

Jesus Changes  
Water Into  
Wine



## SUNDAY TABLE SERVICE

***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.



Let us prepare our table with thanksgiving and prayer add those special items to remind us of God's precious gift to mankind. If you are celebrating this meal without people physically present, please be aware that **God Is With You.**

### **WE ARE HIS FINEST WINE**

Do you remember when you were a child and your parent said, Just do what I tell you? At a wedding feast Jesus used water jars to hold the purist of wine. The servants must have been hesitant and asked themselves, we are out of wine, does he want to give the guests water. Mary says, just do whatever he tells you. Faith is like this, it comes with trusting in God that He will do what He tells us He will do. This is why we have the bible as our benchmark and the Spirit of God as our witness. The servants did not tell Jesus, explain this and then we will obey you. When we follow God he begins a transformation taking us from the ordinary and making us into His finest wine.



- ***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 Isaiah, Chapter 62 beginning at Verse 1**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

<sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. [NRSV Isaiah 62.1–5)]

Hear the word of the Lord,

***thanks be to God***



### **Psalm 36:5-10**



<sup>5</sup> Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens:and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the strong mountains:and your justice as the great deep;

you, O Lord, save both man and beast.

<sup>7</sup> How precious, O God, is your enduring kindness:the children of Adam shall take refuge

under the shadow of your wings.

<sup>8</sup> They shall be satisfiedwith the good things of your house:and you will give them drinkfrom the river of your delights.

<sup>9</sup> For with you is the well of life:and in your light shall we see light.

<sup>10</sup> O continue your merciful kindness toward these who know you: and your righteous dealing to those that are true of heart

### **A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians, Chapter 12 beginning at Verse**

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**12** Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the



same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

[NRSV 1 Corinthians 12:1-11]

Hear the word of the Lord,

***thanks be to God.***

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 2 beginning at Verse 1  
*Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

**2** On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2** Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. **3** When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." **4** And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." **5** His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." **6** Now standing there were six stone water jars for the

Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. **7** Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. **8** He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. **9** When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom **10** and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." **11** Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him [NRSV John 2.1–11]



This is the Gospel of the Lord,

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

Sentence

**Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.**

*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 with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.**

**"Do whatever he tells you."**

This story represents our lives as we choose to follow Christ as our example. When we do what He tells us and we act how He acts, a transformation happens to our nature that is beyond our control. We become more like Christ as the Holy Spirit does a reformation with the person we are. This opens us up to the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be evident in our lives. Like the wedding guests blessed with the finest wine,



we are made into a blessing to the world, we are His living walking miracles to administer God's grace.

**prayer-time** Now let us continue to offer our prayers for healing of the world; for those affected by coronavirus; 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, Kym, Melissa and Sam, 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 for Epiphany 2**

Bountiful God,  
whose Son revealed his glory at Cana of Galilee:  
help us believe and obey, so that,  
as our Saviour promised,  
we may be filled with the wine of new life  
and show forth his joy and love;  
who lives 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, make contact with others who may be alone or missing seeing their families and loved ones during the Christmas Season. Wish them a Blessed and Safe New Year, remind them of the Joy of Christmas and the promise of a brighter and better future in 2022. 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.

