



Sunday 19th April 2026
SUNDAY TABLE SERVICE

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



Christ is Risen! Alleluia!
He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayerful and intentional preparation for a meal

As we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus let us define the occasion by decorating our table with a variety of things that represent new beginnings, new ways and growth. If you are celebrating this meal without people physically present, please be aware that **God Is With You.**



ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS



.Have you ever thought you knew all the news only to find that you are telling someone who was part of the action. In the story of the road to Emmaus Jesus meets two guys. They tell Him what has happened but did not know why. He joins up the dots for them. He shows them the context behind what has happened in Jerusalem. He points out where the explanation was all along, and when He had gone they realised it had been Jesus they met.

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

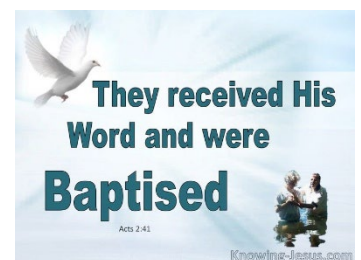
Let us read and reflect on our cycle of readings.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostle Chapter 2 verses 14a, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptised, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 116 Verses 1-4, 11-18

1 I love the Lord because he heard my voice:
the voice of my supplication.

2 Because he inclined his ear to me:
in the day that I called him.

3 The cords of death encompassed me the snares of the grave
took hold on me: I was in anguish and sorrow.

4 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:

'O Lord I beseech you deliver me!'

11 How shall I repay the Lord: for all his benefits to me?

12 I will take up the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord.

13 I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people.

14 Grievous in the sight of the Lord: is the death of his faithful ones.

15 O Lord I am your servant your servant and the child of your handmaid:
you have unloosed my bonds.

16 I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving: and call up on the name of the Lord.

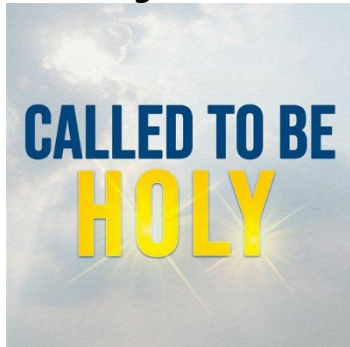
17 I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people.

18 In the courts of the house of the Lord: even in your midst O Jerusalem Praise – the Lord.



Second Reading

A reading from the First Letter of Peter Chapter 1, verses 13-25



Prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. For "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever." That word is the good news that was announced to you.

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Chapter 24, verses 13-35

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place

there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they



did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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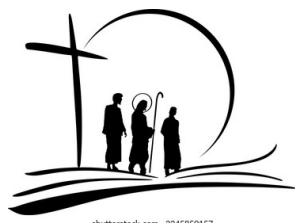
Acts 2.38-39

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.

He interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

Through Him you have come to trust in God.

Have you tried to assemble something from Ikea without reading the instructions.? You put it together, but it isn't quite right. Jesus showed these men how everything that happened was foretold in the ancient Scriptures. He explains to them a full picture of the why. Our faith also needs context, it's why we have the bible. It's God's way of instructing and confirming to us how a Spiritual life can be lived and why on earth God loves us so much. And the more we walk this life with Jesus we come to understand the big picture.



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prayer-time

Now let us continue to offer our prayers for healing of the world; for those affected by natural disasters, for those evacuated from their homes, those cut off by floods and for emergency service workers who are assisting wherever needed, we pray for all who are suffering because of war and

conflict; through no fault of their own they suffer hunger and loss of place and people.. We continue to pray for a peaceful resolution to the escalating conflict in the Middle East and for cease fires in Lebanon and Ukraine to begin and be maintained.

We continue to pray for those in our parish asking for prayer Rev Beck and family, Jo and family, Trish, Suzi, Nicole, Richard and family, Rachel, :Ann W, Joy I, David B, Cathy, Lorraine, Sue, Margaret P, 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, Rachel, Steve, Ebony, Nicole, David, Takoochi, Glenda, Margaret, Wendy, Gweneth, Jo and Ginne, Matthew, Kathryn and Keiran, Ruth, Jean N, Georgia, Pat V, Brenda, Joanie, Jan, 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.

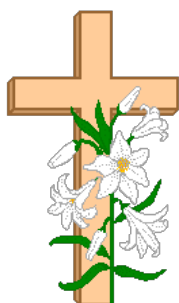
Our Father



Prayer for second Sunday of Easter

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work; who is alive 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.***

***Christ is Risen! Alleluia!
He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Intentional connection beyond your home

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

