



SUNDAY TABLE SERVICE

Sunday 6th October 2024

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

Jesus Loves Me



Mark 10:13-16

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.**



In the Job reading this week we see that he loses everything and his health is suffering badly. Then his wife tells Him to curse God and die. Life is great when everything is going our way and faith is easy then. We are so thankful to God for the blessings; but we can easily blame God when things go wrong. Job's faith was not like this. He had an understanding that God would be with him even in the times of his suffering and grief. His wife put it right when she said His faith had an Integrity. He trusted that God would sustain his heart and soul even when nothing goes right ... and so God did.

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.**

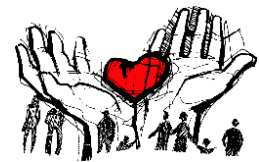
Here, and throughout the world,

**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 book of Job Chapter 1:1; 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to



Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is



in your power; only spare his life." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

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

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1 Give judgement for me O Lord for I have walked in my integrity:

I have trusted in the Lord and not wavered.

2 Put me to the test O Lord and prove me: try my mind and my heart.

3. For your steadfast love has been ever before my eyes: and I have walked in your truth.

4. I have not sat with deceivers: nor consorted with the hypocrites;

5. hate the assembly of the wicked: I will not sit with the ungodly.

6. I wash my hands in innocence O Lord: that I may go about your altar,

7. And lift up the voice of thanksgiving: to tell of all your marvellous works.

8. Lord I love the house of your habitation: and the place where your glory dwells.

9. Do not sweep me away with sinners: nor my life with those that thirst for blood,

10. In whose hand is abomination: and their right hand is full of bribes.

11. As for me I walk in my integrity: O ransom me and be favourable toward me.

12. My foot stands on an even path: I will bless the Lord in the great congregation.



A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

God Has Spoken



Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings

that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of

death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 10:2-16

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; 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." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.



After taking them in His arms, He laid His hands on them and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sentence

Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. Mark 9.35

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.

Job 1:8a &9a Are you still maintaining your integrity shall we accept good from God and not trouble.

Hebrews 2:11b So Jesus is not ashamed to call us His brothers and sisters.



In the Gospel reading Jesus says we need to embrace the Kingdom of God like a child. In other words, our trust in Jesus needs to be complete in Him. If we fall and graze our knees we have a Father we can come too who will comfort and heal us. We never have to be alone. The divine Jesus entered our suffering and death by becoming human. He is not so distant from us, but is compassionate in every way. Salvation isn't simply a tick to get into heaven. It is knowing we have a living God who will walk with us through whatever life dishes out. This is the integrity our faith can have, even when it hurts.

prayer-time Now let us continue to offer our prayers for those in need, those looking for peace and reconciliation.

O God, we pray for all the children of Abraham in every country of the world. We pray for Muslims, Jews and Christians that we will draw on the best of our traditions to guide us away from words and acts of division and discrimination so that everyone may be free to live in safety.

Protect the vulnerable, strengthen the fearful and comfort the grieving.



In Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 pray alongside those in our parish asking for prayer, For the friends and family of Ebony now in rehab on her healing journey (Peter and Heather’s daughter in law) Deryn awaiting surgery, Pat, Jean, Nicole, David, Takoohi , Glenda, Margaret, Wendy, Gweneth, Jo and Ginne ,Joyce and Ted, Matthew, Ann , Kathryn and Keiran, Ruth, Jean N, Brendas family, Colin , Georgia (Sunaras Mum). Pat V, David, Brenda, Joanie, Jo, Jan, Joy I, Jac Bishop; Eileen Cook; 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

O God,
your Son has taught us
that we must receive your sovereign rule like a little child:
help us to turn to you in faith and simplicity of heart,
so that we may receive your blessing
and enter the kingdom your Son has promised;
through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 whom you should
Start a conversation: ‘I
Or What did you think



person or persons with connect. Contact them. was thinking of you.....’ of.....