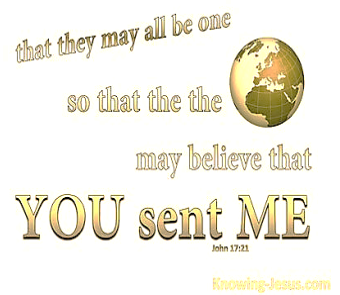




Seventh Sunday of Easter 29th May 2022

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!**

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.**



JESUS IN US AND THE FATHER IN HIM



What if you had a babushka doll and each internal section could bless those who interacted with it? This is actually what God wants us to be like. Chapters 13 to 16, Jesus has a conversation with the disciples at their Passover feast. Chapter 17 is the prayer Jesus prays before they leave to go to the Garden. He prays for his disciples but in this reading, he includes us "those who will believe" ... us. He says, I in them and You in me, this is a beautiful analogy of God's impartation in us and with us. When we live as Christ the world sees the Father in

living reality. Our very lives become the message of God's salvation grace for all who will recognise him.

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 16 beginning at Verse 16

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had

brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe."²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."²⁹ The jailer called for lights,

and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."³² They spoke the word of the Lord^[c] to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God. [NRSV Acts 16.16–34]

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ACTS 16:30-31



Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God

Psalm 97

1 The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of islands be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

3 Fire goes before him: and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light the world: the earth sees it and quakes.

5 The mountains melt like wax before his face: from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.

6 The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness: and all peoples have seen his glory.

7 They are ashamed, all those who serve idols and glory in mere nothings: all gods bow down before him.

8 Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced: because of your judgements, O God.

9 For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth: you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The Lord loves those that hate evil: the Lord guards the life of the faithful, and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.

11 Light dawns for the righteous: and joy for the true of heart.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous: and give thanks to his holy name.



A reading from the Book of Revelation, Chapter 22 beginning at Verse 12

¹² "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."¹⁴ Blessed are those who

wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. ¹⁶ "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book:

if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; ¹⁹ if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

[NRSV Revelation 22.12–22]

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thanks be to God.



**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 17 beginning at verse 20
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."



[NRSV John 17.20–26]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sentence

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.

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.

He took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptised.

Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am.



In Acts 16, despite their suffering, Paul and Silas found peace and joy in God. They sang and praised God and then comforted the goaler after the earthquake. The goaler saw that these two men were men of God and immediately asked 'what must I do to be saved.' It is not enough to keep God's presence to ourselves but to let the knowledge of his love overflow from us. This starts because of the wonder of the name of Jesus we hold and by it we demonstrate His love to one another.

prayer-time

Now let us continue to offer our prayers and thanksgiving. We pray 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.....



Let us say the Lord's Prayer Together.

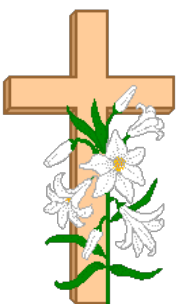
Our Father

Prayer for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples
that they might be one, as you and he are one:
grant that your Church,
being bound together in love and obedience to you,
may be united in one body by the one Spirit,
that the world may believe in him whom you have sent,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
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.**

**Christ is Risen! Alleluia!
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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.

