



**Seventh Sunday of Easter 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025**

**TABLE SERVICE**

**Let us sit and watch Songs of Praise together on the ABC and then set the table for our Parish meal.**

that they may all be one  
so that the the  
may believe that  
**YOU sent ME**  
John 17:21  
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**Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**  
**He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Prayerful and intentional preparation for a meal**

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, let us define the occasion by decorating our table with a variety of bright flowers or other symbols of new life, Give some thought to the presentation of your meal as a meditation on the importance of the time you are setting aside for worship. Make it pleasing to your eye. If you are celebrating this meal without people physically present, please be aware that **God Is With You.**



**JESUS IN US AND THE FATHER IN HIM** When we say we are in love, the 'in' part is very important. It means we put our hearts trust in someone. Jesus trusted His Father with an absolute love. He reflected the very nature of God. We are called to be in this unity as well. Being in Christ, Christ centred, we are in God as well and He is in us. Meaning that God's love is reciprocal. Our joy and fellowship with one another spills over.

**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 Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 16 beginning at Verse 16**

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or

observe.”<sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.<sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.<sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.<sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened.<sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.<sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.”<sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights,

and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.<sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”<sup>31</sup> They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”<sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord [\[c\]](#) to him and to all who were in his house.<sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.<sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God. [NRSV Acts 16.16–34]

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ACTS 16:30-31



Hear the word of the Lord,

***thanks be to God***

## **Psalms 97**

1 The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of islands be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

3 Fire goes before him: and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light the world: the earth sees it and quakes.

5 The mountains melt like wax before his face: from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.

6 The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness: and all peoples have seen his glory.

7 They are ashamed, all those who serve idols and glory in mere nothings: all gods bow down before him.

8 Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced: because of your judgements, O God.

9 For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth: you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The Lord loves those that hate evil: the Lord guards the life of the faithful, and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.

11 Light dawns for the righteous: and joy for the true of heart.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous: and give thanks to his holy name.



## **A reading from the Book of Revelation, Chapter 22 beginning at Verse 12**

<sup>12</sup> “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”<sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup> Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.<sup>16</sup> “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this

testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

<sup>18</sup> I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; <sup>19</sup> if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. <sup>20</sup> The one who testifies to these things says,

"Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 17 beginning at verse 20**  
***Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

<sup>20</sup> "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

[NRSV John 17.20–26]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

***praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***



**Sentence**

**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.**

*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.*

**John 17:22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one,**

**John 17:21 As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.**



When we see a group of people absolutely enjoying being with one another there is an urge to be with them, to have what they are having. Jesus prays a prayer for the generational future of all who believe. The optional word He uses is in the 'in.' He prays that as I am in the Father and He in me that we be the same in them and they in us. This is the unity that Jesus prays for so that the world will have the desire to know the same love of God that is outwardly displayed in us.

## prayer-time

Now let us continue to offer our prayers for healing of the world;. Lord we pray for your peace and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring, we pray for a ceasefire and for peace in all areas of conflict and war. We pray for all threatened by floodwaters in city, coastal & rural areas, we ask for safety for the thousands of residents under evacuation orders, and for Gods love comfort and peace on those families who mourn the loss of loved ones.



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, Madeleine, Ken, Lynn H, Jo, Fr Ted and family, Heather C, Neville B, Jo, Mary and family, Lisa W, Jan Y, Michael, Andrew, Colin C, Cathy M, Pratibha K, Jeanette B, Barbara A, Jo M, Sue Mc, Griselda, Patrusca, Lorraine, Rachel, Steve, Ebony, Jean T, Nicole, David, Takoohi, Glenda, Margaret, Wendy, Gweneth, Jo and Ginne, Matthew, Ann, Kathryn and Keiran, Ruth, Jean N, Georgia, Pat V, Brenda, Joanie, Jan, Joy I, Jac B; Eileen, Ursula P, Tom A, Nicholas & Ben; Sue & Frank G, Emily and her family; Trish S, Christina and any others we wish to remember, either silently or aloud. ...

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

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

## ***Prayer for the Seventh Sunday of Easter***

Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples  
that they might be one, as you and he are one:  
grant that your Church,  
being bound together in love and obedience to you,  
may be united in one body by the one Spirit,  
that the world may believe in him whom you have sent,  
your Son 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 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.***

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## ***Intentional connection beyond your home***

After our Table Service, take the time to contact other people you know, especially those on their own or separated from family and friends. Start a conversation: How have you been keeping, what about this changing weather or hope you are keeping well, I was as just thinking of you and decided to call. .... Let God guide you to the person or persons with whom you should connect.

