



DAY OF PENTECOST 24th May 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.



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.**



What if you had something that flowed out of you that revived all who drank of it. It sounds unreal, but in God's plan He has made us all living fountains that truly is a reality. If we allow God's Spirit to embellish our nature we become an awesome blessing to others. Who would not want that in their lives?

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 First Letter to the Corinthians Chapter 12, verses 1-13



Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through

the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as

the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104 verses 26-36

26 Lord how various are your works:
in wisdom you have made them all and the earth is full of your creatures.
27 There is the wide immeasurable sea:
there move living things without number great and small.
28 There go the ships to and fro:
and there is that Leviathan whom you formed to sport in the deep.
29 These all look to you: to give them their food in due season.
30 When you give it to them they gather it:
when you open your hand they are satisfied with good things.
31 When you hide your face they are troubled:
when you take away their breath they die and return to their dust.
32 When you send forth your spirit they are created:
and you re new the face . of the earth.
33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:
may the Lord rejoice in his works.
34 If he look upon the earth it shall tremble:
if he but touch the mountains they shall smoke.
35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:
I will praise my God while I have any being.
36 May my meditation be pleasing to him:
for my joy shall be in the Lord.



A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 2:1-21



When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judaea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken

through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20:19-23
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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



John 20:21, NRSV

Sentence

'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,' says the Lord; 'and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.' John 7.38

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.

**To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."**



Jesus promised that when He went to the Father He would send us an advocate. He told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received power from heaven. That power is a living pulse that quickens our souls. He enables us to be living examples of God's nature. This does not happen by our own effort, but comes by a desire in the heart to want this closeness and want to be a blessing like living water to others.

prayer-time

Now let us continue to offer our prayers for healing of the world; especially 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 continue to pray for a peaceful resolution to the escalating conflict in the Middle East Lebanon and Ukraine. We pray for ceasing of all conflicts to begin and be maintained.

.We continue to pray for those in our parish asking for prayer Morgan, 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, Pratibha K, Jeanette B, Barbara A, Jo M, Sue Mc, Griselda, Patrusca, 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 Day of Pentecost

Almighty God,
at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
empower us with that same Spirit to witness
to your redeeming love and draw all people to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen.



together.

Conclude the meal with the following prayer

***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 the Table Service, take the time to contact other people you know, especially those on their own or separated from family and friends. Make sure they are well, or see if they would appreciate a visit. Let the Holy Spirit guide you to the person or persons with whom you should connect. Pray for them. Contact them. Start a conversation: 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.

