



## Seventh Sunday of Easter 16th May 2021 TABLE SERVICE

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



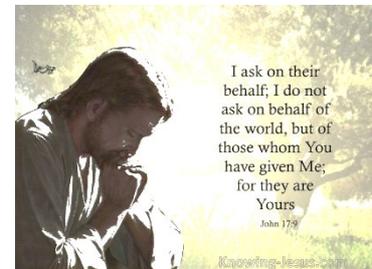
### **Prayerful and intentional preparation for a meal**

As we continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord let us decorate our table with a symbols of new life, Set your meal for this day giving some thought to the presentation of your meal as a meditation on the importance of the time you are setting aside for worship.



If you are celebrating this meal without people physically present, please be aware that God Is With You.

In the tech industry when you commission something it means you start it for the first time. Or in legal terms you are giving someone the right to officially do the job they were trained to do. Just before Jesus ascended into heaven he gave the Disciples his great commission. Go into all the world and preach the gospel. But John 17 is the details of that commission. For the words you have given me I gave to them, your word in the truth, I send them into the world, I have been glorified in them.



### **opening prayer — consciously drawing together the whole Parish community around your table**

Be still and silent. Visualise in your mind, that you are celebrating and sharing your Sunday service meal at the same time as others in your parish

**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 reflect on the scriptures in our liturgical cycle of prayer for this Sunday.

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 1 beginning at Verse 15** <sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, <sup>16</sup> 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— <sup>17</sup> for he was numbered among us and was allotted

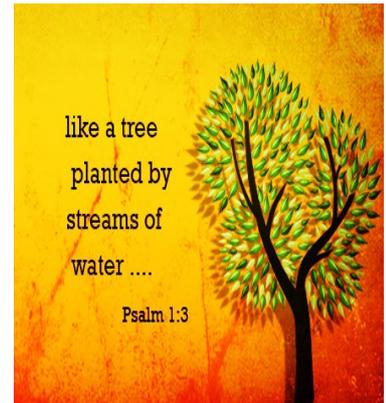


his share in this ministry.' <sup>21</sup> So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' <sup>23</sup> So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' <sup>26</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.[NRSV Acts 1:15-17,21-26] Hear the word of the Lord,

**thanks be to God**

### Psalm 1

- 1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly:  
nor followed the way of sinners, nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.
- 2 But their delight is in the law of the Lord:  
and on that law will they ponder day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted beside streams of water:  
that yield their fruit in due season.
- 4 Their leaves also shall not wither:  
and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.
- 5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:  
they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.
- 6 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement:  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 7 For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.



### A reading from the First letter of John, Chapter 5 beginning at Verse 9

<sup>9</sup> If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup> Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

[NRSV 1 John 5:9-13]

Hear the word of the Lord,

**thanks be to God.**

### The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 17 beginning at verse 6

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>6</sup> 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the



Please pray alongside those in our parish asking for prayer. Kym, Bob, Colin, Joy Betty, Izabelle; Peta ; Mariette; Joanne; Peter G, Peter C; Samantha; Fiona; Brenton; Sue; Pat; Brendon; Bill; David H; Diane; Jean; Mitchell and family; Carolyn; Allison; Brenda, Angela; Carol; Shirley; Lucy Ann; Margaret, Lyn; Irene; Linda; Tina; Wendy; Chris; Trevor; Liz; Tristan & Trish S; Carole and family; Peter, Eleni and Nicholas; Jac Bishop, Joanie; Andrew; Kerrie; Fr Roger Hilton: David Jones; Claire; Jean; Dan Thomas; Peter K; Trish; Claire; Fr John, Fr Graham & Catherine, & Blair *and any others you may wish to remember.*



### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God,  
your blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things:  
mercifully give us faith to trust  
that, as he promised,  
he abides with us on earth until the end of time;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.       **Amen.**

**Conclude the meal by saying together the following prayer and our Easter declaration**

***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 with others who may be alone and would welcome a call or message from you. Use the time to catch up with your family and friends who are interstate or overseas. Share with others the hope of Easter, the resurrection and promise of Eternal Life.

