

## SUNDAY TABLE SERVICE

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021

***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.



Set your table and prepare 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.**

**What is the message of reconciliation?** Paul says this, We regard no one from a human point of view. God has made us into new spiritual creatures, because we have allowed Christ's nature to be our nature. Through Jesus we are united with God which was God's plan all along. As new creatures we belong to and in a new Kingdom. If we abide in Christ, He sows the seeds of faith into our souls. God's kingdom becomes more evident in our lives, and Jesus says, it just happens, one day you will stop and realise how big a part faith plays in our lives; though you don't know how. The truth is, through God's Spirit in our lives God transforms us into the image of His son. This is how much he wants all humanity to be close to Him. This is the reconciliation that God wants us to live out.



- ***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 first book of Samuel, Chapter 15 beginning at Verse 34**

<sup>34</sup> Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. <sup>35</sup> Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. **16** The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out;

I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup> Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup> He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

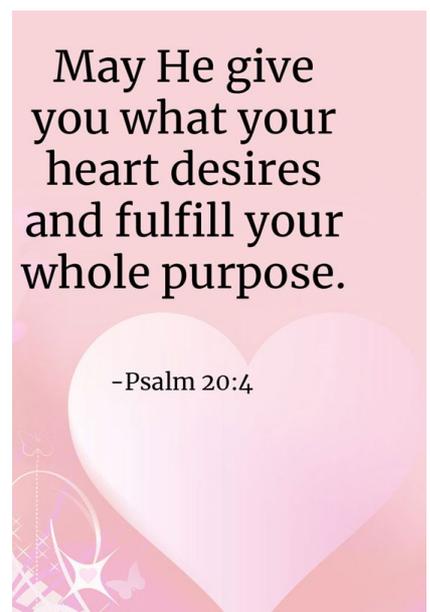
Hear the word of the Lord,



***thanks be to God***

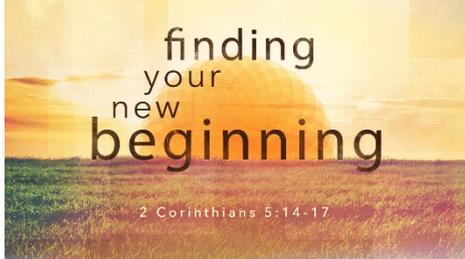
### **Psalm 20**

- 1 May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble:  
the God of Jacob lift you up to safety.
- 2 May he send you his help from the sanctuary:  
and be your strong support from Zion.
- 3 May he remember all your offerings:  
and accept with favour your burnt sacrifices,
- 4 Grant you your heart's desire:  
and fulfil all your purposes.
- 5 May we also rejoice in your victory and triumph in the name of our  
God: the Lord perform all your petitions.
- 6 Now I know that the Lord will save his anointed:  
that he will answer him from his holy heaven  
with the victorious strength of his right hand.
- 7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses:  
but we will trust in the name of the Lord our God.
- 8 They are brought down and fallen:  
but we are made strong and stand upright.
- 9 O Lord, save the king: and hear us when we call upon you.



## **A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians, Chapter 5 beginning at Verse 6**

<sup>6</sup> So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— <sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup> For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup> We are not



commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup> For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, so that those who live might

live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. <sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;<sup>[a]</sup> even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,<sup>[b]</sup> we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Hear the word of the Lord,

***thanks be to God.***

## **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, Chapter 4 beginning at verse 26 Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>26</sup> He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." <sup>30</sup> He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." <sup>33</sup> With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup> he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.



This is the Gospel of the Lord,

***praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

### ***Sentence***

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

### ***• 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.

**For the love of Christ urges us on,  
With what can we compare the kingdom of God**

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Paul said, we walk by faith, not by sight. For a lot of us this could mean we'd be running into a lot of walls. Paul said to Hebrews, Now, faith is the confidence in what we hope for and the assurance about what we do not see. Jesus spoke in parables, but later he took the disciples aside and explained what He was saying. That's when they said, "Oh, I see what you mean." Our journey of faith is a journey of discovery with our eyes opening up to new things all the time. Have you played pass the parcel, and each time someone unwraps it there is a new surprise? God is like a Dad that has given his child a present and cannot wait for them to unwrap it. It is He who gives us faith and all we need to do is rip off the paper, confident that He gives us new revelations about himself and how much we belong to Him.

**• spending time together in prayer**

Now let us continue to offer our prayers for healing of the world; for family, members of the parish and wider community, for the life and ministry of the Church, for encouragement in our journey of faith.



We 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 , Joanie; Andrew; Kerrie;. Fr Roger: David ; Claire; Jean; Dan; Peter K; Trish; Claire; Fr John; Fr Graham & Catherine; Blair; Ann; Leslie; Marion and family; Felicity and Jack ;*and any others we wish to remember.*

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



**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God,  
without you we are unable to please you:  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

**• intentional connection beyond your home**

After our Table Service spend some time reaching out to others, a member of your family, or someone who does not have family, or a friend, someone in your community 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, Let God guide you to the person or persons with whom you should connect. Contact them. Start a conversation: How have you been keeping, What about this cold weather or I was thinking of you and decided to call...

