



**Sunday 24th 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.**

“Lord, teach us to pray...”



**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**.



What are we saying when we say the Lord's Prayer? This prayer is all about who God is and what He provides. Our Father, whose kingdom we long to belong to. He feeds us his living word and accepts us as we are. Freeing us from sin and temptation. He is our very protection from evil because we abide in his power and glory.

**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:*

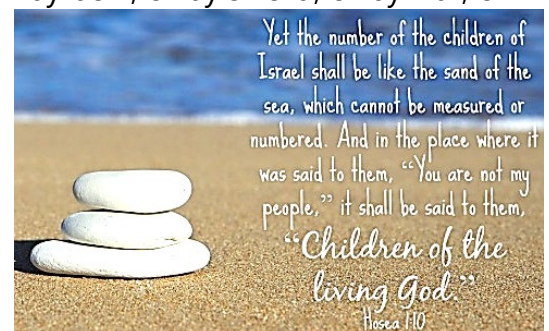
**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**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 Hosea, Chapter 1 beginning at Verse 2**

When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, “Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD.” So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the LORD said to him, “Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.” She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, “Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.” When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said, “Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.” Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,” it shall be said to them, “Children of the living God.”



Hear the word of the Lord.

**thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 85

1 O Lord, you were gracious to your land:  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
2 You forgave the iniquity of your people:  
and covered all their sin.  
3 You put aside all your wrath:  
and turned away from your fierce indignation.  
4 Return to us again, O God our saviour:  
and let your anger cease from us.  
5 Will you be displeased with us for ever:  
will you stretch out your wrath  
from one generation to another?  
6 Will you not give us life again:  
that your people may rejoice in you?  
7 Show us your mercy, O Lord:  
and grant us your salvation.  
8 I will hear what the Lord God will speak:  
or he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful ones, whose  
hearts are turned to him.  
9 Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:  
and his glory shall dwell in our land.  
10 Mercy and truth are met together:  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;  
11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth:  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
12 The Lord will also give us all that is good:  
and our land shall yield its plenty.  
13 For righteousness shall go before him:  
and tread the path before his feet.



Psalm 85:8a  
I will listen to  
what God the Lord will say.

## A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians, Chapter 2 beginning at Verse 6



6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.  
8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe]and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12 when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, 14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[NRSV Colossians 2.6–15

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## **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, Chapter 11 beginning at verse 1 Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

11 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." 2 He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

5 And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' 7 And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9 "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

[NRSV Luke 11.1–13]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



### **Sentence**

Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

Luke 11:9

*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 LORD will give what is good  
And you have come to fullness in him,**

Lord  
Teach Us  
To Pray



The key is in this prayer. It is in how we ask Him to fulfill our needs, that which He gives us in order to serve Him. In this prayer we are submitting to his ways and in return he enables us. How this happens is through the power of the Holy Spirit, and in this too, Jesus says, we need to ask the Father and He will give Him to us.

**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 pray for all those facing hunger and disease as famine threatens.



We continue to pray alongside those in our parish asking for prayer : Susan and Frank, 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.**

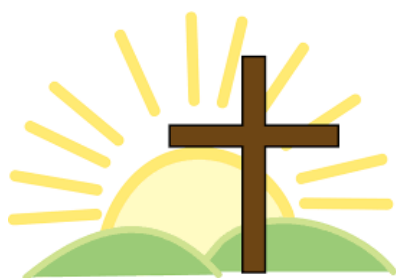
**Our Father .....**

**Prayer for Sunday**

Provident Father,  
with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips,  
we ask, we seek, we knock at your door:  
help us so to seek that we may truly find,  
so to ask that we may joyfully receive,  
and so to knock that the door of mercy  
may be opened for us;  
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 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.

