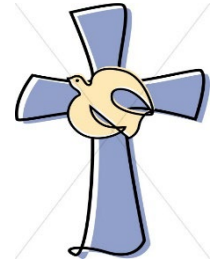




**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022 TABLE SERVICE**  
**Let us sit and watch Songs of Praise together**  
**on the ABC**  
**and then set the table for our Parish meal.**



**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.**



**IT IS IN THE HEART THAT JESUS SEES.** This Gospel has two aspects of prayer, one is persistence and the other is having a humble heart. The key to all this is in V8 which is in our faith or trust that God will hear us. Jesus shows that he sees our faith even when we feel at our lowest and wonder if he will truly hear us. He tells us through this gospel, not to give up. He hears us beyond our meagre words or even if we are lost for words, then he hears the ache in our souls. His answers may not be what we expect, but they will help us grow and understand that he cares for us beyond our own prognosis.



**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 31:27-34*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says



the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. Hear the word of the Lord **thanks be to God.**



*Psalm 119 we will say alternate verses*

97 Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

98 Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

100 I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

101 I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

102 I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104 Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy. 3:10-4:5*



Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Luke 18:1-14* **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ** Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had

respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted." *For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***



### **Sentence**

Will not God grant justice to those who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? Luke 18:7-8

*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.*

**When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?**

**I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.**

Everyone has a little pharisee that hides inside and wants us to be better than others. When we see someone struggling in faith, instead of having compassion, we use their weakness to show off our good works. But it is the heart that Jesus sees, it is the heart that we are judged by and it is the heart that speaks the truth about who we really are. Like Jesus in the temple, God sees it all. The good and the humble and proud and the oppressor. If you were praying in the temple, what would your prayer be?



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

Father God, we pray for our world today, We pray for those affected by the ongoing floods in Australia Compassionate God, source of all comfort, We pray for the people whose lives have devastated by rain and flood. Bring them comfort, we pray. Protect the vulnerable. Strengthen the weak. Keep at bay the spread of disease. Have mercy on all those working to rescue the stranded and to feed the hungry. And may our response to their suffering be generous and bring you praise. For we ask it in Jesus name, **Amen.**



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



**The Collect for Pentecost 1**

Lord, tireless guardian of your people,  
teach us to rely, day and night, on your care.  
Drive us to seek your justice and your help,  
and support our prayer lest we grow weary,  
for in you alone is our strength.

We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and 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? are you looking forward to summer? 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.

