



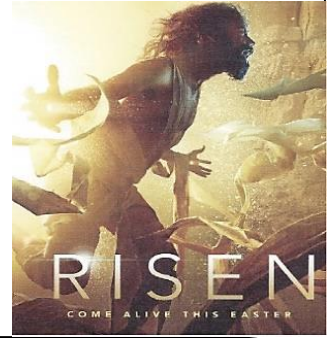
St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

9th April 2023 **EASTER DAY**

Year A with The Rev'd John Hebenton



Welcome to worship at St. George's.

There is morning tea after the 10am service.

Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

Please remember to turn off your phone during the Church Service.

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First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

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Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

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Sentence: "I have seen the Lord."

Collect for Easter Day

Living God, long ago faithful women
proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection,
and the world was changed forever.

Teach us to keep faith with them,
that our witness may be as bold,
our love as deep,
and our faith as true.

Through Jesus Christ our Liberator,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen

All are welcome to receive communion.

**Prayers and anointing for healing are available during communion in the
chapel, at the back of the church.**

Theme

On Sunday we are invited to join Mary Magdalene and the other Mary at the tomb. They had suffered the trauma of holy week. Jerusalem had become increasingly more hostile, and with it the intensification of fear and anxiety all mixed with hope. They had been there at the arrest, heard about the trial, and witnessed the horror of the crucifixion as the earth shook and the sky darkened. They were traumatised, and they came to the tomb to mourn. No herbs and spices in Matthew. They have come to be in their shock and grief. This is a place to take the ache of trauma.

We are invited to join them in all we have gone through over the last few years. Three years ago, we had walked holy week in our homes. And so much has happened since. This year there have been floods and cyclone Gabrielle here; earthquakes, war and more climate change disasters overseas. It is a lot. And so we bring our trauma, our shock and grief from these last years and join Mary Magdalene and the other Mary at the tomb.

And we pray that like them we will learn that crucifixion and death is not the end. We are told, “but wait, there is more!”

In “Love Wins” Rob Bell talks about how for the Prophets and Jesus heaven was not another place we go to after we die, but the hope of what this world will be like in next age, when God’s will is completely done on earth as in heaven. Easter Sunday is the day we celebrate Christ’s resurrection, his defeat of death and all that crushes life. It is about hope and life for us all. In all the resurrection stories the risen Jesus meets his grieving disciples in all their mix of emotions, starting with Mary and the other women. Their world literally rocks, and they are filled with joy, expectation and fear. Jesus is risen and so are they. Their world and their lives are changed. They live resurrection.

Bell suggests that living resurrection involves imagining what the world will look like in the coming age (with the help of what the prophets and Jesus taught) and living to bring that to reality now.

We join the Mary’s at the tomb, with all our mix of emotions. We too are invited into the ongoing story to live resurrection lives. How have we met the risen Christ? How might we live resurrection?

Prayer

Our community: We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Pyes Pa, Oropi, the Lakes and Merivale. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepoint, Whanau Aroha, Hodgson House.

We pray for those who are dying, sick, in hospital or in any other kind of need, parishioners in rest homes and those who receive home communion and any others you hold in your hearts.

Our Church: We pray for the people of Westshore Parish & their Ministry Support Team; and for the Diocesan Theologian Howard Pilgrim.

Wider Church: We pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea as it faces challenges to the many communities it ministers to; 110 parishes, numerous mission districts and 112 priests engaged in active ministries.

Notices



Lenten Studies: Meet after the 10am service next Sunday for the final study with Joyce.



Pub Night is not happening this month. Oasis is currently closed and John is away. Hopefully back to normal in May



The Friday Parish Prayer Circle If you would like prayer for yourself or another, please contact the Rev'd Joyce Crawford (579 4363) or Shirley Scott (571 2450). Please let them know if prayer is no longer needed.



Remembering the Battle - Saturday 29th April.

To commemorate The Battle of Gate Pa we are holding a service at 4pm. At 4.30pm the bell will be rung 60 times to remember the approximately 60 people who lost their lives in the battle. We will then finish with prayers/karakia. All are welcome. **Please spread the word, invite people and bring food on the day for a shared afternoon tea.**



Coffee with the Vicar (Coffee Meet) There will be no Vicar's coffee morning in April as John is away. The next time is Tuesday 9th May 10.30 at Columbus Café in Mitre 10 at Gate Pa.



Christian Broadcasting Appeal: This Good Friday CBA will broadcast for 12 hours on Newstalk ZB. CBA's programmes are designed to communicate the Christian faith by using top rating radio to reach huge audiences of people who would never set foot inside a church.

This week at St Georges

Office closed Monday 10th April Easter Monday

Tuesday 11th April 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 16th April 8.30am and 10am Holy Communion Service

Service Next Week 16th April LOW SUNDAY

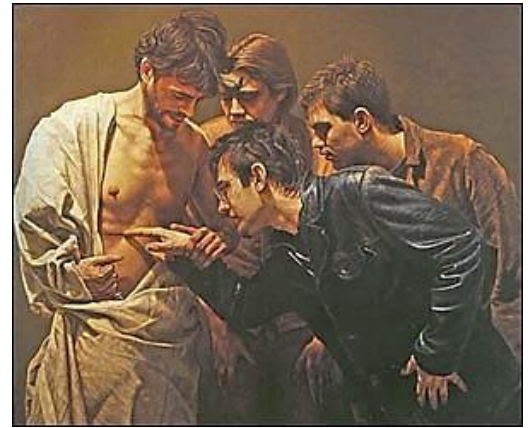
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Psalm: 16

First Reading: Acts 2:14,22-32

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31



Dates to Note in your Diary

ANZAC DAY 25th April

Remembering the Battle Service: Saturday 29th April 4pm

The Rev'd John is away from 10th – 26th April

Coffee with the Vicar (Coffee Meet) Tuesday 9th May 10.30

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