

PAYNEHAM ROAD UNITING CHURCH 5 April 2020 PALM SUNDAY





Readings for today—Psalm 31:9-16

The psalmist is encountering personal tragedies: "My troubles have worn me out, turned my bones to powder" (v.10). His existence is threatened, and memory of him is to be discarded as a "broken vessel" (v.12). People's gossiping badgers him, they ostracize him from community, and he is facing life-threatening circumstances. His reputation has evaporated, "passed out of mind like one who is dead" (v.12) But his faithful witness to his trust in God is well displayed in his lament before God. We are convinced of God's loving and saving presence when tragedies and crisis strike us. It is an ironic blessing that we can realize God -with-us when we go through suffering and disappointment. Such blessing also exist in the paradoxical nature of our human experiences: we may "see" our relationships more clearly when we are physically "blind", we are more grateful when we have things taken away from us, and we appreciate eternal life in death because of death in life.

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BIBLE READINGS for 12 APRIL EASTER DAY

Acts 10:34-43 Ps 118:1-2, Col 3:1-4 or Jn 20:1-18

Or Jer 31:1-6 14-24 Acts 10:34-43 Mt 28:1-10

The liturgical colour for 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.

Combined Worship Live on Zoom

Starting 10am next Sunday 5th April we will have a 30min Worship service with Prospect Road Uniting Church using online video chat technology - Zoom.

- 1) www.zoom.us or Open the Zoom app on your device.
- 2) Enter the meeting ID and Password provide by Host (Do Young).



- 3) <u>Trial session please contact Do Young before Sunday</u>
 <u>He will guide you on how to join the Zoom meeting, otherwise if</u>
 you are not able to use it, you will be received copy of the order of service as usual.
- 4) Do Young will be reminding you on Saturday via email with instruction. (Id number and password)
- 5) Anyone can join the Combined Worship Live on Zoom, please encourage your family and friends.



SADLY OUR CHURCH HAS BEEN CLOSED UNTIL OUR GOVERNMENT SAYS WE CAN RECOMMENCE SERVICES,

AFTER THE COVID-19 VIRUS HAS BEEN EITHER
CONTAINED OR IRRADICATED

Try to keep in contact with yourchurch family members via emails or by making phone calls.

Holy Week readings and Prayers from "With Love to the world"

Monday, 6 April Jeremiah 31:1-6

God for those in wilderness, help People embrace your promise and live out that promise in and for this world.

Tuesday, 7 April Hebrews 10:16-25

God, our Father in heaven, remind me that I am a migrant in this world, yearning for my eternal home with you.

Wednesday, 8 April Colossians 3:1-4

Lord of life, give me wisdom to daily live out the new resurrected life without losing the hope for the future when you will come to us again.

Thursday, 9 April - Maundy Thursday John 13: `-17 31-35

God of love, help your church continue to be "salt and light" and to transform the world through loving one another.

Friday 10 April - Good Friday John 18:1-19:42

Loving God, open my heart to your son's supreme sacrifice, and restore me to relationship with you through His cross.

Saturday 11 April Acts 10:34-43

Lord of life, Maranatha, come, our Lord. Save us from our sins and bring us into God.



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, and Brenton Taylor

Our sympathy is with Amir and his family. Amir's father passed away last Monday in Iran.



And...

- The UnitingCare network and others in health and aged care facing shortages of personal protective equipment.
- Assembly Agencies Frontier Services and UnitingWorld as they seek to minister to those in need at home and abroad.
- All who work to make our institutions safe places for all people.
- Regional Ecumenical Organisations who are standing together with the common message to protect life.
- All those gathering online for peace and justice on Palm Sunday.
- All our young members and anyone else in our congregation who have lost their jobs

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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

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.

What is eGive? (Choosing to financially contribute to our church)

eGive is an electronic giving option that establishes a regular Direct Debit from your bank account or credit card, replacing the need to carry cash for your offering.

Giving electronically allows you to set your regular financial gift upfront, rather than giving whatever happens to be in your wallet as the offering plate passes by.

It's a simple way to financially contribute to your church. Over 1,500 people in our Uniting Church community are already giving in this way.

Give direct to your congregation electronically

No need to carry cash or cheques for regular gifts, offerings or tithes

Totally flexible – give weekly, fortnightly or monthly on any date of your choice

You can remain completely anonymous

Give as much or as little as you like

It's easy for both you and your congregation

We will debit your savings or cheque account and pass the funds direct to your congregation You can also provide your gift as a purchase on your credit card (Visa and MasterCard only) You can cancel your eGive instructions or suspend an individual transaction at any time Please contact to David Heilbronn by calling 0434 053 976.

OR

When you next go to your usual bank you can simply tell the teller you'd like to deposit some funds into the following account or using internet banking.

Account Name: Payneham Road Uniting Church

UC Invest BSB: 805 007

Account: 00701703

Message: Offering

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.

Wider Church news -

https://sa.uca.org.au

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

Palm Sunday for Children

For PRUC parents.

Summary: "In our Bible story today, Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem. Jesus is the king of kings and so He was riding like a king. The people celebrated His arrival. They were worshiping Him."

Be sure to consider your context and modify it as needed.

- 1) Please read Matthew 21:1-11 aloud to the children or read together.
- Visit there https://ministry-to-children.com/palm-sunday-for-kids/ Watch short film and share the story with your children.
- 3) Using the Crafts & Coloring papers.
- 4) The Lord's prayer
- 5) closing prayer.

Five finger prayer

This prayer can be a model for the children's prayers.

Have them draw around one hand on a sheet of plain paper. Go over what each finger can represent.

Thumb – friends and family

Index finger – People who help you learn about God and Jesus

Middle finger -leadership in our community and the world.

Ring finger – people who help persons in need particularly pandemic.

Little finger - ourselves.

Please contact Sue Yoo or Do Young if you need any help.





Worship resources (Radio, TV, Internet)

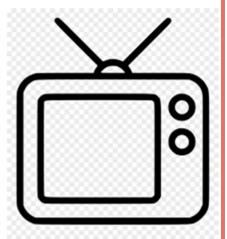
Radio

Vision Christian Radio - 1611 AM 24 hours of various items and modern music 107.9 Life FM 24 hours of Christian based modern programs and music (in the Hillsong style)

Television - free to air

Songs of Praise ABC (channel 2 or 20) Sunday 11.30am to 12.00pm (catch up on iView or Freeview)

Channel 10 Sunday 4:30am-8am a range of 30mins-60mins religious based programs Channel 72 Sunday 7:30 Leading the Way with Michael Youssef 8:00 David Jeremiah



Foxtel - subscription television

Channel 182 ACCTV - Australian Christian Channel TV

Channel 183 Hillsong Channel

Channel 185 DayStar Channel

Channel 186 SBN - Sonlife Broadcasting Network

Online

Daily Bible Devotional with Rick Warren: https://pastorrick.com/devotional/

Bible App

YouVersion: Holy Bible

reading commentary: https://vision.org.au/the-word-for-today/

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 Payneham Road Uniting Church website and click on the title for the above link. "Being the Church in Un-gathered Times"

PRUC Website address:- paynehamroaduc.org.au

5 Apr 2020 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, 5 April 2020, 3:00:00 am clocks are turned backward 1 hour to Sunday, 5 April 2020, 2:00:00 am local standard time instead.



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Paynehham Road UC's own Huy Nguyun has recently started a new home catering and takeaway business. He is offering discount to our congregation.

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT - UCA

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ.

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Life and Hope.

In this time of suffering and upheaval, that continues to unfold from day to day, we are responding as the people of God, with love and care for our neighbours. Thank you to the many Uniting Church congregations, faith communities, agencies and schools, who are working together on ways we can continue our worship, witness and service, while we are physically apart. As the Uniting Church we are navigating new waters, and exploring different ways of being Church. It is my prayer that this will be a time of deepening our relationship with God and one another, as we discern those things that are most important for our identity, life and mission as Christ's church.

Christ is present with us. In the Basis of Union we acknowledge "that the Church is able to live and endure through the changes of history only because its Lord comes, addresses and deals with people in and through the news of his completed work" and Christ calls us into "the fellowship of his sufferings, to be the disciples of a crucified Lord." (Basis of Union, Paragraph 4) At this time we are invited to listen to God's Word to us, to support and encourage one another, and to prophetically participate in Christ's mission of healing, love, justice and hope in the world. In the coming months, I encourage you to be patient and generous with one another, taking time to listen deeply to those in distress, and for whom fear and confusion are constantly present. This is a time for us to be a welcoming, compassionate, loving and creative community in Christ God's Spirit gifts us with courage and imagination to step out in faith to follow God into an unknown future. We remember that God gives us "the gift of the Spirit, so we will not lose our way." (Paragraph 3 Basis of Union).

I have met with the Moderators this week via videoconference, and we have shared in prayer and in conversation about our Church across the country. We have prepared a weekly cycle of prayers that could be used by congregations and in people's personal devotions, as a way of connecting us together, as we pray each day for one another and the life of the Australian community. We hope these prayers nurture and encourage you.

May God sustain you with love and strength, as we bear witness to Christ's hope and love for all people and the whole creation.

Yours in Christ, Dr Deidre Palmer President - Uniting Church in Australia Assembly

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