



**EASTER DAY 5<sup>th</sup> 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! Alleluia!**

**Prayerful and intentional preparation for a meal**

As we celebrate Easter Sunday let us define the occasion by decorating our table with a variety of bright flowers or Easter eggs and/or a medium size stone, which symbolises the stone that has been rolled away and new life, Give some thought to the presentation of your meal as a meditation on the importance of the time you are setting aside for worship. Make it pleasing to your eye. If you are celebrating this meal without people physically present, please be aware that **God Is With You.**



**The Easter Reflection:** At Easter we proclaim these words "He is risen !" The emphasis is that Jesus is alive and his life is within us. As Christ has died we die with Him and in His resurrection we are raised to a new life in Him. Really, what this means is that the corrupt things in our lives that bring Spiritual death we let die with Jesus on the Cross. In return God puts in us His Spirit, His nature, His gift which brings Spiritual life to our souls. That's a pretty awesome trade off. We enter into living a life of healing and hope.



**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 Apostles, Chapter 10 beginning at Verse 34*

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know

the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**



Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: that his mercy endures for ever.

**2 Let Israel now proclaim: that his mercy endures for ever.**

14 The Lord is my strength and my song: and has become my salvation.

**15 The sounds of joy and deliverance: are in the tents of the righteous.**

16 The right hand of the Lord does mighty things: the right hand of the Lord raises up.

**17 I shall not die but live: and proclaim the works of the Lord.**

18 The Lord has disciplined me hard: but he has not given me over to death.

**19 Open me the gates of righteousness: and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

20 This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous shall enter it.

**21 I will praise you, for you answered me: and have become my salvation.**

22 The stone that the builders rejected: has become the head of the corner.

**23 This is the Lord's doing: and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

24 This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*A reading from the Letter to the Colossians Chapter 3 verses 1-4a*

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**



## Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ



After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be

afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

**Sentence** This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Luke 24.34; Psalm 118.24*

*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 is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.**

**So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.**

Paul puts it this way, the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us. Without his resurrection all we would have is a religion of social justice. People trying to be good in their own strength. It just doesn't work, as humans we find a way to corrupt anything. Faith in God's outreach to us, truly is a Spiritual powerful thing. Allowing His Spirit to raise up something new and living within us. Then God's goodness naturally grows and flows from us. We forgive as He forgives us. We live as He lives. Therefore, knowing this in our very hearts we can truly say, "He is risen indeed !"



### **prayer-time**

Now let us continue to offer our prayers for healing of the world; for those affected by natural disasters, especially in Australia as the cyclone continues to affect Northern Queensland's recovery, and also in the Northern Territory and now into Western Australia ; 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 pray for a peaceful resolution to the escalating conflict in the Middle East.



We continue to pray for those in our parish asking for prayer Trish, Suzi, Nicole, Richard and family, Rachel, :Ann W, Joy I, David B, Cathy, Jo, Lorraine, Sue, 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, 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 Easter Day**

God of glory,  
fill your Church with the power that flows  
from Christ's resurrection, that,  
in the midst of this sinful world,  
it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity,  
raised to new life with Christ;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit,  
one God, for ever and 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!  
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**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. ....

