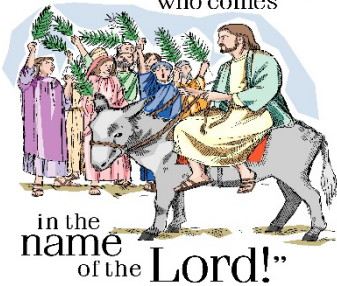


"Blessed is the king
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SUNDAY TABLE SERVICE

Sunday 10th 2022 Palm Sunday
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 give some thought to the presentation of our meal, let our table reflect the importance of the season of lent, a time of reflection, prayer and fasting. As we celebrate Palm Sunday let us define the occasion by decorating our table with a variety of leaves and/or palm fronds from our garden. If you are celebrating this meal without people physically present, please be aware that **God Is With You.**

THE WAY TO JESUS PEACE Blessed be the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. What is the peace the people were calling out about? With a new King, was he not expected to bring peace on earth. Here the people cry peace in heaven. Jesus was seen as one sent in the name of the Lord. When the people were reconciled with God then they would know a peace with God. Some hoped that this would stop the Roman occupation, their hope was for themselves. Jesus did indeed come to bring peace but what kind of peace did he mean?



- **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:

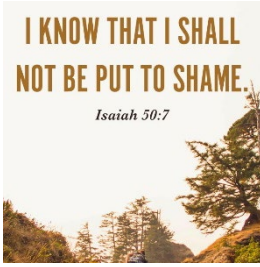
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Here, and throughout the world, We adore you O Christ, and we bless you, because
by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Amen
Bless this food, both physical and spiritual. Bless all who gather at your table, both
seen and unseen, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah Chapter 50.verses 4–9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn

backward.⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard. I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.



⁷ The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame,⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment, the moth will eat them up.

[NRSV Isaiah 50.4–9a]

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

Psalm 31:9-18

9 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:

my eye wastes away for grief, my throat also and my inward parts.

10 For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with sighing:

my strength fails me in my affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11 I am become the scorn of all my enemies:

and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

12 I am a thing of horror to my friends:

and those that see me in the street shrink from me.

13 I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:

I have become like a broken vessel.

14 For I hear the whispering of many: and fear is on every side;

15 While they plot together against me: and scheme to take away my life.

16 But in you, Lord, have I put my trust: I have said 'You are my God.'

17 All my days are in your hand: O deliver me from the power of my enemies

and from my persecutors.

18 Make your face to shine upon your servant:

and save me for your mercy's sake.



A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians Chapter 2 beginning at Verse 5

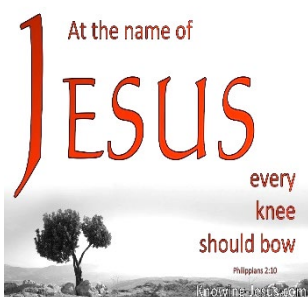
⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on

a cross.⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the

earth,¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,



to the glory of God the Father

[NRSV Philippians 2.5–11]

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Chapter 22 beginning at Verse 14

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁴ When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹ But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²² For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" ²³ Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.



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

Sentence

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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.

**The whole multitude of disciples began to praise God.
If they remain silent, the very stones will cry out.**

Jesus was seen as the Messiah, meaning the saviour. Throughout the Gospels Jesus talks about what salvation and peace is all about. He came to be the way all people could know God, and in knowing God, then they shall know His peace within them. Even in times of occupation, tyranny and affliction, to know God brought comfort and assurance knowing His grace and mercy in the middle of trouble. This in itself is the greatest miracle God gives His people. This amazing gift of peace is available to us today as we exult Jesus above all else. He is indeed our blessed King who comes in the name of the Lord.



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 , Kym and Bob, Melissa and Sam, Ted & Joyce and Miriam; Ann W, Ruth , Lynn, Joannie, 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 Palm Sunday

Everlasting God,
 in your tender love for the human race
 you sent your Son to take our nature,
 and to suffer death upon the cross:
 in your mercy
 enable us to share in his obedience to your will
 and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and 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, take the time to contact other people you know, especially those on their own or separated from family and friends. 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, was just thinking of you and decided to call.

