



# SUNDAY TABLE SERVICE

## Sunday 16th June 2024

*Let us sit and watch Songs of Praise  
together on the ABC*



### ***Setting our table for our Sunday lunch service.***

Sometimes we eat, in front of the TV either together or alone; we eat on the run; we eat out in restaurants or even in our car; but today we sit at a table that we have set for our Sunday lunch meal. It is our everyday altar of life-giving food.

### ***Prayerful and intentional preparation for a meal***

As we celebrate 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 doesn't matter what culture, people put themselves into social segregation. They judge who are accepted and who are not.



The readings show that the economy of God is different than the economy of humanity. The prophet Samuel had to anoint a new king. He went to Jesse's place, who had 7 sons present. All of them were strong handsome contenders, but God said no to them all. Samuel asked Jesse if all his sons were present. He told Samuel that his youngest was out in the paddock with sheep. Psalm 51:5 suggests David was an illegitimate son. This is not the first time God chooses someone socially unacceptable, and someone full of flaws. God's economy does not rely on social sensitivities.

### ***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**



### ***Let us read and reflect on our cycle of readings***

A reading from the first book of Samuel Chapter 15 v 34 to 16 v13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall

do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of



these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out

and went to Ramah.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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- 1 May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble: the God of Jacob lift you up to safety.
- 2 May he send you his help from the sanctuary: and be your strong support from Zion.
- 3 May he remember all your offerings: and accept with favour your burnt sacrifices,
- 4 Grant you your heart's desire: and fulfil all your purposes.
- 5 May we also rejoice in your victory and triumph in the name of our God: the Lord perform all your petitions.
- 6 Now I know that the Lord will save his anointed: that he will answer him from his holy heaven with the victorious strength of his right hand.
- 7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses: but we will trust in the name of the Lord our God.
- 8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are made strong and stand upright.
- 9 O Lord save the king: and hear us when we call upon you.

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AND SOME IN HORSES:  
BUT WE WILL  
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OUR GOD.  
PSALM 20:7



A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians Chapter 5 6-10 14-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would



rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human

point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark Chapter 4 26-34

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

Jesus also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.



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

### **Sentence**

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 2 Cor 5:19

Let us now engage in some quiet reflection, or conversation and sharing, responding to the Gospel passage. We may like to write down some key thoughts for further reflection.

**Sam v13. The spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward.**

**Corr 16. Therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view.**



Paul in Corinthians talks about what God does to make people His people. It is His work in us, not how pretty we try to be, being better than others. Paul then sums up how we should see others. Not through eyes that judge from the outside appearance. He encourages us to see the Spirit of Christ inside each other. It is the Holy Spirit that speaks to our souls. So when Jesus says we don't know how a plant grows; He is implying that His life within us is what draws us to Him. This is God's work. Of over 40 kings, David the outcast son, was the greatest king of Israel, a man after God own heart.

**prayer-time** Now let us continue to offer our prayers for those in need, those looking for peace and reconciliation. Lord, we ask for peace in all nations throughout the world .

Our world is full of hurting people and nations torn apart by war and violence. Please protect, comfort, and heal children and women and men who face unspeakable loss and profound emotional and physical challenges. Unite us in pursuing a world where all can thrive in Your peace, mercy, and abundance guide us in our efforts to help bring relief to these troubled regions. Amen.

We pray for family; for members of the parish and wider community, for the life and ministry of the Church, for encouragement in our journey of faith.

We continue to pray alongside those in our parish asking for prayer, Glenda, Deryn, Margaret, Wendy, Gweneth, Jo and Ginne ,Joyce and Ted Matthew, Ann , Kathryn and Keiran, Ruth, Jean N, Brendas family, Colin, Allison, Pat Foord, , Georgia (Sunaras Mum). Pat V David, Brenda, Joanie, Jo Jan, Joy I, Leanne, Daniella, Mary R, Jac Bishop; Eileen Cook; Yvonne S; Ursula Pridham; Barbara Webber; Tom Arnold; Nicholas & Ben; Sue & Frank Thomas; Gordon Russell; Emily and her family; Trish Simon; Christina and any others we wish to remember, either silently or aloud.



***Let us say the Lord's Prayer Together.***

***Our Father .....***

### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God,  
without you we are unable to please you:  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Conclude the meal with the following prayer together.**

***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 spend some time reaching out to others, a member of your family, or someone who does not have family, or a friend, someone in your community who may be alone and would welcome a call or message from you. , Let God guide you to the person or persons with whom you should connect. Contact them. Start a conversation: 'I was thinking of you.....' Or What did you think of.....

