



**Second Sunday of Easter 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**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!  
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***Prayerful and intentional preparation for a meal***

As we continue in our celebrate our Risen Lord, let us define the occasion by decorating our table with a variety of bright flowers or other symbols of 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.**



Jesus suddenly appears in the room with the Disciples which is locked. He says; Peace be with you. He shows them his wounds and again says, peace be with you. Then he says, "As the Father has sent me, so also I send you." The peace He gives them is because He is sending them back out beyond their locked door. There is a mob out there reveling the death of Jesus. The Disciples are to be ambassadors of God's mission of reconciliation. An ambassador carries the authority of the one who is sending them. This is the same authority God has given Jesus.

***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 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death,

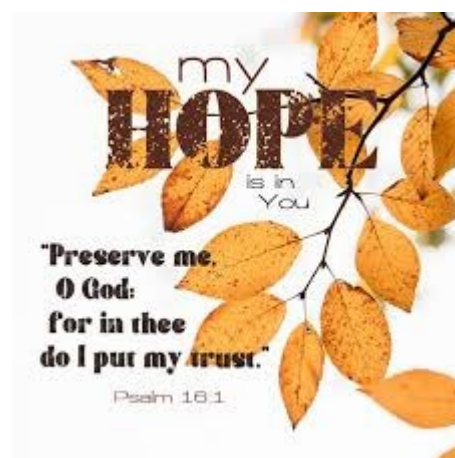


because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

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

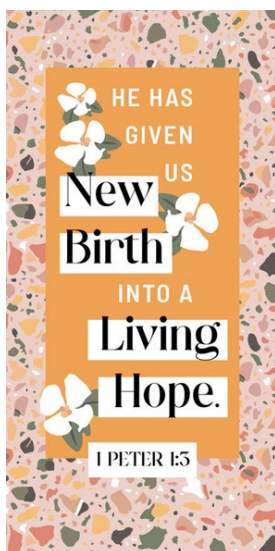
### **Psalm 16 — A.P.B.A. page 234**

- 1 Preserve me, O God: for in you have I taken refuge.
- 2 I have said to the Lord, You are my Lord: and all my good depends on you.
- 3 As for those who are held holy on the earth: the other gods in whom people delight,
- 4 Though the idols are many that they run after: their offerings of blood I will not offer nor take their name upon my lips.
- 5 The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup: you hold my lot in your hands.
- 6 The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places: and a fair land is my possession.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel: at night also he has instructed my heart.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me: he is at my right hand and I shall not fall.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices: my flesh also shall rest secure.
- 10 For you will not give me over to the power of death: nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life in your presence is the fulness of joy and from your right hand flow delights for ever more.



### **A reading from the First Letter of Peter . 1:1-12**

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood: May grace and peace be yours in abundance. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice



with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be

yours made careful search and inquiry, inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven — things into which angels long to look!

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**Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 20 beginning at verse 19  
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



[This is the Gospel of the Lord,

**Lord Jesus Christ.**

**praise to you**

Sentence

**Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'**

*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.*



The Holy Spirit is also our enabler.

Equipping us with faith and being our advocate of the things of God. Soon the Disciples fear would leave them. Unabashed they will find their voice. Locked doors are nothing to Jesus. With the Holy Spirit, as with the Disciples, for us fear will give way to that assuring peace. Soon everything that was done against Jesus would be undone and could not be restrained. Today we too can walk in confidence in the authority

Christ Jesus imparts to us.

**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 a new cyclone continues to affect Northern Queensland

recovery, and also in the Northern Territory, we pray 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 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 Rev Beck and family, 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 the second Sunday of Easter**

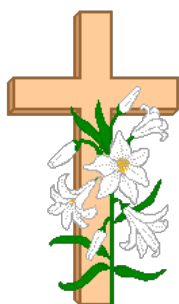
Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt:  
may we, who have not seen, have faith  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**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.**



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**Intentional connection beyond your home**

After our 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. ....

