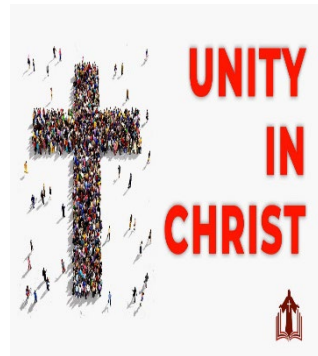




SUNDAY TABLE SERVICE 25th January 2026
***Let us watch Songs of Praise together
on the ABC and then set the table
for our shared meal.***



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.



As we worship at home today let us prepare our tables with thanksgiving and prayer adding those special gifts or items to remind us of God's precious gift to mankind. If you are celebrating this meal without people physically present, please be aware that **God Is With You.**

Fishing In The Light.



It would be a bit risky to walk about in the darkness. The best thing is to shine a light before you and to follow that, even if the end of the path is not seen. This Gospel depicts a light in the darkness and of those who followed this light. When we follow Christ Jesus, confident in His ways, we cannot stumble or fall. We then have assurance, knowing the safe path to walk on. Knowing this it becomes natural to tell others to follow, so they will be saved from

danger.

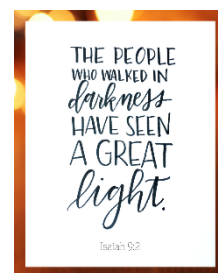
***.opening prayer — consciously drawing together in our mind our Parish community
around our table.***

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 Isaiah 9 1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden,



and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Psalms 27:1-10

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?:
the Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**2 When the wicked even my enemies and my foes
come upon me to devour me:
they shall stumble and fall.**

3 If an army encamp against me my heart shall not be afraid:
and if war should rise against me yet will I trust.

**4 One thing I have asked from the Lord which I will require:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,**

5 To see the fair beauty of the Lord:
and to seek his will in his temple.

**6 For he will hide me under his shelter in the day of trouble:
and conceal me in the shadow of his tent
and set me high upon a rock.**

7 And now he will lift up my head:
above my enemies round about me.

**8 And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with exultation:
I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.**

9 O Lord hear my voice when I cry:
have mercy upon me and answer me.

**10 My heart has said of you 'Seek his face':
your face Lord I will seek.**



A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians 1 10-18



I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided?

Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptised none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptised in my name. (I did baptise also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptised anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

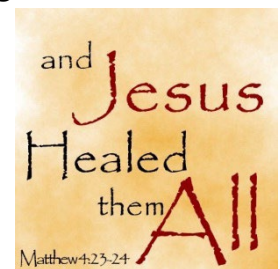
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 4 12-25

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judaea, and from beyond the Jordan.



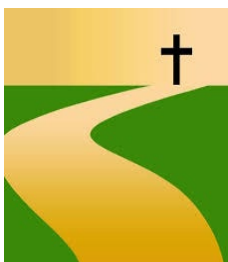
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Sentence: Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. Matthew 4.23

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.

For those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned

Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."



When Jesus used the metaphor, "Fishers of Men," He was telling Peter and Andrew that they would be calling others into the light of Christ. First Jesus shows us how to live in His light. This means we need to follow and following means learning and learning brings confidence and assurance. Even if we may not see too far ahead, we know the path He illuminates is the safest path, right path.

prayer-time Now let us continue to offer our prayers for healing of the world; for those affected by natural disasters, war and conflict; 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 for those in WA NSW and Victoria who are experiencing bush fires amid the heat wave and devastating winds; for those in north Queensland where heavy rains flooding are impacting many

people and business in various ways. Grant safety to those under evacuation orders; bring relief to affected areas and protect both life and property; Give strength to all those working to rescue the stranded and to help all in need. And may our response to their suffering be generous and bring you praise. in Jesus' name we pray, Amen. We pray for peace in our region and in the wider world. Enable leaders to come together for the common good , not individual greed. Give strength to those who oppose injustice and disunity, and work towards peace and safety for all.

Please pray alongside those in our parish asking for prayer.

We continue to pray alongside those in our parish asking for prayer Jan, :Joy I, Ann W, Pat V, Takoohi, Wendy, Leanne, Daniella, Joyce and Ted, Mary R, John , Melissa and Sam, Robby A , Anne, Joanie, Lynn, Ruth, Malcolm N, Jean N, John Mc, Betty, Joy, David Mitchell family, Pat, Carolyn, Allison, Angela, Carol, Lucy Ann, Jean, Nathan, Peter, Alex, Kym and Bob Jac Bishop: Eileen Cook; Yvonne Scrutton; Brenda;, Catherine Cooling; Ursula Pridham; Trish McD; Barbara Webber; Tom Arnold, Nicholas & Ben; Sue & Frank Thomas; Gordon Russell; Emily and her family; and any others we wish to remember.....



and any others we wish to say either silently or aloud.

Let us say the Lord's Prayer Together. Our Father

Prayer of the Day

Loving God,
the light of the minds that know you,
the life of the souls that love you,
and the strength of the hearts that serve you:
help us so to know you that we may truly love you,
and so to love you that we may faithfully serve you,
whose service is perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ 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, make contact with others who may be alone or missing seeing their families and loved ones during the holidays. Remind them of the promise of a brighter and better future in Gods Kingdom. Let God guide you to the person or persons with whom you should connect. Contact them. Start a conversation: How have you been keeping, what about this changing weather, or I was just thinking of you and decided to call.

