



SUNDAY TABLE SERVICE

24th October 2021

**Let us watch Songs of Praise together
on the ABC and then set the table
for our shared 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 worship at home today let us define the occasion by adding something special to our table. Give some thought to the presentation of our meal as a meditation on the importance of the time we are setting aside for worship. If you are celebrating this meal without people physically present, please be aware that **God Is With You**.

Blind Bartimaeus Throughs Off His Cloak

A sheep's coat keeps on growing, and if it wasn't for the farmer who shears his sheep, that coat would grow until it was long and heavy and entangled with all kinds of flotsam. It would affect everything it could do in life, including to see clearly. Sometimes the sheep has got lost and missed its time for shearing. When the farmer finds the sheep, it wonders why the farmer is trying to catch it and it tries to run away. Eventually the sheep gets shorn and suddenly it realises that it has no burden anymore and in its newfound freedom it skips and jumps happy to feel light again. It is better that we come to God and ask, if I am carrying a burden, please heal me and remove this burden so I can feel light and easy in my faith.



- **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***

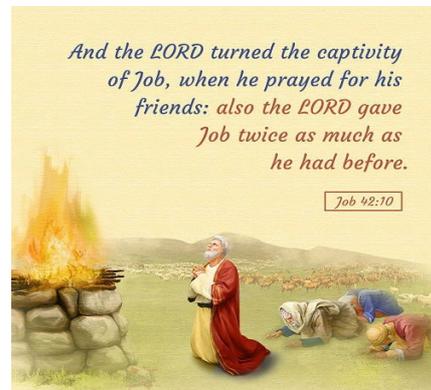
- **Let us read and reflect on our cycle of readings A reading from the book of Job,**

A reading from the book of Job, Chapter 42 beginning at Verse 1 **42** Then Job answered the LORD: ²"I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

³ 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ⁴ 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' ⁵ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; ⁶ therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

¹⁰ And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money^[a] and a gold ring. ¹² The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. ¹³ He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵ In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶ After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. ¹⁷ And Job died, old and full of days.

[NRSV Job 42.1-6, 10-17]



Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God

Psalm 34 1-8, (19-22) [Page 254 APBA]

- 1 I will bless the Lord continually: his praise shall be always in my mouth.
- 2 Let my soul boast of the Lord: the humble shall hear it and rejoice.
- 3 O praise the Lord with me: let us exalt his name together.
- 4 For I sought the Lord's help and he answered:
and he freed me from all my fears.
- 5 Look towards him and be bright with joy:
your faces shall not be ashamed.
- 6 Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord heard me:
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him:
and delivers them in their need.
- 8 O taste and see that the Lord is good: happy are they that
hide in him!
- 19 The trials of the righteous are many: but our God delivers us from them all.
- 20 He guards all our bones: so that not one is broken.
- 21 Evil will slay the wicked: and those who hate the righteous will be destroyed.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants:
and none who hide in him will be destroyed.



A reading from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 7 beginning at Verse 21

21 but this one became a priest with an oath, because of the one who said to him,
"The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind,

'You are a priest forever'"—22 accordingly Jesus has also become the guarantee of a better covenant. 23 Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. 25 Consequently he is able for all time to save[a] those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.



26 For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 27 Unlike the other[b] high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever. [NRSV Hebrews 7.21–28]

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, Chapter 10 beginning at verse 46
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher,^[a] let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. [NRSV Mark 10.46–52]



This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Christ.

praise to you Lord Jesus

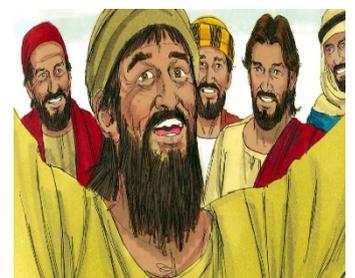
Sentence

The redeemed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

.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.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. He is able for all time to save those who approach God

Blind Bartimaeus had two burdens, his blindness and his beggar's cloak. When Jesus called Him he threw off his cloak. Sometimes a cloak is put upon us because of other circumstances that drag us down. This could be the cloak of shame, or failure, or unworthiness, or feelings of inadequacy. When we call to Christ, He calls to us to



come to Him, He can heal our souls and give us a new sense of worth and a new hope, this makes our journey in faith light and easy.

prayer-time Now let us continue to offer our prayers for healing of the world; remembering especially the all those suffering from the effects of natural disasters and victims of violence; all who seek refuge in far off places; all who suffer from the result of war; 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.

Please pray alongside those in our parish asking for prayer. We continue to pray alongside, Miriam and her family, Ann, Ruth , Lynn , Joannie, Matthew, Kym and Bob, Izabelle; Peta; Mariette; Joanne; Peter G, Peter C; Samantha; Fiona; Brenton; Sue; Pat; Brendon; Bill; David H; Diane; Jean; 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;. David J; Claire; Jean; Dan Thomas; Trish; Claire; Fr Graham & Catherine; & Blair; Aileen; Ann; Leslie Rogan; Marion McCall and family; Stephen, Bill, Eileen Cook; Tessa; Demetri; Yvonne Scrutton; Gabrielle *and any others we wish to remember.*



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

Prayer of the Day

O God,
you give light to the blind and comfort to the sorrowing,
and in your Son you have given us
a High Priest who has offered the true sacrifice for us
and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness:
hear the cry of your people
and lead us home to our true country,
where with your Son and the Holy Spirit
you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. **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. 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 lovely spring weather or hope you are keeping safe and well or I was just thinking of you and decided to call