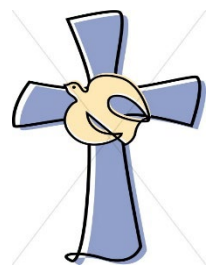




Sunday 6th November 2022 TABLE SERVICE
Let us sit and watch Songs of Praise together on the ABC
and then set the table for our Parish meal.



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.**



ALL ARE ONE IN CHRIST

If you were not a mechanic, would you tell a mechanic how to do their work? The Sadducees looked at God's kingdom seeing only the physical realm. They looked silly assuming there is gender in heaven. Jesus made it clear that our souls are not bound in the physical, neither in heaven or on earth. Our relationship with God is on Spiritual grounds and we need to see and live it this way as well. Jesus makes it clear that we are all alive in Him and that God is for us that life.



.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:

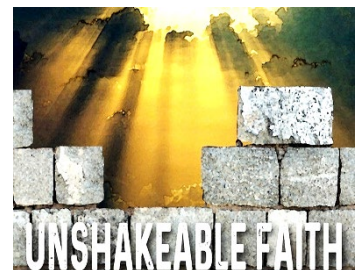
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 Haggai. Chapter 1:15b-2:9

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubba-bel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I



will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts. Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

1 I will exalt you O God my king:

I will bless your name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you:

and praise your name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and wonderfully worthy to be praised:

his greatness is past searching out.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another:

and declare your mighty acts.

5 As for me I will be talking of the glorious splendour of your majesty:

I will tell the story of your marvellous works

17 The Lord is just in all his ways:

and faithful in all his dealings.

18 The Lord is near to all who call upon him:

to all who call upon him in truth.

19 He will fulfil the desire of those that fear him:

he will hear their cry and save them.

20 The Lord preserves all those that love him:

but the wicked he will utterly destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praises of the Lord:

and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.



2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not



remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then,

brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good

hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Luke 20.27-40 Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive." Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." For they no longer dared to ask him another question. The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



Sentence

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.' John 11.25-26

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.

Indeed they cannot die anymore ... being Children of the resurrection Brother and Sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you.



In the family of God our souls are not confined to gender, we see ourselves as fellow heirs of God's kingdom. So God calls us to understand that His Spiritual realm is what he is calling us into. Though we are confined to a physical corruptible body our souls are made to be incorruptible. We are all made in the likeness of God and God is not confined to gender. For when men see women and women see men

not as flesh but as Spiritual souls then we understand what it means to be His Children, the body of Christ.

prayer-time

Now let us continue to offer our prayers and thanksgiving. Father God, we pray for our world today, We pray for all threatened by floodwaters in city, coastal & rural areas. Grant safety to the thousands of residents under evacuation orders. In your mercy, bring relief to affected areas and protect both life and property.. Give strength to



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. in Jesus' name we pray, Amen. We continue to pray alongside those in our parish asking for prayer : Takoohi recovering from COIVD, 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

God of all the living
 in the resurrection of Christ Jesus you
 have given us the promise of life
 which death itself cannot destroy:
 in the strength of this unshakeable promise,
 give us a new heart to live, even now, as your new creation.
 We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
 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

