



3rd November 2019
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST – PROPER 26
Jesus changes lives

Sundays after Pentecost

GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

verse for the week

Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool.

ISAIAH 1:18

Caring Conversations

SHARE

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Share about a time you met someone special or important.

2

Zacchaeus was desperate to see Jesus when he came to Jericho. Why would you like to see Jesus?

3

How and when does Jesus come to your house? In what ways do you welcome him into your home and your life?

Devotions

READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 19:1-10	Jesus visits Zacchaeus
M	Matthew 9:9-13	Jesus has come to call sinners
T	Luke 15:1-7	This man welcomes sinners!
W	2 Thess 1:1-4, 11-12	Live a life worthy of his call
T	1 Timothy 1:12-17	The Lord's grace to Paul
F	Acts 10:34-43	God does not show favouritism
S	Isaiah 1: 10-18	Do good and seek justice.
S	Luke 20:27-38	Jesus speaks of the resurrection

TALK **Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?**

Rituals and Traditions

PRAY
Lord, please help us to grow more and more in faith in you, and more and more in our love for others. Amen.

BLESS
May God help you to live the kind of life he has called you to live.

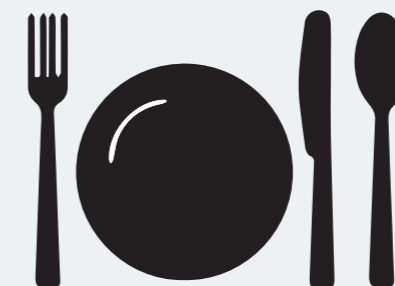
Creative Response

Jesus came as a guest to the house of Zacchaeus and brought salvation to his home (Luke 19:5-9).

As a sign and reminder of Christ's presence in your home, set an extra place at your meal table this week.

When you gather for meals, share when and where you have seen the presence and activity of Jesus during the day.

Talk about what it means for Jesus to be part of your lives.



mealtime prayer

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. Make our home your dwelling place, full of love and faith and grace. Amen.

Service

Jesus' visit to Zacchaeus' home changed the life of Zacchaeus. He committed to giving half of his possessions away to the poor. Commit this week to making a donation towards the needs of the poor in your community or elsewhere in the world. Here are some suggestions:

- Donate items that are still in good condition to a local charity store.
- Forgo a household activity or non-essential food/drink and donate the savings to an aid organisation.
- Purchase or prepare food to donate to a local food pantry assisting the poor.
- Organise a fundraiser and give the proceeds to a charity serving the disadvantaged.