



**Sunday 23rd November 2025
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

TABLE SERVICE

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

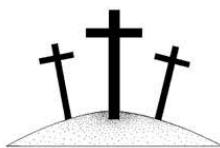


Prayerful and intentional preparation for a meal

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.**



Indifference often is coupled with ignorance. No one knew that they were crucifying and ridiculing Jesus the Christ, God incarnate. Even today this is hard to get our head



around, that what was happening was for the breaking of the curse of sin over humanity. This literally was going to shake the heavens and the earth. By revelation or by experience, or both, one man knew in his heart who Jesus was.

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:

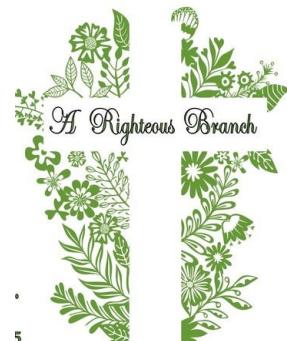
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**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 Chapter 23 verses 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice



and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness." Hear the word of the Lord., thanks be to God

For the Psalm — 'The Song of Zechariah' —

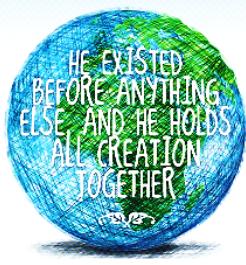
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:
who has come to his people and set them free.
The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
born of the house of his servant David.
Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us,
To show mercy to our forbears:
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear:
holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation:
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.



A reading from the Letter to the Colossians Chapter 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is

before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.



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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke Chapter 23 verses 33-43.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you

not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we in-deed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."



For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sentence

Sentence: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9.9

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.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

May you be prepared to endure everything with patience

The thief facing death himself, knowing his own sinfulness, was a lone voice against indifference and ignorance, He conceded that, by the standards the day, he deserved what he was getting. But what happened? In the reign and power of the grace of Christ he was promised a place in paradise. In a nutshell, he didn't get what, by the standards and expectations of his day, he deserved. The same grace is offered to all of us, not by anything we have done but because of what God has done in Christ.



prayer-time

Now let us continue to offer our prayers and thanksgiving. Merciful Lord, we offer a prayer for your peace to be with all those who have suffered and continue to do so as a result of injustice, conflict and war. We pray for peace and hope to abound in all these places. 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 give thanks for the success of Cathys surgery and the ongoing success of Jo's treatment and

continue to pray for freedom from pain and healing for them. We pray alongside those in our parish asking for prayer, Margaret P, Trish S, Kay & Chris DeVries, Lynn H, Jean T, 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, 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, Nicholas & Ben; Sue & Frank G, Emily and her family; Christina and any others we wish to remember, either silently or aloud.

Let us say the Lord's Prayer Together.

Our Father

The Collect

Eternal God,
you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things,
and have made us instruments of his kingdom:
by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved,
and to minister to all in need,
then at the last bring us to your eternal realm
where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy
and may worship and adore you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one 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? Will Summer ever arrive? or, I was just thinking of you and decided to call.
Let God guide you to the person or persons with whom you need to connect

