



Do good,  
Be rich in  
good works,  
Be generous,  
Be ready  
to share

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 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**.



With honour and privilege comes responsibility and with responsibility, accountability. One of the laws of Moses was to care for the poor. Life has its privileges; it can also bring great suffering. It's not that the rich man neglected the poor man, but that he took for granted all he had and cared not for his Father in heaven until it was too late. If he had of honoured God he would have cared for Lazarus.



**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 Jeremiah, Chapter 32:1-3a,6-15*



The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the

court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land. Hear the word of the Lord. **thanks be to God.**

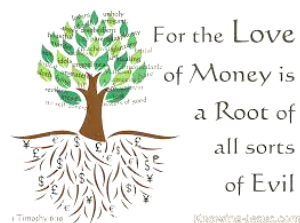
### **Psalm 91:1-6,14-16**

1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
2 will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust."  
3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence;  
4 he will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.  
5 You will not fear the terror of the night,  
or the arrow that flies by day,  
6 or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.  
14 Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.  
15 When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue  
them and honor them.  
16 With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.



### *A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy Chapter 6:6-19*

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the



faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made

the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take

hold of the life that really is life.

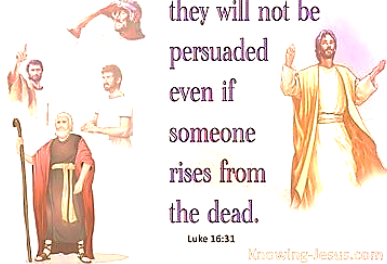
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*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke Chapter 16:19-31*

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

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They

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have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Sentence**

Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. James 5:16

*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.*

**Those who love me, I will deliver.**

**Take hold of the life that really is life.**

When we honour and love our Father in heaven with our lives, the outcome is that we truly want to do His will and obey His ways. Therefore, our compassion and grace to all is the outward evidence of Christ's Spirit in our lives. It also shows those who don't know Him how a life with Him is to be desired.



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



Father God, we pray for our world today. We pray for peace and hope to abound. Many have been troubled by natural disasters, conflict, and the results of a global pandemic. In challenging times, help us turn to you as our source of strength and hope. Merciful Lord, we offer a prayer for your peace to be with all those who have suffered and continue to do so. Amen.



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 16  
 O God, from whom light rises in darkness  
 for those who seek you:  
 grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties,  
 the grace to ask what you would have us do,  
 that in your light we may see light,  
 and in your narrow path may not stumble;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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**



**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 think about other people you know, especially those on their own, in ill health, grieving or missing family and friends.  
 You can do this in prayer or by contacting them and starting 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 need to connect with.

