



SUNDAY TABLE SERVICE
21st November 2021 Christ the King
*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.

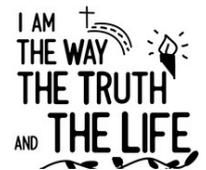


As we worship at home today let us define the occasion by adding something special to our table. Give some thought to the presentation of our meal as a meditation on the importance of the time we are setting aside for worship. If you are celebrating this meal without people physically present, please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

WHAT IS THE TRUTH

If we say we know someone there is more than head knowledge. There is something about that person in their personality and nature that you understand beyond the mind, that comes into your heart. Jesus said, I testify the truth, What is the truth? Pilate asks. We could similarly ask; how do we know the truth? All through John, he tells us what the truth is and how to recognise the truth.

In chapter 14 Jesus says I am the way, the truth and the life. In 8 He says if you know the truth the truth shall set you free. And back to 14 he says the Holy Spirit of truth will be with you and in you.



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

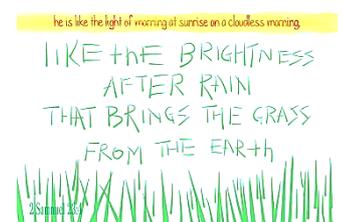
Bless this food, both physical and spiritual. Bless all who gather at your table, both seen and unseen, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel 23:1-7

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and



secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God

Psalms 132 1-12

¹O Lord, remember in David's favour all the hardships he endured;

²how he swore to the Lord and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,

³"I will not enter my house or get into my bed;

⁴I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,

⁵until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

⁶We heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar.

⁷"Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool."

⁸Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.

⁹Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.

¹⁰For your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

¹¹The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.

¹²If your sons keep my covenant and my decrees that I shall teach them, their sons also, forevermore, shall sit on your throne."

"What happens
when
God chooses us"



A reading from the book of Revelation 1 v 4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who

loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

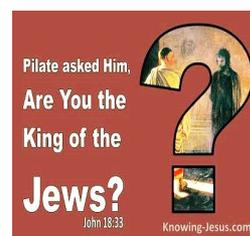
Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God.***



The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Chapter 18 v 33-37

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own



nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sentence

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, worthy of power and godhead, worthy of wisdom and honour. To him be glory and might for ever. Revelation 5:12; 1:6

. 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.

Jesus made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness

Knowing the truth in John's book is not a head knowledge. It is something that is absolute in God's world that speaks to our hearts. He gave us his Spirit within our souls so we could recognise the truth he wants us to hold onto. Then we begin to recognise the nature of Jesus and realise it is the very essence of our Father in heaven. The more we seek this truth the more we belong to the truth and the more we reject all that is counterfeit to the truth. Pilate had no idea just who he was speaking to.



prayer-time. Now let us continue to offer our prayers for the world; we remember the people who gave their lives for the freedom of others and their sacrifices on behalf of future generations, may we live by their example of duty and courage.; we pray for 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;

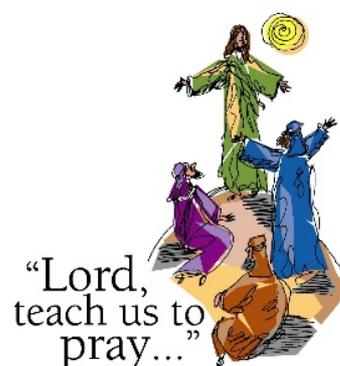
Kerrie; David Jones; Claire; Jean; Dan Thomas; Trish; Claire; Fr Graham & Catherine; & Blair; Aileen; Ann; Tom & Nick; Stephen, Bill, Eileen Cook; Tessa; Yvonne Scrutton; Sylvia; Gabrielle, Brenda; Judith; Gabrielle; and *any others we wish to remember.*

Let us say the Lord's Prayer Together.

Our Father

Prayer of the Day

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns



with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. 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

