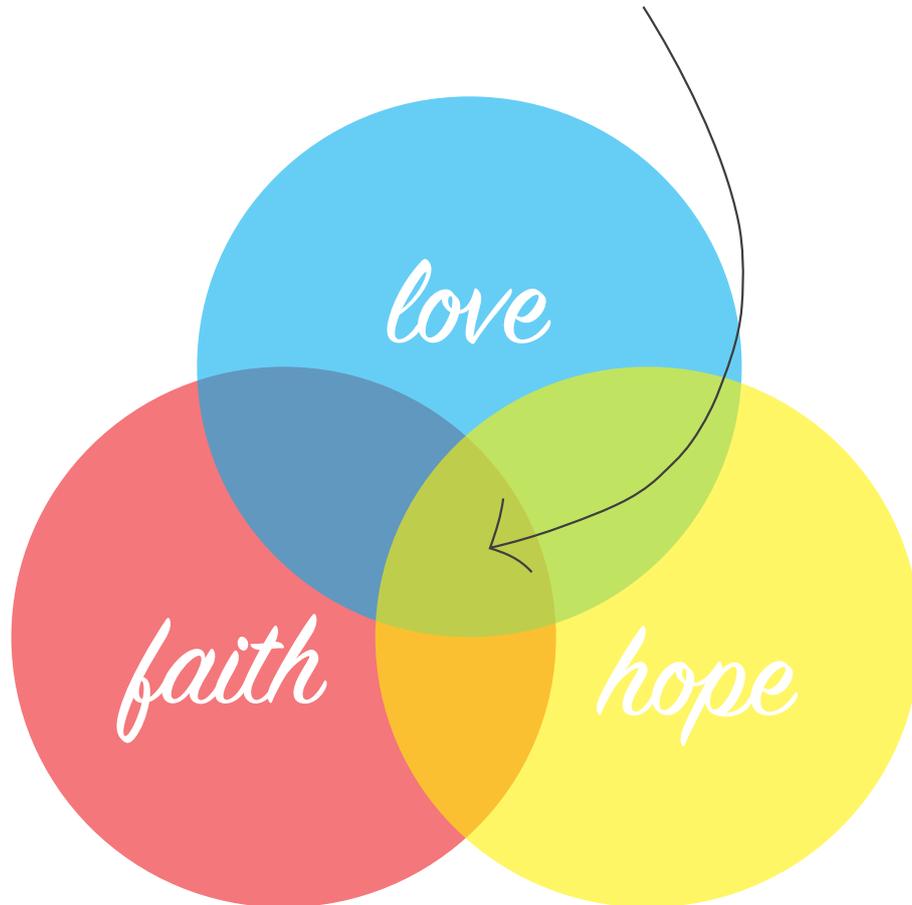


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Lessons In Isolation

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Joy (in Isolation)
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Confidence (in Isolation)
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Finding Peace (in Isolation)
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Philippians 4:10-23

Thou hast taught me to say
'It is well; it is well my soul.'

~ **Horatio Spafford (on the loss of his daughters)**

There is a kind of happiness ... that makes you serious.

~ **C.S. Lewis said, in 'The Last Battle':**

'Always look on the bright side of life.'

~ **To Brian, in Monty Python's Life of Brian, mocking
'happiness by contradiction'**

Do not let your happiness depend on something you may
lose. If love is to be a blessing, not a misery, it must be for
the only Beloved who will never pass.

~ **C.S. Lewis in The Four Loves**

... I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing
worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I
have lost all things.

~ **Philippians 3:8**



**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.



Today we're going on a journey with Paul as our guide.

EMMA WILL CALL US TO WORSHIP

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

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

Call To Worship

Psalm 42:1-2, 5

¹ As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.

² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?

...

⁵ Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him,
my Saviour and my God.

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

*It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed his own blood for my soul

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul

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*My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

Call To Confession

Acts 3:18-19

¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord...

WORDS IN BOLD ARE SAID
TOGETHER

Confession

Heavenly Father,
**you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have gone our own way,
and rejected your will for our lives.**
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.
**For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.**
**By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,
and to please you in every way;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance Of Forgiveness

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image,
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**IF YOU FEEL
COMFORTABLE, WHY NOT
SING THIS SONG?**

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

No Other Name

There is no other name
In heaven can be found
Through whom we are redeemed
Through whom your grace abounds
No other name can save
But Jesus Christ our Lord

*My joy in sorrow's tears
My strength to cast out fears
No other name
But Jesus Jesus
My hope in darkest night
My broken soul's delight
No other name
But Jesus Jesus*

There is no victory
But Jesus crucified
No other cure for sin
But that our Saviour died
No other hope we have
But that he rose again
He rose again

No other throne endures
No other song remains
But worthy is the Lamb
Who was for sinners slain
When every knee shall bow
And tongue confess you are Lord
You are Lord

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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.

Bible

Acts 16:11-40

¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹² From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.

¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. 'If you consider me a believer in the Lord,' she said, 'come and stay at my house.' And she persuaded us.

¹⁶ Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, 'These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.' ¹⁸ She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned round and said to the spirit, 'In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!' At that moment the spirit left her.

¹⁹ When her owners realised that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place to face the authorities. ²⁰ They brought them before the magistrates and said, 'These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar ²¹ by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practise.'

²² The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. ²³ After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. ²⁴ When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, 'Don't harm yourself! We are all here!'

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'

³¹ They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household.' ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptised. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before

them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God – he and his whole household.

³⁵ When it was daylight, the magistrates sent their officers to the jailer with the order: ‘Release those men.’ ³⁶ The jailer told Paul, ‘The magistrates have ordered that you and Silas be released. Now you can leave. Go in peace.’

³⁷ But Paul said to the officers: ‘They beat us publicly without a trial, even though we are Roman citizens, and threw us into prison. And now do they want to get rid of us quietly? No! Let them come themselves and escort us out.’

³⁸ The officers reported this to the magistrates, and when they heard that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens, they were alarmed. ³⁹ They came to appease them and escorted them from the prison, requesting them to leave the city.

⁴⁰ After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia’s house, where they met with the brothers and sisters and encouraged them. Then they left.

Philippians 1:7 *[Not read to us, but referred to in the sermon]*

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me.

Philippians 1:12-26

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶ The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defence of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.

¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and God’s provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.



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.



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

Message

Contentment (in Isolation)

1. Why Paul as our guide in Isolation?

- He is in chains, yet....
- His work undermined, yet...

A. Christians distorting the Gospel

B. Not-Christians repeating the Gospel

C. 'Brothers' preaching the Gospel, but undermining Paul

- Possibly about to be executed, yet...

2. What can we learn from him?

... I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.

~ Philippians 3:8



**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

**EVERYONE CAN SAY THIS
TOGETHER**

Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, creator and redeemer,
we praise you for the beauty of the world around us,
and for every gift we enjoy.**

**Thank you for creating us
to know you, to love you and to obey you.**

Most of all we praise you

for your amazing love

in sending your Son,

to restore your world,

by dying for us

and rising to give us new life.

**Accept our praise and thanksgiving,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer set for the Second Sunday after Easter in the 1662 Book
of Common Prayer

This is read each Sunday at the 8:30am Service

**Almighty God, who has given thine only Son to be unto us both a
sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life; Give us grace that
we may always most thankfully receive his inestimable benefit, and
also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most
holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**IF YOU FEEL
COMFORTABLE, WHY NOT
SING THIS SONG?**

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

Rock Of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee
Let the water and the blood
From thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Save from wrath and make me pure

Not the labour of my hands
Can fulfil thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save, and thou alone

Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to thy cross I cling
Naked come to thee for dress
Helpless look to thee for grace
Foul, I to the fountain fly
Wash me, Saviour, or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath
When my eyes shall close in death
When I rise to worlds unknown
And behold thee on thy throne
Rock of Ages, cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee

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Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

Christ alone

Cornerstone

Weak made strong

In the saviour's love

Through the storm

He is Lord

Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide his face
I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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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

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BSB: 032 000

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Benediction

Romans 8:38-39

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SOME OF YOU MAY
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