



Easter 2021



THE EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF MARY MAGDALENE

A note from the Rector:

We do hope you can join us for our Easter services this weekend as we remember the events that changed the course of human history, and which have enabled us to have our relationship with our Creator restored and provided us with the assurance that we will rise from the dead.

This Easter we will have a guest appearance from Mary Magdalene who will share with us the events that she witnessed, firsthand, almost 2,000 years ago.

If you are joining us via Zoom then, this weekend, please select '**Speaker View**', as this will give you the best view of Mary as she gives her account of the Easter events.

If you are planning on attending our services please book in NOW so as to assist those who are involved in the booking process and setting up on the day.

Both services are at 9.00am and a reminder **that Daylight Savings finishes at 2.00am on Easter Sunday**, which will give you an extra hour of sleep.

Please note that I will be taking annual leave over the holiday break and will return to work by Sunday 18th April.

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This week's Zoom links:

Good Friday and Easter Sunday via Zoom @ 9.00am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89163303726?pwd=MjRxbW5HNWU2OVIEYWIrVzZ5TW9DQT09>

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

These services will be recorded and will be available at **noon on Sunday**.

Click on this link to listen: <https://kincumberanglican.com/sermons/>

GOOD FRIDAY READINGS

Isaiah 53:6-10a (NIV)

⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was punished.

⁹He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer.

John 19:16-20, 23-25 (NIV)

¹⁶Finally Pilate handed Jesus over to the chief priests to be crucified.

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.

²³When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

²⁴"Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it."

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,

"They divided my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment."

So this is what the soldiers did.

²⁵Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

EASTER SUNDAY READINGS

Isaiah 53:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹ After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Mark 16:1-6 (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. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and 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."

1 Corinthians 15:1-8a (NIV)

15 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also.

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for those in need: Lisa Landale, Ian Fraser, Remi Carnaby, Renee Effield (Garrick), Nathan (Skehan), Ruth Rich, Barry Sommer, Robyn Walters, Mavis Vyner and Clarice Grose.
- Pray for our Bishops - Peter, Charlie and Sonia, that they may each find time to feast on the biblical accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection this Easter. Pray for their leadership that they may lead our Diocese into all truth.
- Pray for those in rural areas who are in the midst of a mouse plague.
- Pray for those whose lives have been affected by the recent flooding. We continue to give thanks for those who are helping out with the clean-up. Pray for those areas in our Diocese that have been impacted by the flooding – and for a good and faithful witness by the local congregations.
- Pray for the family and friends of Norman Lenton. Pray for Paulina and her children, Andrew and Sonya, as they organise Norman's funeral and prepare the Lenton's house for settlement.
- Pray for our community – that their ears may be opened to the message of Jesus this Easter.
- As COVID infections are increasing in Australia at this time, we pray that Australians may be patient as the vaccine is rolled out. We give thanks for our nation's generosity in helping countries like Papua New Guinea to respond to the pandemic and pray for the many nations which are suffering terribly during this pandemic.
- Pray for revival – that, in His grace, God may pour out His Spirit on the people of our nation and our world. Pray that the Holy Spirit may empower God's people throughout the world, including us, so that others may be drawn to join us in worshipping our God.

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