



**PAYNEHAM ROAD
UNITING CHURCH
12 April 2020
EASTER DAY**



Readings for today—John 20:1-18

It is interesting to notice that each of the Gospels has its unique way of describing the Easter event. Against our common perception that John's Gospel is marked by poetic and mysterious depictions of Jesus' life, it is intriguing to notice that John's version of Easter Sunday is longer than the others, containing detailed descriptions of the event. In today's reading we can find ourselves in each of the three persons present, and especially in their ways of encountering and responding to the risen Christ. Peter saw the evidence of resurrection but was not sure if he should believe in it. The other disciple, presumably John, saw the empty tomb and believed. Mary's recognition of the evidence was not strong enough to convince her to believe until she was personally touched by the risen Christ. Her experience of the risen Christ was not contained within herself but was brought to her faith community to share. "Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples: I have seen the Lord" (v.18). However, church history has subjected Mary Magdalene to being marginalized and misunderstood. The church "leaders" evidently found a problem with Magdalene's centrality in the resurrection story, and even deemed her an unsuitable first witness. From the fringes of faith community, she rushes towards the centre, helping the church rejoice with the good news. The church still needs to be re-evangelized by the Magdalenes among us, the marginalized.

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BIBLE READINGS for April 19 2020 Easter 2

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Ps 16 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

The liturgical colour for Easter is WHITE

White symbolizes purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence. White is used for all high Holy Days and festival days of the Church Year, especially the seasons of Christmas and Easter, as well as for baptism, marriage, dedications, and in some traditions for the ordination of ministers. In some church traditions it is also used for funerals as a symbol of the resurrection.

Online(Home) Gathering for Worship with Holy Communion

The Assembly Standing Committee (ASC) has approved temporary guidelines for Uniting Church congregations and faith communities to celebrate Holy Communion as part of online worship.

"At this moment, we cannot gather together in our usual ways, because of the restrictions designed to stop the spread of the coronavirus, COVID-19, and to keep vulnerable people safe," said Uniting Church President Dr Deidre Palmer in a Pastoral Letter explaining the decision.

"Following prayer, shared conversation and listening to the Spirit and each other, the ASC has approved online gatherings for worship with Holy Communion in accordance with ASC guidelines.

"The decision whether to offer online Holy Communion in worship will be the responsibility of the Church Council with the Minister," said Dr Palmer.

"There will be Uniting Church congregations and members, who choose not to celebrate Holy Communion in this way, but instead choose to wait until they are able to physically meet. The new guidelines are a temporary pastoral measure for the period of COVID-19 isolation measures, and will conclude no later than March 2021 or when the Standing Committee advises otherwise.

Do Young will lead the communion on Easter Sunday via online but if you are not able to join you are invited in prayer of solidarity God's people without a setting.

FINANCIAL AFFECTS ON OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

Many of our members only put money in the collection plate when they are at church, so during the closure of the church we will be receiving very little income. Our Hall hirers have all had to suspend their classes until the Government lifts its bands on public gatherings. Our Cottage is unrented, at the moment, due to tenancy change and required maintenance.

The Church still has to pay all its bills & our Minister so it is vital we keep our income coming in to balance the books.

Members can assist our lack of income by part taking in the eGiving program. You can fill-in an Application Form on-line by Googling **UC Invest eGive**. You can also arrange to get an application form from David Heilbronn by calling 0434 053 976. You can either pick up a form from our home or David could deliver or post it to you.

Please note: Your offering will be going to the Payneham Road UC not to SYNOD.

If you have any questions or concerns to do with eGive please phone David Heilbronn.

Ideas for Worship at Home, Personal Devotion, and Online Reflection •

Ecumenical resources for at-home services are available (see the last week the newsletter)

Good Friday Combined Zoom Worship at 10am Easter Day (Sunday) Combined Zoom Worship at 10am

Maundy Thursday focuses on Jesus' service and love: how can you love and serve today?

Prepare a pitcher of water, a bowl, and towels
Prayerfully pour water over each hand (or allow a family member to do so)
As you do so reflect on the hymn that you like and sing.
Dry your hands (or those of family members) with a towel

Conclude with this or a similar prayer: O God, your love is embodied in Jesus Christ, who washed disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal. Wash us from the stain of sin, so that, in hours of danger, we may not fail, but follow your Son through every trial, and praise him always as Lord and Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Good Friday features Jesus' outstretched arms: how can you embrace the world today?

Prayer of Lament: A Spiritual Practice for Good Friday.
Read, pray, or sing Psalm 22 or another psalm of lament that you love.
Reflect on the state of the world, the church, and your own life.
Offer these things to God in prayer, seeking God's saving power.
Read, pray, or sing the psalm a second time.
Conclude with this: Eternal God, your Son cried out in anguish from the cross, and you delivered him. Do not hide your face from those who cry out to you. By his death and resurrection bring life where there is death: feed the hungry, strengthen the weak, and break the chains of oppression, that all people may rejoice in your saving deeds through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Easter Sunday tells the story of God's saving love: how will you remember, share the story?

Light a candle and read John 1:1–5
Reflect on and give thanks for times where you see God's light shining in darkness.
Conclude with this or a similar prayer: We praise and glorify you, Lord God, for Christ, our life, is risen and has conquered sin and death. He has broken the chains that bind us and freed us to live in his kingdom of light. May Christ enlighten the hearts of all who believe. May Christ transform this world that longs to see him, enlightening the hearts of all who believe, and restore all creation to its rightful place. Glory, praise, thanksgiving, and blessing to you, O God, victor over sin and death, now and forever. Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY Worship Service via Zoom live

Topic: Prospect Road Uniting Church's GOOD FRIDAY Service - Zoom Live

Time: session opens 09:55am - service commences at 10am

Join Zoom Meeting - simply click on the below link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/485044950?pwd=Rm81VDVHZm9RMkJRZUNPeEhIZnNwQT09>

Meeting ID: 485 044 950

Password: GoodFriday

EASTER DAY (SUNDAY) Worship Service Via Zoom live

Topic: PRUC 10am Sunday Worship Service – Zoom Live

Time: session opens 09:55am – service commences at 10am

Join Zoom Meeting – simply click on the below link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2810791142?pwd=M01ERDM2YXZaRUNSMkVxV1h4S0xkdz09>

Meeting ID: 281 079 1142

Password: PRUC

Easter Sunday Worship Service at 10am via Zoom live - where you are invited to celebrate Holy Communion with us from your home.

Our Minister Rev Do Young Kim will lead the liturgy.

Setting:

Option One - A tissue or napkin covers both the cup/glass and plate containing bread and juice - see below

Online participants should prepare for themselves and any immediate persons present with them who are also participating during the Service of the Word the following elements: bread and grape juice (or equivalent). In order to show appropriate reverence for the elements, participants should be advised to prepare only what is required and that any leftover after the service might be reverently consumed.

NOTE: It is important to acknowledge that there may be participants who will choose to abstain from taking the elements in this context, and that they too continue to be held in the love of Christ and of this our church community.

Option Two - An empty cup or glass and an empty plate are placed on a celebratory cloth

Option Three - You are invited in prayer of solidarity God's people without a setting.

Please contact Rev. Do Young Kim if you need help via phone/email to set up Zoom

How To Explain Easter to Kids

With Easter egg hunts, a bunny mascot and chocolate aplenty, it's easy to see why Easter is an exciting time for kids! Yet how many of them actually know why we celebrate Easter or where our Easter traditions come from? These fun facts should help you discover how to explain Easter to Kids!



1. The date of Easter changes every year. This is because Easter falls on the first Sunday after the full moon following the March equinox. However, this always occurs on or between 22nd March and 25th April.
2. Easter is the Christian celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the oldest Christian tradition. It is also considered to be the most important date on the Christian calendar.
3. Easter marks the end of the 40-day period of Lent, which is a traditional time of fasting that begins on Ash Wednesday.
4. The week before Easter is known as Holy Week. This begins on Palm Sunday and includes Maundy Thursday (the day of the Last Supper), Good Friday (the day of Christ's crucifixion) and Holy Saturday (the time between the crucifixion and resurrection).
5. Eggs are associated with Easter because eggs (along with milk and meat) were forbidden during Lent. Any remaining eggs would be used up on the day before Lent, Shrove Tuesday, which is also known as Pancake Tuesday. The eggs accumulated during Lent would then be eaten at Easter.
6. Eggs are also associated with Easter since they are a symbol of fertility and rebirth, linking them with springtime and with the celebration of the resurrection.
7. Decorating Easter eggs first began with the custom of staining eggs red to symbolise the blood shed by Christ during the crucifixion. The practice of painting Easter eggs is called pysanka. Find out an easy way to start the tradition with your kids of dyeing eggs for Easter with kids.
8. Hot cross buns were one of the earliest Easter treats, and were made by European monks to be given out to the poor during Lent. They have become less traditional over time with many supermarkets selling them all year round.
9. The word 'Easter' comes from *Ēosturmōnaþ* (meaning Easter month), an Old English name for the month of April, which was named after *Ēostre*, the Pagan goddess of spring and fertility.

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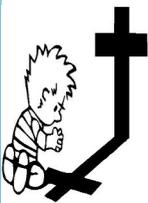
How To Explain Easter to Kids Cont....

10. The first chocolate Easter eggs were made in France and Germany as far back as the early 19th century. The first Cadbury Easter eggs were made in 1875 which is documented in the story of Cadbury Easter Eggs. They are most famous today for their delicious Cadbury creme eggs sold all year round YUM!

Resource from Brisbane kids, www.brisbanekids.com.au2020



Our Church and Church Family



PLEASE PRAY FOR

..... our members & friends struggling with ill health, especially remember in your prayers;:- Betty Nunnan, Marj Green, Andrew Randall, Ray Williams, Judy Murdoch, Doug Faulkner, Bill & Grace Hancock, Bob & Beth Rankine, Roger Wyatt, Jackie & Ray Gabell, Dennis Henschke, Brenton Taylor and Ross Dawson.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Hayeon Kim (4th), Alan Davies (14th), Tangi Steen (21st), Betty Nunan (29th)



Nessie writes...✍️

“Sunday as I sat I my garden having my morning cuppa, I notice this little plant growing in a crack. Growing and blossoming against all odds! As I pondered its strength to overcome adversity, I saw that its roots were in the heart of what could be perceived as a cross. What a wonderful message for us all as we approach Easter, experiencing such isolation and despair with the Coronavirus in our midst. The very old Gospel song ran through my mind... ‘I come to the garden alone...’ I know many will remember it. I felt the power of these words reminding me we are not alone. Together we are going to love and support each other and with God’s grace we can journey into a blessed Easter and renewed life”



Our Church and Church Family cont...

Wanted

The newsletter is a good communicating tool. I would encourage all of you to write a journal, prayer, story and anything you want to share please contact Do Young or Sharon.

Looking after the church property

If you are somewhere in the vicinity of the Church area and have the time, please have a look around the buildings (Church & Hall) for any open/damaged doors or windows as in these hard times, there are desperate people who may break in to these empty (of people) buildings looking for money or things they could sell.

Bottles and cans

Please do not bring your empty bottles and cans to the church for the time being but if possible, store them and bring them when we get to the “new normal”. Thank you.

Viet Wok— Home catering and take-away.

Paynehham Road UC's own Huy Nguyun has recently started a new home catering and take-away business. Free delivery within a 5km radius. 10% discount to people from Paynehham Road UC. Ph. 0478 134 357. Menu on last week's newsletter or on his Facebook page.

PRUC Website address:- paynehhamroaduc.org.au

I am trying to keep this website up-to-date and would appreciate polite feedback. Is there anything you believe should be on the website and isn't or should something be corrected? Please email me and let me know. Thank you. Sharon.

Wider Church news –

<https://sa.uca.org.au>

You can also subscribe to receive UC. E-News personally.

There is a full list of online and non-digital church resources available on the Synod Website: sa.uca.org.au/uniting-church-media-releases/free-online-church-resources-from-sa-uniting-church-congregations

Or you can go to the Paynehham Road Uniting Church website and click on the title for the above link. “Being the Church in Un-gathered Times “

Hi all

I hope all is going well with you and your family and important others at this difficult time. It is vitally important to continue to maintain physical distancing, frequent hand washing, taking care when coughing or sneezing and keeping in contact with others – in our family, those within our church family and with neighbours and friends. Think carefully about what we can do to keep ourselves busy with those things we have been putting off for months – or even years – and what we can do for others without being in direct contact. Think especially of those who are alone, may have mental health problems or who are caring for others in their household or who we know are especially anxious at this time. How about writing letters or sending cards, or for those of us who are computer literate, finding funny cartoons or useful articles – or even good recipes to share. Keep in contact with your PRUC Pastoral Carer or those who are on your Pastoral Carer list.

At this Easter time when we would normally be attending church services and sharing close contact with each other, let's listen to on-line services, read the messages sent by Do Young, watch special Easter services or programs and remember the events of this time many years ago of our Lord's suffering on the cross and His joyful resurrection.

I will be sharing special health care information with you via the Newsletter on a regular basis and pray that this may be helpful to you at this difficult time.

Can I also remind you not to hoard large amounts of anything – especially toilet paper!! Australia has a plentiful supply of food and other goods – and although supermarket shelves may be empty at times, there is enough to go around.

Remember that on-line shopping is possible for those with computers. If you are elderly or have health issues several stores offer a priority home delivery service. If you are having problems signing up for this or if you need help in accessing essentials or food please contact Do Young. There are church members that are happy to help in what ever way they can to ensure you have what you need.

I pray for your continued health and safety at this time.

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