



SUNDAY TABLE SERVICE 18th January 2026
Let us watch Songs of Praise together on the ABC
and then set the table for our shared meal.

God has
called
you.
He will
not fail you.

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.



Today we are celebrating Baptism of our Lord. So, as we worship at home today let us define the occasion. 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.

COME AND SEE.

What does the Son of God have to offer? The Jewish people knew of the coming messiah who would save them of their sins. The literal symbolic and prophetic term given to this man was "The Lamb of God." Is it any wonder Andrew and John wanted to know more. Jesus said "Come and see," in actual fact He was inviting these young disciples to experience what he had to offer; something that would change their lives forever.

COME  **see**

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 Chapter 49, verses 1-7



Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my re-ward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to

be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — he says, "It is too light a

thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40.1-14

1 I waited patiently for the Lord: and he inclined to me and heard my cry.

2 He brought me up from the pit of roaring waters out of the mire and clay: and set my feet upon a rock and made firm my foothold.

3 And he has put a new song in my mouth: even a song of thanksgiving to our God.

4 Many shall see it and fear: and shall put their trust in the Lord.

5 Blessed are those who have made the Lord their hope: who have not turned to the proud or to those who wander in deceit.

6 O Lord my God, great are the wonderful things which you have done, and your thoughts which are towards us: there is none to be compared with you;

7 Were I to declare them and speak of them: they are more than I am able to express.

8 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire: but my ears you have marked for obedience;

9 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required: then said I Lo I come.

10 In the scroll of the book it is written of me, that I should do your will: O my God, I long to do it, your law delights my heart.

11 I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation: I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, and that you know.

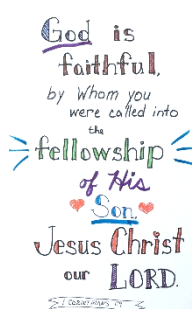
12 I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart: I have spoken of your faithfulness and of your salvation.

13 I have not kept back your loving-kindness and your truth: from the great congregation.

14 O Lord do not withhold your mercy from me: let your loving-kindness and your truth ever preserve me.



A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians Chapter 1, verses 1-9



Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you

to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 1, verses 29-42 Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptising with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).



The Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sentence: God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:9

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.



He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son.

John the Baptist knew exactly God's purpose for Jesus. He knew that though divine (the Son of God), Jesus would be that Sacrificial Lamb, come to die in His humanity (In the flesh). We are all called to follow Jesus as our teacher and to take up his offer to "Come and See." To know Him as the Lamb of God yet reigning in our souls by His Spirit as the Son of God.

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.

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

Almighty God,
whose Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, is the light of the world:
may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known,
worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;
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, make contact with others who may be alone or missing seeing their families and loved ones during the holidays. Wish them a Blessed and Safe New Year, remind them of the Joy of Christmas and the promise of a brighter and better future in 2023. Let God guide you to the person or persons with whom you should connect. Contact them. Start a conversation: How have you been keeping, or hope you are keeping well, or I was just thinking of you and decided to call.

