



Sunday 26th June 2022 TABLE SERVICE
Let us sit and watch Songs of Praise together on the ABC and then set the table for our Parish meal.



Prayerful and intentional preparation for a meal



As we worship at home today let us define the occasion by adding something special to our table. Give some thought to the presentation of our meal as a meditation on the importance of the time we are setting aside for worship. If you are celebrating this meal without people physically present, please be aware that **God Is With You**.

Has anyone said something to you and you have no idea what they mean? Jesus statements in this reading seem out of kilter to the questions asked.

His answers were not challenging the mind or our actions but to the motivation of our hearts. So, how do we gage that our hearts are in the right place? Paul explains this in the Galatians.

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

**A reading from the second book of Kings,
Chapter 2 beginning at Verse 1**

2 Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets [□] also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰ He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

¹³ He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the

one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

[NRSV 2 Kings 2.1–

2, 6–14]

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God

Psalm 77

1 I call to my God, I cry out toward him:

I call to my God, and surely he will answer.

2 In the day of my distress I seek the Lord,

I stretch out my hands to him by night:

my soul is poured out without ceasing,

it refuses all comfort.

11 I will declare the mighty acts of the Lord:

I will call to mind your wonders of old.

12 I will think on all that you have done:

and meditate upon your works.

13 Your way, O God, is holy:

who is so great a god as our God?

14 You are the God that works wonders:

you made known your power among the nations;

15 By your mighty arm you redeemed your people:

the children of Jacob and Joseph.

16 The waters saw you, O God,

the waters saw you and were afraid:

the depths also were troubled.

17 The clouds poured out water, the heavens spoke:

and your arrows darted forth.

18 The voice of your thunder was heard in the whirlwind:

your lightnings lit the world,

the earth shuddered and quaked.

19 Your way was in the sea, your path in the great waters:

and your footsteps were not seen.

20 You led your people like sheep:

by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Galatians,

Chapter 5 beginning at Verse 1

5 ¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters;^[a] only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence,^[b] but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions,

factions, ²¹ envy,^[c] drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. [NRSV Galatians 5.1, 13–25]

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke,

Chapter 9 beginning at verse 51

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"^[a] ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then^[b] they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ But Jesus^[c] said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

[NRSV Luke 9.51–62]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sentence

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

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.

As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.

I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.

To live by the Spirit, really means to let God lead your heart. To allow his presence in our lives be the thing that guides our motives. Then out of our lives naturally flows love, joy, peace, patience, generosity, gentleness, kindness, faithfulness and self-control. This is loving our neighbours whoever they are. This is the Holy Spirit at work in our lives.

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

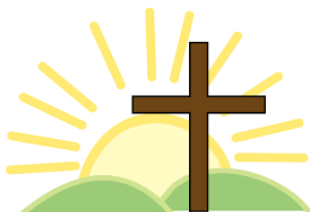
Prayer for Sunday

O God,

the light of the minds that know you,
the life of the souls that love you,
the strength of the thoughts that seek you:
help us so to know you that we may truly love you,
and so to love you that we may fully serve you,
whose service is perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. 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.

