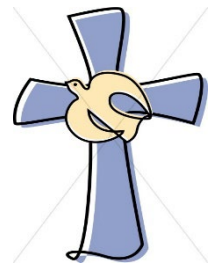




**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022 TABLE SERVICE**

**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.**



### **A RICH MANS LOT**



Last week's reading talked about the rich man who believed he was good yet couldn't leave his money. Here we have another rich man who lived dishonestly yet gave away half of what he owned and made generous reparations to those he had swindled. To the first man Jesus said it is impossible for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. Yet here was Zacchaeus a rich man whom Jesus said Salvation had come into His house. Zacchaeus's heart was in the right place, and this opened the door for what is possible with God

**.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 Habakkuk Chapter 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

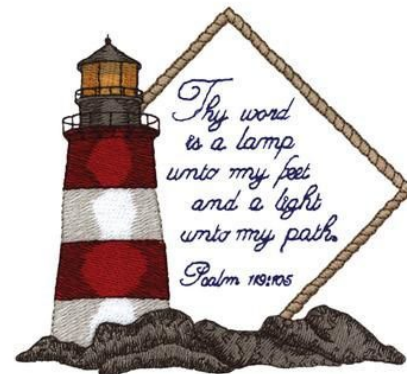
The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous — therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the

righteous live by their faith.

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

### **Psalm 119:137-144 — A.P.B.A. Page 357**

Righteous are you Lord God:  
and just are your judgements.  
The commands that you have commanded:  
are exceedingly righteous and true.  
Zeal and indignation have choked my mouth:  
because my enemies have forgotten your words.  
Your word has been tried in the fire:  
and therefore your servant loves it.  
I am small and of no account:  
but I have not forgotten your precepts.  
Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness:  
and your law is the truth.  
Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me:  
but your commandments are my de-light.  
The righteousness of your commands is everlasting:  
O give me understanding and I shall live.



### **A reading from the Second Letter to the Thessalonians 2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12**



We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing.  
© Thessalonians 1:3

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

### **Luke 19:1-10**

#### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who



saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

### **Sentence**

Today salvation has come to this house, for the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost. Luke 19.10

*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.*

**I am small and of no account: but I have not forgotten your precepts.  
The love of everyone of you for one another is increasing**



The evidence of His heart's transformation showed in Zacchaeus' actions. Zacchaeus realised that he had come into God's redemption. His giving demonstrated that he knew he had wronged others and he was responding to Jesus' forgiveness. When we come into a true spiritual revelation of God's love we want to respond in some kind. In a divine relationship, God's love empowers our desire to love Him and others in return. Sin robs people of their self-worth and Jesus showed Zacchaeus he was valued despite what others thought of Him, then Zacchaeus found salvation.

### **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 :Deacon Peter and Heather as they prepare for Peter's 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**

Merciful God,  
righteous Judge of all,  
who sent Jesus among us to seek and to save those who are lost:  
grant that we may eagerly seek the Saviour,  
and joyfully welcome him into our homes and lives.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for 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



