



# SUNDAY TABLE SERVICE

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### CHRIST THE KING

*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.**

Pilate was having difficulty understanding that Jesus was a King; but not of this world.



But King of what exactly? We all too often make Jesus king of something that is tangible, but these kingdoms are of our own making, thwart with failings. Then how do we know we are citizens of Jesus kingdom? The facts speak for themselves. When we come under His authority then His attributes become ours.

Who we are, then attribute to His divine and perfect nature. Then we can say without a doubt that He rules within our hearts and therefore Lord over our souls.

#### ***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 second book of Samuel 23:1-7**

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,  
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?

But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

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



### **Psalm 132:1-12**

1 Lord remember David and all his trouble:

how he swore an oath to the Lord, and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob;

2 'I will not enter the shelter of my house: nor climb into the comfort of my bed;

3 'I will not give sleep to my eyes: or slumber to my eyelids,

4 'Till I find out a place for the ark of the Lord:

a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.'

5 Lo, we heard of it at Ephrathah:

we found it in the fields of Ja-ar.

6 Let us go to the place of his dwelling:

let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.

7 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place:

you, and the ark of your might.

8 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness:

and let your faithful ones shout for joy.

9 For the sake of David your servant:

do not turn away the face of your anointed.

10 The Lord has sworn to David:

an oath which he will not break;

11 'One who is the fruit of your body: I will set upon your throne.

12 'If your children will keep my covenant and the commands which I teach them: t

heir children also shall sit upon your throne for ever.'



### **Second Reading**

#### **A reading from the book of Revelation .1:4b-8**

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and

dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.



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### **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 18:33-37**

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

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my



kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

### Sentence

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing.    Revelation 5.12

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.

**John 18:36a. Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world.**

**Rev 1:5b-6a To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom.**

A king not only has authority over his subjects, but also over the things that would affect his subjects. Jesus not only sustains us but confronts the things that would harm us. He moves in the spiritual realm, opening the door for the Spirit of God to work. He overcomes dysfunctional things in our lives so that truly constructive and restorative things take over. This is what is called salvation. A king however demands obedience. In Jesus case, not to dominate, but so we benefit from all He has done for us. We come to know we are citizens of His kingdom when we submit to His Lordship.



**prayer-time** 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 offer our prayers for those in need, those looking for peace and reconciliation.

Father God, we pray for our world today. We pray for peace and hope to abound.

Many are affected by natural disasters: floods, droughts and forest fires. Many are struggling with conflict, poverty and the global food crisis.

Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of justice, and no strength known but the strength of love: guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom, that peoples and nations may find their security in the love which casts out fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.



We pray alongside those in our parish asking for prayer, Patrusca, Lorraine, Rachel ( Bill \*& Margarets daughter), Steve (Fr Dennis and Mary son), Ebony (Peter and Heather's daughter in law) Deryn recovering from surgery, Pat, Jean, Nicole, David, Takoohi , Glenda, Margaret, Wendy, Gweneth, Jo and Ginne ,Joyce and Ted, Matthew, Ann , Kathryn and Keiran, Ruth, Jean N, Colin , Georgia (Sunaras Mum). Pat V, Brenda, Joanie, Jo, Jan, Joy I, Jac Bishop; Eileen Cook; Ursula Pridham; Barbara Webber; Tom Arnold; Nicholas & Ben; Sue & Frank Gordon; 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**

Everlasting God,  
whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son,  
our Lord and King: grant that the people of earth,  
now divided and enslaved by sin,  
may be freed and brought together  
under his gentle and loving rule;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. 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.....

