



SUNDAY TABLE SERVICE

DAY OF PENTECOST

Let us sit and watch Songs of Praise together on the ABC and then set the table for our Parish meal.



- **Setting our table for our Sunday lunch service.**

Sometimes we eat, in front of the TV either together or alone; we eat on the run; we eat out in restaurants or even in our car; but today we sit at a table that we have set for our Sunday lunch meal. It is our everyday altar of life-giving food.

As we celebrate this Easter Season let us define the occasion by naming things on our table that bring us joy and which we can share with others in our community.

- **Prayerful and intentional preparation for a meal**

Let us set our meal for this day. Give some thought to the presentation of our meal as a meditation on the importance of the time we are setting aside for worship. Let us place a candle in the middle of the table and light it.



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit!
Acts 2.4

As we celebrate Pentecost let us remind ourselves that everyone has the ability to be filled with the Holy Spirit? God's Spirit dwelling in us. **"Awesome!!"** It is the ability and empowerment of the spirit to communicate to all peoples of all languages that highlights the mighty works of God. At Pentecost, this outpouring of the Holy Spirit was on all flesh – everyone could hear the word of God spoken. We may be in a country where we cannot understand the language and feel a little lost; But there is one language which passes all the boundaries of understanding – in all our generations. That language is from the Holy Spirit which we are reminded of at this Pentecost season. It speaks to the countless numbers of languages in the world.

- **opening prayer — consciously drawing together in our mind our Parish community around our table.**

Be still and silent.
Visualise in your mind,
those whom you invited to share with you.
Pray:



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

Here, and throughout the world,

We adore you O Christ, and we bless you,

because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Amen

Bless this food, both physical and spiritual.

Bless all who gather at your table, both seen and unseen, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

- **Let us read and reflect on our cycle of readings**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2 beginning at Verse 1

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the



Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' [NRSV Acts 2:1-21]

Prince of Peace
Jesus Messiah
 Redeemer Holy
 King of Kings One
 Wonderful Counselor
Jehovah SAVIOR
 Awesome Lord A
Immanuel WOR
 Living Water
 MOST HIGH GOD

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Psalm 104:26-36

- 26 Lord, how various are your works:
 in wisdom you have made them all,
 and the earth is full of your creatures.
- 27 There is the wide, immeasurable sea:
 there move living things without number, great and small;
- 28 There go the ships, to and fro:
 and there is that Leviathan
 whom you formed to sport in the deep.
- 29 These all look to you:
 to give them their food in due season.
- 30 When you give it to them, they gather it:
 when you open your hand
 they are satisfied with good things.
- 31 When you hide your face, they are troubled:
 when you take away their breath,
 they die and return to their dust.
- 32 When you send forth your spirit they are created:
 and you renew the face of the earth.
- 33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:
 may the Lord rejoice in his works.
- 34 If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:
 if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.
- 35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:
 I will praise my God while I have any being.
- 36 May my meditation be pleasing to him:
 for my joy shall be in the Lord.



**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians,
Chapter 12 beginning at Verse 1**

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one

and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. [NRSV 1 Corinthians 12:1-13]



Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John,
Chapter 20 beginning at verse 19**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." [NRSV John 20:19-23]



This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sentence

'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,' says the Lord; 'and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.'

• eating reflectively and responding to the passage

Let us now engage in some quiet reflection, or conversation and sharing, responding to the Gospel passage. We may like to write down some key thoughts for further reflection.

So, what language are we speaking? What is this new language? Perhaps a language of peace, love, hope, forgiveness, reconciliation, friendship, and unity. Take a moment and let the word "peace" bounce around in our minds. Let that word "peace" and all that it means fill our minds with the endless possibilities of reaching out to others. As we receive this peace from God, let us send it out in a prayer to those

close and anybody else who may need a special prayer at this time. Who do we need to make peace with? Do we make space to experience God's forgiveness and gift of peace? Let us ask for his peace so that we may bring peace to others. Guess where it comes from?



• **prayer-time**

Let us now blow out our Pentecost candle in the certainty that the light of the spirit is within us. Now let us continue to offer our prayers for healing of the world; for those affected by coronavirus; for family; for members of the parish and wider community, for the life and ministry of the Church, for encouragement in our journey of faith.

We give thanks for the life, work and witness of Rae Jones, wife of Fr Alan Jones, who died suddenly on Thursday morning. Rae and Fr Alan's ministry was within the Riverland between 2003 and 2010. We pray for the soul of Rae and also for Fr Alan and the rest of their family during this time. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Please pray alongside those in our parish asking for prayer ;Ron & Ann; Les; Tristan; Kathy; Mitchell; David; Pat ;Izabelle; Peta; Mariette; Joanne; Peter G; Peter C; Nicholas B; Samantha; Fiona; Brenton; Sue; Brenda; Pat; Brendon; Fr Peter; Fr Percy & Betty; Bp David; Jill; Bill; David H; Petra; Miriam & family; Marjorie; Joyce; Diane; Jean; Mitchell and family; Kathy; Carolyn; Allison; Angela; Susie; Carol; Lucy Ann; Lyn; Ted & Joyce ; Irene; Linda; Jenny P's mother; Tina; Wendy; Chris; Trevor; Liz; Trish; Carole and family, Peter, Lainie, Nicholas and family, Felicity and family. *and any others we wish to say either silently or aloud.*



Let us say the Lord's Prayer Together. Our Father



Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Conclude the meal with the following prayer together.

***May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be amongst us and remain with us always.
Amen.***

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

• **intentional connection beyond your home**

After our Table Service, make contact via phone, email, letter, Messenger, Skype, Zoom, etc with a person who is on your heart and mind at this time. It might be one of the people you invited to your meal, or a member of your family, or someone who does not have family, or a friend, Let God guide you to the person or people with whom you connect. Contact the person. Start a conversation: 'I was thinking of you.....' Or What did you think of..... in songs of praise etc

