

## SUNDAY TABLE SERVICE

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - Epiphany 6

**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.**

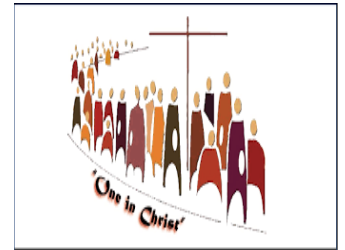
Sometimes we eat, in front of the TV either together or alone; we eat on the run; we eat out in restaurants or even in our car; but today we sit at a table that we have set for our Sunday lunch meal. It is our everyday altar of life-giving food.



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

### Being Christian

How do we live as a Christian? How do our lives show the evidence that Jesus truly is real? This is what Paul is asking and explaining; it is what Jesus teaches in the beatitudes. We are challenged to have Christ in every aspect of our lives to the point that His nature is infused into the person that we are. The evidence of Christ in our lives is because of the consequences that speak about who we are as Christians. The evidence is in the countenance of our lives that radiate in the nature of our unity with Christ.



- **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 Jeremiah, Chapter 17 beginning at Verse 5**

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. <sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.



It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup>I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings [NRSV Jeremiah 17.5–10]

Hear the word of the Lord,

***thanks be to God***

## **Psalm 1**

1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly: nor followed the way of sinners, nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.

2 But their delight is in the law of the Lord:

and on that law will they ponder day and night.

3 They are like trees planted beside streams of water: that yield their fruit in due season.

4 Their leaves also shall not wither:

and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:

they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.

6 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement:

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

7 For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:

but the way of the ungodly shall perish.



## **A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians Chapter 15 beginning at Verse 12**



<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ

has not been raised. <sup>17</sup>If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

[NRSV 1 Corinthians 15.12–20]

Hear the word of the Lord,

***thanks be to God.***

## **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, Chapter 6 beginning at Verse 17 Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>17</sup>He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came

out from him and healed all of them.<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

[NRSV Luke 6.17–26]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

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



### **Sentence**

Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

*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.*

### **Blessed are those who trust in the Lord**

#### **They are like trees ... which yield their fruit in season**



God has made us to be like an exquisite flower showing forth His glory. We were once a seed in the ground, how we grow, and bloom is the work of the Spirit. Being faithful in Christ, does not mean reading the bible every day, or even going to church. These things help, but there is a spiritual dimension where we invite God to be manifest in our lives because we know we cannot bloom without Him. Then His Spirit does

the work making us like Him. It is only when we look back, that we see the wonder of God making that difference in us.

**prayer-time Now** let us continue to offer our prayers for healing of the world; remembering all those who are in need 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, Catherine Cooling and family, Kym, Melissa and Sam, Ted & Joyce and Miriam; Ann W, Ruth , Lynn, Joannie, Matthew, 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; Peter, Eleni and Nicholas; Jac Bishop, Joanie; Andrew; Kerrie; David Jones; Claire; Jean; Dan Thomas; Trish; Claire; Ann; Tom & Nick; Stephen, Bill, Eileen ; Tessa; Yvonne; Sylvia; Gabrielle, Brenda; Judith: and *any others we wish to remember..*

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

***Our Father .....***

***Prayer for Epiphany 6***

Righteous God,  
you challenge the powers that rule this world  
and you show favour to the oppressed:  
instil in us a true sense of justice,  
that we may discern the signs of your kingdom  
and strive for right to prevail;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and 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 you have not seen or contacted for a while, those who may have missed seeing their families and loved ones because of the current COVID restrictions, those who may be alone as visiting is difficult especially for those in residential care. 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. ....

