



Second Sunday of Easter 24th April 2022

TABLE SERVICE

**Let us sit and watch Songs of Praise together on the ABC
and then set the table for our Parish meal.**



**Christ is Risen! Alleluia!
He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!
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Prayerful and intentional preparation for a meal

As we celebrate our the Resurrection of Jesus, let us define the occasion by decorating our table with a variety of bright flowers or other symbols of new life, Give some thought to the presentation of your meal as a meditation on the importance of the time you are setting aside for worship. Make it pleasing to your eye.



If you are celebrating this meal without people physically present, please be aware that **God Is With You.**

SO I SEND YOU



Jesus said "As the Father has sent me so I send you." Have you ever thought what this means? Some see it to mean evangelism, to go out and preach the gospel. Basically, it means that we are called to imitate Christ, to show the world who our heavenly Father is through the ability He gives us. This is not to mean we walk on water or turn water into wine. What it does mean, is that we walk where others wont go and impart grace where grace is lacking. We take on the nature of Jesus and carry God's mission in whatever why He leads us.

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.

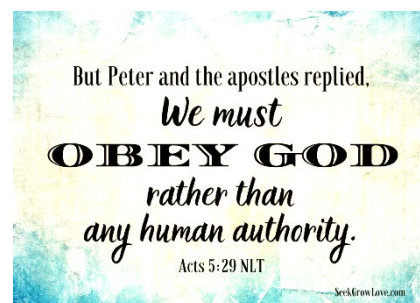
Here, and throughout the world, We adore you O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Amen

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 Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 5 beginning at Verse 27

27 When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on



said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



[NRSV John 20:19-31] This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sentence

Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

Let us now engage in some quiet reflection, or conversation and sharing, responding to the passages of scripture.. We may like to write down some key thoughts for further reflection.

I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

The Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.

In Revelations, John says that we are made to be a kingdom, priests serving our God and Father. If we bring God's grace in whatever way it comes to others, we are being God's Priests. Fulfilling Jesus commission "So I send you." The twist in this calling is that Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit who empowers us with the authority to do the "As" as Jesus did. Jesus received the Holy Spirit at His baptism, and we receive this impartation when we ask for it. If our desire is to be as Christ, then God knows we need His help.



prayer-time

Now let us continue to offer our prayers for healing of the world; God of peace and justice, who changes the hardened heart and breaks the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you. Protect them in this time of peril. We pray alongside all those affected by Natural Disasters, especially the people in Queensland and New South Wales





We continue to pray for those in our parish asking for prayer. John, Mary, Elizabeth, Catherine Cooling , Melissa and Sam, Robby A , Anne, Joanie, Lynn, Miriam, Ruth, Malcolm N, Jean N, Jo and John Mc, Father Ted and Joyce, Betty, Joy, David Mitchell family, Pat, Carolyn, Allison, Angela, Carol, Lucy Ann, Jean, Nathan, Peter, Alex, Kym and Bob. Jac Bishop: Eileen Cook; Yvonne Scrutton; Brenda, and any others we wish to remember.....

(An updated prayer list is being created. If you wish to add people from the previous list or new people, please contact your Warden).

Let us say the Lord's Prayer Together.

Our Father

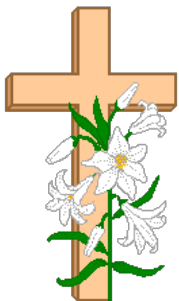
Prayer for the second Sunday of Easter

Living God,
for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked:
draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ
and touch his wounds where they bleed in others.
This we ask through Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you and 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.***

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Intentional connection beyond your home

After our Table Service, take the time to contact other people you know, especially those on their own or separated from family and friends. Wish them the blessings of Easter and share with them the Joy of the Resurrection , Let God guide you to the person or persons with whom you should connect. Contact them. Start a conversation: Happy Easter!, How have you been keeping, what about this changing weather or hope you are keeping well, was just thinking of you and decided to call.

