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FIRST AID TO DISCIPLESHIP

3 January

I'm bored with God

10 January

I'm worried I'll miss out

17 January

God is silent

24 January

Church is disappointing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 84:10

Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

ONLY A HOLY GOD

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God*

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer his only Son
Who else invites me to call him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

CALL TO CONFESSION

Luke 15:18-20a

The Prodigal son said:

¹⁸ "I will arise and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants."

²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

CONFESSION

**Heavenly Father,
we praise you for adopting us as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life.
In your mercy you have washed us from our sins
and made us clean in your sight.
Yet we still fail to love you as we should
and serve you as we ought.
Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace,
that we may continue to grow as members of Christ,
in whom alone is our salvation. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Luke 15:20b-24

'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms round him and kissed him.

²¹ 'The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son."

²² 'But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate.

We know the father's justifying love through his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen one
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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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

Psalm 73

A psalm of Asaph.

- ¹ Surely God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.
- ² But as for me, my feet had almost slipped;
I had nearly lost my foothold.
- ³ For I envied the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- ⁴ They have no struggles;
their bodies are healthy and strong.
- ⁵ They are free from common human burdens;
they are not plagued by human ills.
- ⁶ Therefore pride is their necklace;
they clothe themselves with violence.
- ⁷ From their callous hearts comes iniquity;
their evil imaginations have no limits.
- ⁸ They scoff, and speak with malice;
with arrogance they threaten oppression.
- ⁹ Their mouths lay claim to heaven,
and their tongues take possession of the earth.
- ¹⁰ Therefore their people turn to them
and drink up waters in abundance.
- ¹¹ They say, 'How would God know?
Does the Most High know anything?'
- ¹² This is what the wicked are like –
always free of care, they go on amassing wealth.
- ¹³ Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure
and have washed my hands in innocence.
- ¹⁴ All day long I have been afflicted,
and every morning brings new punishments.
- ¹⁵ If I had spoken out like that,
I would have betrayed your children.
- ¹⁶ When I tried to understand all this,
it troubled me deeply
- ¹⁷ till I entered the sanctuary of God;
then I understood their final destiny.
- ¹⁸ Surely you place them on slippery ground;
you cast them down to ruin.
- ¹⁹ How suddenly are they destroyed,
completely swept away by terrors!

²⁰ They are like a dream when one awakes;
when you arise, Lord,
you will despise them as fantasies.

²¹ When my heart was grieved
and my spirit embittered,

²² I was senseless and ignorant;
I was a brute beast before you.

²³ Yet I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.

²⁴ You guide me with your counsel,
and afterwards you will take me into glory.

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion for ever.

²⁷ Those who are far from you will perish;
you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.

²⁸ But as for me, it is good to be near God.
I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge;
I will tell of all your deeds.

Mark 8:31-36

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

I'm Worried I'll Miss Out

Definition:

FOMO: is "the state of mental or emotional strain caused by the fear of missing out; a compulsive concern that one might miss an opportunity or satisfying event."

Diagnosis:

- Disordered Loves/ Envy

Symptoms:

- It can make us feel: Disappointed, and discontent
- And it leads us to be: Distracted, and double-minded

What first aid can we administer? (Psalm 73, Mark 8)

Perspective: (Psalm 73:1-14,15-20)

Penitence: (Psalm 73: 21-23)

Praise: (Psalm 73:24-28)

Practise (Mark 8:31-36)

What might stop us?

- Loss aversion

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.
~ Jim Eliot

THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God and merciful Father,
we give you humble and hearty thanks
for all your goodness and loving kindness
to us and to all people.**

**We praise you for creating and sustaining us
and for all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your amazing love
in redeeming the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
giving us grace and the hope of glory.**

**Give us such a sense of all your goodness,
that we may be truly thankful, and may praise you
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by serving you in holy and righteous ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
I ever with thee, and thou with me Lord
Thou my great father, and I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight
Be thou my armour and be thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower
Raise thou me heav'nward, O power of my power

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart
High king of heaven, my treasure thou art

High king of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

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BENEDICTION

Psalm 84:11-12

¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favour and honour;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose way of life is blameless.

¹² Lord Almighty,
blessed is the one who trusts in you.

NOTICES



A YEAR WITH JESUS

Want to get to know Jesus more deeply this year? Download Church Hill's daily devotional app 'A Year With Jesus' in the app store. You can catch up on last week's talks in the 'library tab' or simply join us on Monday for the next instalment in the Gospel of Matthew.

GALEA'S COMMISSIONING SERVICE

Chris and Kristy Galea will be commissioned for their work for the Lord's Gospel in Malta on Saturday 23rd of January (2021), 3pm at MBM Rooty Hill, Rooty Hill Road North & Westminster Street, Rooty Hill.

SUMMER COMMUNITY GROUPS

Wednesday nights 13, 20 and 27 January. Join Justin Moffatt at The Garrison Hall for a 3 week look at the book of Revelation. 7 to 8:30pm

A SERVICE OF LAMENT AND THANKSGIVING TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 2021

9:30AM AT ST PHILIP'S

On 26 January, come to a simple 60 minute service where we both thank God for the many things that go into making up modern Australia as well as lament what happened to this land's first peoples. This is a service where we neither deny the harsh realities of the colonisation of Australia, nor ignore the achievements of the nation that we know today. We think both are possible.

Rev Dr John Dickson will be helping us consider both, and we will bring our lament and praise to God in word and song.

THE 233RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN AUSTRALIA WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 6:30PM AT ST PHILIP'S

At 6:30pm on Wednesday the 3rd of February 2021 at St Philip's Church, Rev Dr John Dickson will be speaking on the same text as Rev Richard Johnson preached on at the first Christian service held in this land, Psalm 116:12. *'What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me?'* Rev. Johnson's actual Bible and Prayer Book used on that occasion will also be on display.

Registration for these two special services is essential and now open at bit.ly/churchhillreopen

THE MARRIAGE COURSE RETURNS ONLINE IN 2021

When and Where?: 7 Monday Evenings, 7:30-9:30pm Via Zoom

1 February to 15 March 2021

How Much?: \$40 per couple to cover the cost of the Guest Journal

To Register go to bit.ly/TMCONLINE2021

RIVENDELL IN THE CITY 2021

SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2021

Rivendell, Church Hill's annual, all congregations, weekend away, has, like all of us, had to make some adjustments.....In 2021 we're bringing the **Refreshment, Nourishment and Connection** of our time away closer to home. A full day for us to set our steps for the new year.

Save this date to gather in our City with members from every one of Church Hill's vibrant and Christ honouring congregations.

More details to come.

ACTS 6: PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE IN NEED

If you (or someone you know) who regularly attends Church Hill Anglican is in need of temporary financial assistance or practical care beyond what your community group can provide, contact the Acts 6 Ministry for a confidential assessment to see if we can help: acts6@churchhillanglican.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CITY CARE LUNCH DATES FOR 2021

21 February	15 August
18 April	17 October
20 June	12 December

citycare@churchhillanglican.com

GIVING

August 2020 offertories: \$50,295 (Budget \$58,118)
September 2020 offertories: 60,496 (Budget \$58,119)
October 2020 offertories: \$52,658 (Budget \$58,118)
YTD 2020 offertories: \$576,132 (Budget \$581,186)

While we don't take a physical collection during our service, if you belong to and benefit from Church Hill, please take your part in contributing financially to the ministry of the church in this city.

The most intentional way to give is to give online, using the following banking details.

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Reference: The service you attend and the word Giving.

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