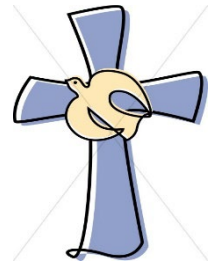


Sunday 23rd October 2022 TABLE SERVICE
Let us sit and watch Songs of Praise together
on the ABC
and then set the table for our Parish meal.



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.**



.Children, Solisitors and Camels all in one story. They all are connected with God's Kingdom on this Gospel. It seems very difficult to enter into God's Kingdom unless you are like a Child. They came to Jesus without questions trusting in what He had to give. Children seem to have no care in the world, yet they own nothing except that which is their Father's.

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:

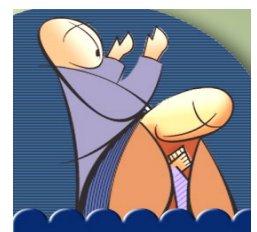
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 Joel Chapter 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens



and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

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

Psalm 65

- 1 You are to be praised O God in Zion:
to you shall vows be paid you that answer prayer.
- 2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins:
when our misdeeds prevail against us you will purge them away.
- 3 Blessed are those whom you choose and take to
yourself to dwell with in your courts: we shall be
filled with the good things of your house of your
holy temple.
- 4 You will answer us in your righteousness with
terrible deed O God our saviour:
you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth
- 5 Who by your strength made fast the mountains: you that are girded with power;
- 4 Who stilled the raging of the seas the roaring of the waves:
and the tumult of the peoples.
- 5 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth are afraid at your wonders:
the dawn and the evening sing your praises.
- 6 You tend the earth and water it: you make it rich and fertile.
- 7 The river of God is full of water: and so providing for the earth you provide grain
for us all.
- 8 You drench its furrows you level the ridges between: you soften it with showers
and bless its early growth.
- 9 You crown the year with your goodness: and the tracks where you have passed
drip with fatness.
- 10 The pastures of the wilderness run over: and the hills are girded with joy.
- 11 The meadows are clothed with sheep: and the valleys stand so thick with corn
they shout for joy and sing.



A reading from the Second letter of Paul to Timothy. 4:6-8,16-18



As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be

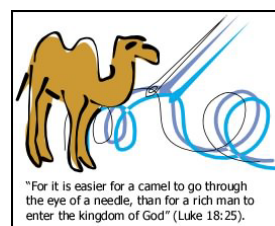
fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke 18:15-30

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

People were bringing even infants to Jesus that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." A certain ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honour your father and mother.'" He replied, "I have kept all these since my youth." When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" He replied, "What is impossible for mortals is possible for God." Then Peter said, "Look, we have left our homes and followed you." And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life." *The Gospel of the Lord*



"For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God" (Luke 18:25).

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

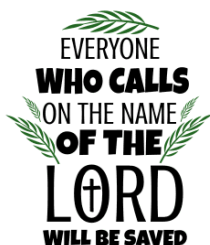
Sentence

Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.

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.

We shall be filled with the good things of your house

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.



Jesus puts a high order on the young lawyer and his disciples. They said "Then who can be saved." His point is salvation is not up to us, no good works we do will earn it. There are things in our hearts that hold us back. Simply makes it impossible. Only God can change the impossible to the possible, as we make our desire for His kingdom greater than the things of this world.

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. 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: Deacon Peter and Heather, as they prepare for Peters Ordination. 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

O God, who alone can probe the depths of the heart, you hear the prayer of the humble and justify the repentant sinner: grant us the gift of humility, that, seeing our own faults clearly, we may refrain from judging our neighbour but rely solely upon your saving grace.



We make our prayer through your Son, our Saviour, 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? 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.

