



Sunday 10th July 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**.



CAN WE LIVE FORGIVENESS



Have you ever thought what it is that identifies us a people who follow the Lord our God? The law, 'love your neighbour as yourself', was an integral part of the Israelites faith. So was the ministry of caring for the orphans, widows and foreigners. To do this was to follow God's law in honouring God. Jesus says to the lawyer, love the one your people recognise as your enemy. It is not enough to simply be nice to the likable people, so Jesus gives an example of a Jewish man who has been given compassion by his enemy. Then he says, "Go and do likewise."

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 book of Amos, Chapter 7 beginning at Verse 7

⁷ This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line

in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,

and Israel must go into exile

away from his land."

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a



"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel..." Amos 7:8

temple of the kingdom.”¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees,¹⁵ and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’¹⁶ “Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. you say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’¹⁷ Therefore thus says the Lord:

‘Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,
and your land shall be parcelled out by line;
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,
and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.’”
[NRSV Amos 7.7–17] Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God

Psalm 82

1 God has stood up in the council of heaven:
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement.

2 ‘How long will you judge unjustly:
and favour the cause of the wicked?’

3 ‘Judge for the poor and fatherless:
vindicate the afflicted and oppressed.

4 ‘Rescue the poor and needy:
and save them from the hands of the wicked.

5 ‘They do not know, they do not understand,
they walk about in darkness:
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 ‘Therefore I say, “Though you are gods:
and all of you children of the Most High,

7 “Nevertheless you shall die like a mortal:
and fall like one of the princes.”

8 Arise, O God, and judge the earth:
for you shall take all nations as your possession.



A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians, Chapter 1 beginning at Verse 1

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking

that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be



Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him,
BEARING FRUIT IN EVERY GOOD WORK AND INCREASING IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.
Colossians 1:10

prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. [NRSV Colossians 1.1–14]

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, Chapter 10 beginning at verse 25
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." ²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

[NRSV Luke 10.25–37]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Sentence

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.

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 am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel.

May you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father



relieves the needs of others.

When people hurt us, our default response is to hold offence. In showing compassion the Samaritan man chose to ignore the Jewish abuses against his own people. His action is not simply forgiveness, but living forgiveness in real action. Jesus is expressing what living His way is all about; and living His way is the mark of a Christian. Like a plumbline that shows how correct a wall is, strait or perpendicular, our hearts need to submit to God's leading showing us the truth within our own motives. Israel lost her way, but a prayerful heart

prayer-time Now let us continue to offer our prayers and thanksgiving.

We pray for all those who have been affected and continue to be troubled by the extreme weather which has caused floods and major damage in NSW . We pray for the emergency workers and volunteers as they assist in evacuating and rescuing people in danger. Give strength and comfort to those who have lost so much and fill them with your grace in the troubling times ahead.



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 pray for all those facing hunger and disease as famine threatens. We continue to pray alongside those in our parish asking for prayer : Mary and Margaret, 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.

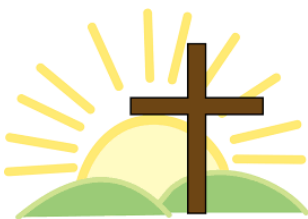
Our Father

Prayer for Sunday

Eternal God,
you have taught us through Christ
that love is the fulfilment of the law:
help us to love you with all our heart, with all our soul,
with all our mind, and with all our strength,
and our neighbour as ourself;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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.

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 really cold weather, hope you are keeping warm and well or, 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.

