

NOW, MORE THAN EVER.



Easter Day
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Christianity has died many times and risen again; for it had a God who knew the way out of the grave.

~ **C.K. Chesterton**

‘Shalom’ was also the embracing term used to denote the unqualified well-being that would characterise the people of God once the eschatological kingdom has dawned.

~ **Don Carson**

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~ **Luke 19:41-42**

Stop doubting and believe.

~ **Jesus.**

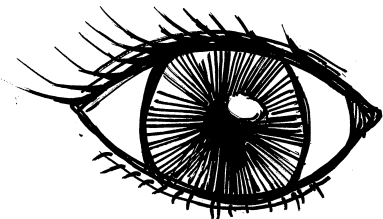
**FOR THOSE MEETING IN
A GROUP SETTING, USE
THESE SIDE BOXES TO
GUIDE YOU**



**YOU COULD THEN PAUSE
NOW AND ASK ‘WHAT
ARE YOU LOOKING
FORWARD TO IN OUR TIME
TOGETHER?’ LET OTHERS
SHARE.**

Press PLAY on the YouTube video when you’re ready, and don’t take too much time.

Kids, don’t forget to go to www.churchhillanglican.com to download the Kids’ Activity Pack.



Why not underline every time in the service where seeing, not seeing or an eye, is mentioned?

**JENNY WILL CALL US TO
WORSHIP**

Call To Worship

Colossians 3:1-4

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**IF YOU FEEL
COMFORTABLE, WHY NOT
SING THIS SONG WITH
ANDY AND EMMA?**

Take the risk. God hears the heart. Or just listen to it if you feel awkward about singing.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today

Hallelujah

Our triumphant holy day

Hallelujah

Who did once upon the cross

Hallelujah

Suffer to redeem our loss

Hallelujah

Hymns of praise then let us sing

Hallelujah

Unto Christ our heavenly King

Hallelujah

Who endured the cross and grave

Hallelujah

Sinners to redeem and save

Hallelujah

But the pains which He endured

Hallelujah

Our salvation have procured

Hallelujah

Now in heaven above He's King

Hallelujah

Where the angels ever sing

Hallelujah

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Call To Confession

1 John 1:5,8

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ... ⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

WORDS IN BOLD ARE SAID
TOGETHER

Confession

(Come let us return to the Lord and say:)

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes early away.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance Of Forgiveness

1 John 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Colossians 3:12-14

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

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Man Of Sorrows

Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By his own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as he stood accused
Beaten, mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

*Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto thee*

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed him to that tree

Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave

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Consider this:

“The Creed is not written on paper or parchment, but is retained in the hearts of the faithful” (Rufinus, Commentary 2 [NPNF2 3:543]).

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,*
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The ‘catholic church’ denotes the totality of God’s people through the ages who hold firm to the classic teachings of Christ’s apostles, regardless of denomination. It affirms the unity of the church.

**IF YOU'RE WATCHING
THE VIDEO, LISTEN
AS MIKE AND TANIA
SNOWDON (OUR LINK
CMS MISSIONARIES, IN
LOCKDOWN, IN SPAIN)
READS THESE PASSAGES**

Stick around after the service
for a bonus track update from
the Snowdons.

Bible

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine –
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death for ever.
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The Lord has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say,

'Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the Lord, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.'

John 20:11-31

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look
into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had
been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?'

'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have
put him.'¹⁴ At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did
not realise that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?'
Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell
me where you have put him, and I will get him.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means
'Teacher').

¹⁷ Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father.
Go instead to my brothers and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and
your Father, to my God and your God."'

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!'
And she told them that he had said these things to her.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’ ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord!’

But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.’

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.’

²⁸ Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, ‘Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

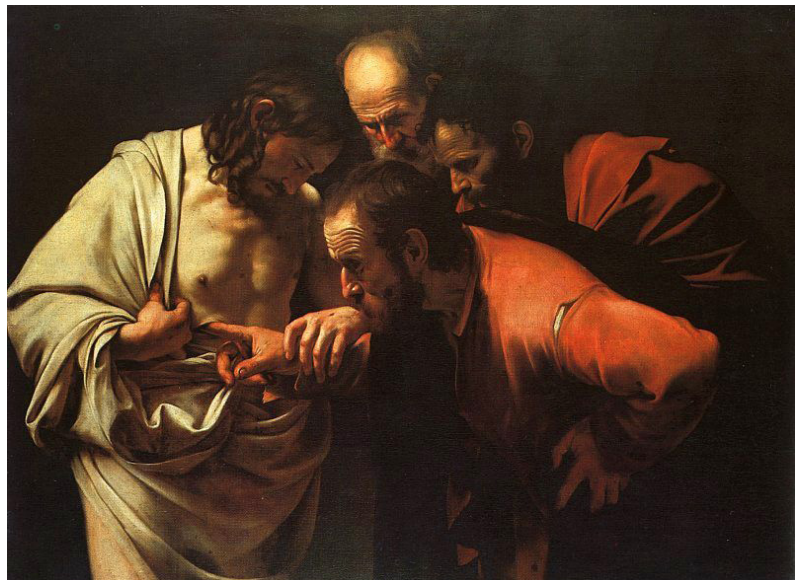


You might like to press pause at the end of the reading and ask: ‘What has God shown you?’

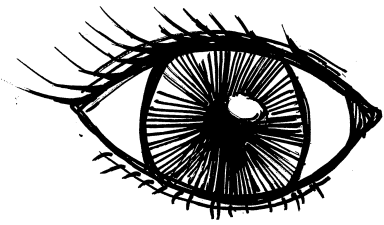
Invite responses if in a group or have a time of reflection if you are on your own.

Someone could read it again and to let it sink in.

Don’t take too much time.



The Incredulity of Saint Thomas by Caravaggio, c. 1602



Kids! Grab your Church Hill Kids' Activity Pack and have a go at the activities.

Message

Easter Day

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1. For the fearful, the gift of peace (v19-23)

2. For the doubter, a way forward (v24-29)

Stop doubting and believe.

~ **Jesus.**





AT ANY POINT DURING THESE PRAYERS YOU COULD PAUSE FOR A TIME OF PERSONAL OR GROUP PRAYER.

Those on zoom could use the chat channel.

You could also write some prayers down in the space provided.

A Time of Prayer

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVERYONE CAN SAY THIS TOGETHER

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

For those who like the traditional version.

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Collect for Easter Day

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee, that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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COMFORTABLE, WHY NOT
SING THIS SONG?**

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I Stand Amazed

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how he could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

*How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Saviour's love for me*

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them his very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

And with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
It will be my joy through the ages
To sing of his love for me

*CCLI Song # 4674207
Charles Hutchinson Gabriel | Chris Tomlin
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Don't forget

1. DAILY REFLECTIONS AS YOU WALK WITH JESUS:

You can read the Bible every day with Paul White and others through our Bible Reading App: 'A Year With Jesus'. Go to subsplash.com/ayearwithjesus/app

2. LET US KNOW HOW YOU ARE, OR HOW YOU CAN HELP:

We recognise the relational, emotional and financial strain that many among us will be going through at this time. Some of you will have lost work and income. If you are in this situation please let the staff know so we can pray with you and be of whatever assistance we can at this time. Others among us might be able to help, in various ways, others among us in their time of need. Either way our Community Care Form might be helpful to let us know. Go to bit.ly/churchhillcommunitycare

3. GIVING AT THIS TIME:

If you are able, as a member of this church, to continue your financial giving we encourage you to do so, and perhaps even more at this time (since some won't be able to). The Wardens and Parish Council are considering prudent cost cutting measures, and will be looking at our financial position at the end of April, and then May. We are, as followers of our glorious Lord Jesus, moving forward in faith, while at the same time we are being careful to be responsible in such times. We would so appreciate if you could consider your regular contributions at this time, especially if you normally give in the 'plate'.

To give electronically please use the following details online:

Bank: Westpac

Account Name: Anglican Parish of Church Hill

BSB: 032 000

Acc No: 810 878

Reference: Giving + the service you attend

Benediction

Colossians 3:15-17

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**SOME OF YOU MAY
HAVE THE CHANCE TO
SHARE 'MORNING TEA'
OR 'SUPPER' TOGETHER
THOUGH ONLINE
CHANNELS**

CITY CARE & Covid-19

The plight of people living on the streets of Sydney with the rise of Covid-19 isn't great. Our City's marginalised run a higher risk of contracting the virus and many food vans and homeless services are drying up due to a lack of volunteers, economic upheaval and the health risks involved.

After seeking advice from Sydney City Council the City Care team is determined to double-down on our efforts to support our City Care regulars during this difficult season.

OUR PLAN FOR CITY CARE LUNCH ON SUNDAY 19 APRIL

City Care will run on a takeaway-only basis gifting shopping bags filled with hygiene essentials, non-perishable food items and 'groceries only' gift cards to all-comers. Excess bags will be distributed at several homelessness hot-spots throughout the City.

We will also seek contact details from our regulars and encourage them to let us know how we can help them more specifically over the coming months.

What we need from you

We need you to purchase (and arrange for delivery to St Philip's, 3 York Street Sydney 2000):

- Hygiene essentials (e.g. hand sanitiser, masks, wipes, travel tissues, tampons, lip balm, beauty products, razors etc.)
- Non-perishable food items (e.g. salmon/tuna/ham/corned beef cans – ring pull only, baked beans – ring pull only, tuna and crackers, muesli/granola/nut bars, fruit snacks/dried fruit/trail mix, instant soups & noodles, long life milk, coffee/tea bags, chocolate, lollies, chips etc.)
- Woolworths 'groceries only' gift cards. \$25 denominations only.

OR

- Direct debit gift (and we'll shop for you).

Acc. Name: Anglican Parish of Church Hill.

BSB: 032 000

Acc. No.: 797 618

Reference: City Care Apr 2020

Delivery

Please arrange delivery of the above items to St Philip's church 3 York Street Sydney by Friday 17 April (but the sooner the better!). The easiest way will be to purchase the above online and have it delivered (NB. Should you decide to drop-off, leaving your home for compassionate reasons is currently permissible). The St Philip's office will be attended during normal business hours Monday to Friday.

Wouldn't it be great if we could all pull together as the body of Christ in this time of isolation and anxiety and remind our City Care regulars that Jesus' love only gets deeper in the hardest of times? 1 John 4:19 (cf. 1 John 4:7-21).

Kind regards,

The City Care Team (Kate, Serena, Marc, Matan and Paul)

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