



November 1st 2020



THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF GOD'S KING

A note from the Rector:

Last week, in light of our ongoing isolation due to COVID, I encouraged us all to keep contacting one another to encourage one another. And I am thankful for the stories I've heard this week from our members, about how they've acted on what I said. But, last week, I also hinted about the need for us to take the opportunities presented to us during COVID to grow God's Church. For COVID has provided us with some 'wonderful' opportunities to get below the surface, in some of our relationships, as people face a variety of different struggles.

So what are some of the struggles that I've observed? Well the stats say that 45% of our population have struggled with their mental health during COVID - and I have seen the elderly fearing for their lives and children struggling to return to school. Then there are grandparents who have been unable to spend time with their children and grandchildren. For example, Mellita won't see her parents this year. And then I hear of some of the economic struggles that people are facing - particularly those whose wages or businesses have been impacted due to state and national lockdowns. And then there is the added pressure being placed on relationships - for example, two of our nephews' marriages have broken down during COVID.

And yet why would I dare to call these causes for sadness 'wonderful' opportunities. Well, for one thing, during COVID many Australians have had to own up to the truth and admit to their mortality. And, secondly, many Australians are now spending a lot more time alone, and so are seeking out new, healthy, relationships.

And so I was greatly encouraged this week when I heard a story, from one of our members, of their interaction with a local business owner. Now tis owner has really struggled during COVID but, unexpectedly, took the opportunity to speak to our member - I assume because they knew that she cared and would listen. And so, this week, consider and pray for those you have contact with, locally, and consider how you might show that you care for what's going on for them during COVID, AND that you care about their eternal future.

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This week's Zoom links:

Sunday Morning Church via Zoom 9.00am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89163303726?pwd=MjRxbW5HNWU2OVIEYWlrVzZ5TW9DQT09>

(Meeting ID: 891 6330 3726, Passcode: 687242, or dial 8015 6011)

Tuesday's Prayer meeting 9.00am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/787794144?pwd=YmdML1h5ZG81dXJDc3NjbFNkTmNEdz09>

(Meeting ID: 787 794 144, Passcode: 813312, or dial 8015 6011)

If you listen to the recording of the service, which will be available at **noon on Sunday**, then begin by listening to this song, as we hear, once again, Jesus' message of salvation, and His call for us to come to Him to find rest:

I heard the voice of Jesus say <https://youtu.be/CfhmRj0nwFE>

Then click on this link to hear this week's message: <https://kincumberanglican.com/sermons/>

Mark 15:33-47 (NIV)

³³ At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."

³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said.

³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

³⁸ The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

⁴⁰ Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. ⁴¹ In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.

⁴² It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. ⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. ⁴⁵ When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

Mark 16:1-8 (NIV)

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Some questions to ponder:

1. Have you gained any new insights about your life as a disciple of Jesus from looking at the plan of God as fulfilled through Jesus’ death and resurrection? If so, what are they?
2. Write down aspects, from the Old Testament Scriptures, that have been fulfilled through the death and resurrection of Jesus. E.g. Jesus is the serpent crusher.

Which aspect most stood out for you today? What about it stood out?

3. Name some of the impacts that Jesus’ death and resurrection have had on you. E.g. No longer a slave to sin.

Write down how your understanding may have grown in one of these aspects.

4. Having looked at the Bible so far in this series, do you think that it was necessary for Jesus to die to save you sin and death? If not, how else could God have granted you forgiveness and eternal life? And, if there is a another way, then what might be some of the positive and negative consequences of this other way?

As we’ve considered Jesus’ death and resurrection today, consider again, through this next song, what Jesus’ death and resurrection have achieved for you and how you might now take up your cross and follow Him, until you come to see your Saviour face-to-face:

Hymn of the Saviour

<https://youtu.be/pnX6XEDglH4>

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for those in need: Lisa Landale, Ian Fraser, Remi Carnaby, Lettie Brown, Renee Effield (Garrick), Pat Fox, Marcia Groom, Nathan (Skehan), Marie Norman, Mavis Vyner and Clarice Grose.
- Pray for the Appellate Tribunal as they have the potential to decide the fate of the Anglican Church of Australia in the next week. Pray that God may overrule their decisions according to His good will.
- Pray for Central Coast Council, and those whom they employ, as they seek to balance the books and fulfil their obligations to their electorate.
- Pray that God's will may be done in the American and Queensland elections.
- Whilst we give thanks to God for the recent rains, we continue to pray that God may provide the right conditions for a good harvest for our NSW farmers. Pray that our farmers may look to God to provide good weather for a good crop but, more importantly, may look to Jesus for their salvation and for the provision of all their needs.
- Pray for revival – that, in His grace, God may pour out His Spirit on the people of our nation and our world through this pandemic. Pray that the Holy Spirit may empower God's people throughout the world, including us, to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation so that, in living under God's rule, others may be drawn to join us in worshipping our God.

CHRISTMAS at SAMARITANS. Our Wyoming centre plans to include Christmas foods in parcels distributed closer to Christmas. These few Christmas foods are greatly appreciated by those in need during this special time. As local shops are now selling Christmas foods please consider donating a few items to assist with our Christmas appeal. Foods may be delivered to church or left with me at 6 Berry Ave, Green Point. Thank you everyone, Lil Bennetts (Ph. 0408 239 414)

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MISSIONARY PRAYER POINTS

Our link missionaries: Brownings, Buchanans, David & Jenny, and Kyngdons

Andrew Browning

As mentioned previously Andrew left on Thursday 15/10 to go to Tanzania and Ethiopia.

Since his arrival he has been in Addis and Semera (Afar) and Mille to teach, operate and assess. From there he went on to Barhirdar and then on to Kilimanjaro to Kivulini to screen and operate. At the end of this week he was at a board retreat with the Maternity Africa Board.

Andrew will now be teaching and operating in Kivulini. While moving from place to place he has been required to get COVID swabs and certificates to enable him to leave and travel back to Australia.

As Andrew returns to Tanzania there will be elections. Pray that they will be peaceful and pray for safety for Andrew.

Pray for him as he continues his work this week and pray for an uncomplicated return to Australia. Royal Prince Alfred hospital are paying for his two weeks of quarantine in Camperdown.

Continue to pray for Stephanie, William and Christopher as they await Andrew's return.

Giving to BCA: Unfortunately the parish cannot accept BCA boxes at this time. In fact it is likely that we will never collect BCA boxes again due to the health risks associated with counting this money. If your box is full then please count the coins or take the coins to your local bank branch and then deposit the money into our Parish Account electronically or through the collection bowl. All donations should be marked 'BCA'. Thanking you in advance for your care of those in remote and rural locations.

CMS Envelopes – One result of COVID is that we are lucky if we receive two of these envelopes in the collection each week. CMS are now wanting a donation from us of \$7 to cover the cost of each set of envelopes. If you would like a set then please contact the office via email and Allan will order you a set. The order will be placed with CMS on Wednesday November 10.

Giving to the work of the Parish

Thanks to everyone who has continued to contribute financially to the work of the Parish at this time. If you would like assistance in giving electronically then please contact your bank or Allan. To give online use the following account:

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