



**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 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.**



***ITS WORTH THE TROUBLE***

It is always a difficult situation when people disagree on a subject. In this reading Jesus is about to face the reason why He became incarnate and lived among us. The great trial He is to face will be a tremendous burden. He knows that His salvation for the world will bring fire, John the Baptist said it too, (Matt 3:12). The Holy Spirit will sweep across the world with Judgment and with refining fire to purify our souls. It sounds all to apocalyptic, but for those who receive Him will find a life cleansed by His Spirit and undeniably real.



***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:*

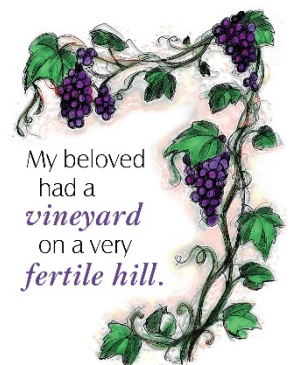
**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**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 prophet Isaiah. Chapter 5 1-7***

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of



Isaiah 5:1, NRSV

hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

**Psalm 80 1-2 8-19 we will say alternate verses**

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

2 before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might and come to save us!

8 You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

9 You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;

11 it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.

12 Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

13 The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

14 Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,

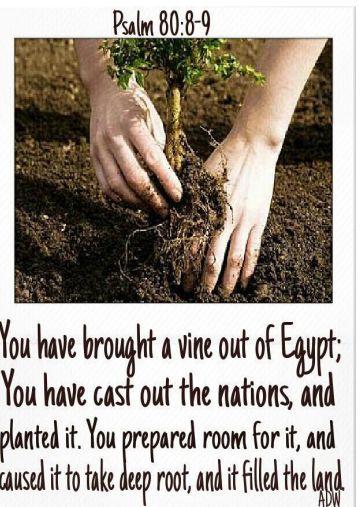
15 the stock that your right hand planted.

16 They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

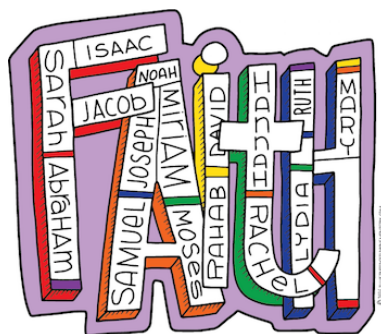
17 But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.

18 Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

19 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.



**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews Chapter 11 v 29 to Chapter 12 v 2**



By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith

conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the

ground. all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Hear the word of the Lord. **thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Chapter 12 v 49-59*

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

Jesus said to the crowds, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? "And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? Thus, when you go with your accuser before a magistrate, on the way make an effort to settle the case, or you may be dragged before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you in prison. I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny."



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

**Sentence**

*'Is not my word like fire,' says the Lord, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?'.  
Jeremiah 23:29*

*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.*

**Who for the Joy that was set before Him endured the cross  
Do you suppose that I came to give peace on the earth?**



Jesus then says, because of this baptism He is about to undertake, it will bring trouble. Peace on earth between others will not come, Paul says, but we preach Christ crucified; to the Jews, a stumbling block and to the Greeks, foolishness. Jews, Greeks, Romans and other Gentiles all with a belief in in God or God's. How could a criminal who died on a cross save

anyone? Jesus knew that persecution, or the very least ridicule, to those who believed in Him was coming. Faith is not and an easy thing, but knowing Christ our saviour is worth all the trouble.

**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.**

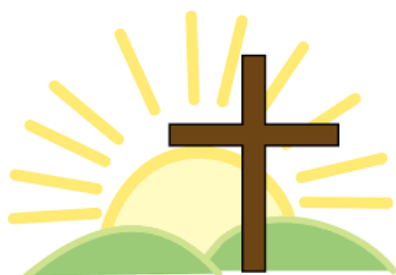
**Our Father .....**

**Prayer for Pentecost 10**

Everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking sin and all that hinders us, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith; 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.**

**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?, 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.

