

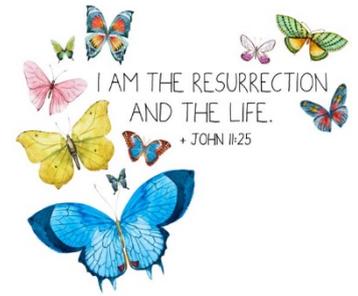


## SUNDAY TABLE SERVICE

7<sup>th</sup> November 2021

All Saints

*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**.

### **Remove the Stone / Resurrection Life**

Jesus told Martha I am the resurrection and the life. Did you realise that when the Pharisees wanted to arrest Jesus they also wanted to kill Lazarus. Jesus was the real deal. He demonstrated through his life on earth what faith was all about. The kind of real faith that Jesus showed people, showed up the religious leaders as hollow and insincere. The more they tried to trap Jesus, the more He exposed their hypocrisy and the more they hated Him. In the world today we are being watched and the world is asking is our faith sincere or are we just a façade. Martha knew exactly who Jesus is, She said "You are the Christ, the Son of God. who was come into this world. This is the resurrection life we can all live.

You  
Are The  
Christ, The  
Son Of God



- **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 Wisdom Chapter 3 verses 1-9**

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.



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

## Psalm 24

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it: the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.

2 For he has founded it upon the seas: and established it upon the waters.

3 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord: or who shall stand in his holy place?

4 Those who have clean hands and a pure heart: who have not set their soul upon idols, nor sworn their oath to a lie.

5 They shall receive blessing from the Lord: and recompense from the God of their salvation.

6 Of such a kind as this are those who seek him: those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is the King of glory?: the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:  
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is the King of glory?: the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory



## A reading from the Revelation to John, Chapter 21 beginning at Verse 1

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." 5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6

Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning, and the end. [NRSV Revelation 21:1-6a]

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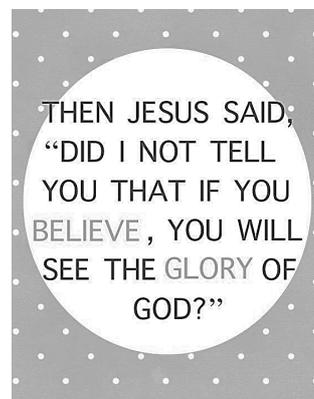
**thanks be to God.**



## The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 11 beginning at verse 32

### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" 38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." [NRSV John 11:32-44]



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

**Sentence** Let us all rejoice in the Lord and keep a festival in honour of all the saints. Let us join with the angels in joyful praise to the Son of God.

. *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.*

**Who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false.**

**See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them**

Jesus said, "take away the stone." It would be no good raising Lazarus from the dead if he could not get out to live. We can look at this as a metaphor, do we need stones removed in order to live the life of Christ? Jesus had the stone removed, not Lazarus, and likewise we can ask God to remove the stones in our lives that hinder our relationship with God. Lazarus must have looked an awful sight when he walked out of the grave into his new life, but Jesus said "untie him and let him go." Jesus wants the same for us; He wants us to be free for all that blocks us and ties us up.



**prayer-time.** Now let us continue to offer our prayers for the world; giving thanks for the wonderful return of Cleo to her family, remembering all those who have gone before us into Gods Heavenly Grace, 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,



Ted & Joyce and Miriam; Ann W, 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; 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 Jones; Claire; Jean; Dan Thomas; Trish; Claire; Fr Graham & Catherine; & Blair; Aileen; Ann; Tom & Nick; Stephen, Bill, Eileen Cook; Tessa; Yvonne Scrutton; Sylvia; Gabrielle, Brenda; Judith; Gabrielle; and *any others we wish to remember..*

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

**Our Father .....**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of 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.**

### • **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 changing weather or hope you are keeping well, or I was just thinking of you and decided to call ....

