



**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025**  
**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.**



### **On reflection.**



This Gospel is both an evangelistic message and a pastoral message. The sheep and the coins are the Church of God, us. The lost sheep and coin represent those who have become lost along the way. The shepherd and the woman represent our responsibility to find, protect and bring back those who are lost. The Pharisees and scribes did not mean literally eating, the tax collectors and sinners were feeding on Jesus teaching, and he was leading them back to His fold.

***opening prayer — consciously drawing together in our mind our Parish community around our table.***

*Be still and silent.*

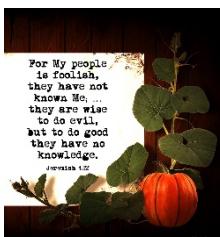
*Visualise in your mind, those whom you invited to share with you. Pray:*

**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 Jeremiah. 4:11-12,22-28*



At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse— a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this

the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

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

### *Psalm 14 1-7*

1Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

**2The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.**

3They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

**4Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD?**

5There they shall be in great terror,  
for God is with the company of the righteous.

**6You would confound the plans of the poor,  
but the LORD is their refuge.**

7O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!

When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice;  
Israel will be glad.



### *A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy. 1 Timothy 1: 1-2, 12-19a*



Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope, To Timothy, my loyal child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of

full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

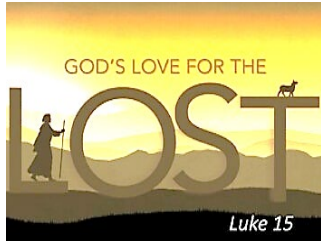
I am giving you these instructions, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies made earlier about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, having faith and a good conscience.

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

### *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.15 1-10*

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

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners



and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls

together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Sentence**

I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15.10

*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.*

**But the LORD is their refuge.**

**I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me.**

Jesus made the point that the Pharisees religion does not lead us to repentance. The value of knowing the word of God, Jesus, printed and spiritual is so important to our spiritual health. Not only are we strengthened by His word, we then have the capacity to support others to have this strength as well. It is the word of Christ that draws the lost to Him. Because we share in this grace and mercy we can live the word and bring it to others. And oh how heaven rejoices when they receive it.

Likewise,  
I say unto you,  
there is joy in the  
presence of the angels of God  
over one sinner that repenteth.  
Luke 15:10

**prayer-time** Now let us continue to offer our prayers and thanksgiving.

We pray for an end to violence and conflict in the Middle East and a successful and permanent ceasefire in Ukraine. We pray for those in power to work with truth and humility to bring peace to all areas of conflict and war and for wisdom and courage for all those working for peace and reconciliation.

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, Jo, Nicolas and family as Jo continues undergoing

treatment. Lynn H, Jean T, Jo, Sue and family, Stephen, Anne, Ken, Neville B, Lisa W, Jan Y, Michael, Andrew, Colin C, Pratibha K, Jeanette B, Barbara A, Jo M, Sue Mc, Griselda, Patrusca, Lorraine, Rachel, Steve, Ebony, Nicole, David, Takoochi, 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, 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.***

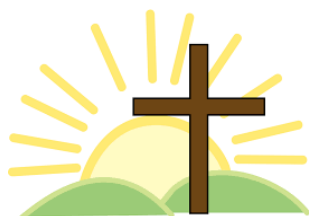
***Our Father .....***

Prayer of the Day

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God,  
exultant you bring home the found:  
touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness  
of your forbearing love;  
grant us delight in the mercy that has found us;  
and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiven sinners.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
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?, hope you are keeping warm and well 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 with.

