____ problem

† Doubting God's power and goodness was the _____ problem

† The warning of 1 Corinthians 10