



**Fifth Sunday of Easter 15<sup>th</sup> May 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! Alleluia!**

**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.**



**Loving One Another.**



Jesus showed us what God's love for us was all about, and then He gives us His authority to be the same; a new commandment with which to live by. That we love one another as He has loved us. This is one of the most profound scriptures in the Gospels. If we demonstrate the same love towards others as Jesus had for us, then the world would know Jesus through our faithfulness to him. Jesus came to be with us in the middle of humanity with all the mess humanity gets itself into. He sees beyond our sin, He sees what He has created and loves this and desires us love him in return.

**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 11- 1-18*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a

second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life." *Hear the word of the Lord.*      thanks be to God.



**Psalm 148** *we will say alternate verses*

1 Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

2 Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his host!

3 Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!

4 Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for he commanded and they were created.

6 He established them for ever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,  
8 fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

9 Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!

10 Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

12 Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.

Praise the Lord!



*A reading from the book of Revelation. 21 1-6*



Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who

was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. 13 31-35*

### **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***



### **Sentence**

**God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 1 John 4:16b**

*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.*

**Do not make a distinction between them and us. See the home of God is among Mortals, He will dwell with them as their God.**



We often think that love is being nice and doing good to others; but God asks us to go deeper than this. In God's kingdom we know His love extends to the unlovely and the unclean. What is he seeing that too often we do not see? God asks us to look beyond the external and see the soul, to see the identity of a person that He created to be like Jesus as well. It is loving this in

a person that can awaken them to know that they are accepted and valued by God, this is our commission. This is the relational effect of God's faithfulness to all of us that brings about transformation in our lives. So, knowing we are loved, we too can love, accepting others as Christ accepted us. Then others will know the power that is within this love, and this is the work of His Spirit.

### **prayer-time**

Now let us continue to offer our prayers for healing of the world; Lord we ask for peace for those who need peace, reconciliation for those who need reconciliation and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring, we ask for you to be with all our brothers and sisters in Ukraine – especially the children, as the crisis in that region continues to deteriorate.

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter***

We behold your glory, O God  
in the love shown by your Son,  
lifted up on the cross and exalted on high:  
be glorified anew in the love we have for one another  
as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus,  
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.***



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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. Start a conversation: How have you been keeping, what about this changing weather or hope you are keeping well, I was as just thinking of you and decided to call. .... Let God guide you to the person or persons with whom you should connect.

