

## COVID-19 prayer

Sovereign Lord, you are the hope and healer of your people and promised a world where there is no more sickness or crying or death. By your death and resurrection, you have set your people free from the penalty of sin and death. We pray your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Please prosper the work of those who are seeking a vaccine for the coronavirus, please strengthen those who are treating the sick, please comfort those who are mourning the loss of loved ones or living in fear of this disease. Please give to the governing authorities wisdom in their management of this crisis, and give to your people peace beyond understanding, generous and wise hearts and a renewed trust in your sovereign goodness and glory. Turn the hearts of many experiencing fear and anxiety that they may find that peace which only you can give, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## Giving

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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Good Friday and Easter Sunday

Welcome!



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*A fresh start with God*

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## Welcome!

Welcome to church **over the internet!** Joyous Easter! I hope and pray that you will be blessed as we gather in our homes listening in. Though apart, we are one family in Christ no matter where we are. If you are listening in and have not met with us before, welcome. Please let us know so that we may keep in contact over this time.

***“Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous,  
to bring you to God”***

1 Peter 3;18

*Trevor Young – Rector*

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## Sermon series

“Easter Comfort”

## Sermons

Good Friday “Do not forget” – John 18 & 19

Easter Sunday “Do not hold on” – John 20:1-18

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## Good Friday

Present at recording - Trevor,  
Rosemary, Amber, Stuart and Fiona

### Use order of service emailed

*A service of Bible readings,  
prayer and song*

### Sentence of Scripture

### Welcome

### Opening Prayer

### 1st Bible Reading

John 18:28-19:18

### Song

My Song is Love Unknown

### Sermon

### 2nd Bible Reading

John 19:19-30

### Song

God is a Holy God

### Prayer

Fiona

### 3rd Bible Reading

John 19:31-42

### Announcements

### Sentence of Scripture

### Closing Prayer

### Song

The Power of the Cross

### Sentence of Scripture

### Blessing

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## An Easter Message from the Youngs

*Dear all,*

*This is a different Easter to those we have known before. COVID-19 has had an influence on all our lives. We are saddened with the loss of employment of many, we grieve at the thousands of deaths, grateful for the bravery of our essential service personnel and disappointed that we can't meet with family and friends and church as we are so used to. But with it we have seen much good too. People are realising there is more to life and rising up to meet the needs of others. In many ways they are being the kind of people God would want them to be. For this we should be thankful. At this Easter, Rosemary and I with our family hope you have a most joyous Easter time thinking on how good God is to us in Christ. **Trevor***

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## An Easter Message from the Bragas

*To our dear church family,  
I am delighted to send you all our warmest wishes as we prepare to celebrate Easter, in a new and different way. At a time when we would all be drawing near; we are instead distant. At a time when we would all enjoy personal freedom; we are instead constrained. At a time when we would be reminded of our greatest hope instead, for some, hope may feel far off.  
My prayer for each of us, is that despite the distance and constraints upon us, we may spend time this Easter remembering that Jesus suffered separation and distance from his father, and was constrained upon the cross, as he bore the penalty for our sin in his death. It is in Jesus glorious resurrection that we find our hope. A hope as important now, in the midst of this current public health situation, as ever it was. Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." So let us draw near to Jesus as he draws near to us.  
Yours in Christ, Karen, David & Emily*

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## Easter Sunday

Present at recording - Trevor, Rosemary,  
David, Karen Sam and Diane

### Use order of service emailed

*The Lord' Supper*

### Welcome

### Opening Bible reading

John 20:1-18

### Greeting & Sentence of Scripture

### Song

Jesus Christ is Risen Today!

### The Word and Prayer

### What we believe

### Sermon

### Song

Man of Sorrows

### Announcements

### Prayer

### The Lord's Supper

### Offertory Song

Jerusalem

### Closing Bible Reading

John 20:19-20

### Going out to serve

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## Easter Sunday service from St Andrew's cathedral

If you wish, tune in to this service live from the cathedral on 9Gem (channel 92) at 9am on Sunday, and then listen to our own service afterwards. The Archbishop will lead prayers for health workers in Australia and around the world, Dean Kanishka Raffel will preach, and there will be Easter music from a trimmed-down Cathedral choir.

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## Can I remember at home?

On Easter Sunday during the service the Lord's Supper will be celebrated by me, and those gathered with me will be invited to do so with me. You are invited at home listening in to either feed on Christ in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving; or, if you have prepared already, to partake of a piece of bread and wine or grape juice in like manner.

See Archbishops letter on Holy Communion.

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## Keep in contact – "zooming"

Thank you for keeping in contact with each other by email and phone, whilst we remain in our homes. Some of you have mastered "zooming". This is talking to each other, seeing each other over the internet on our computers. Many churches and families are keeping in contact with each other this way. I would be very happy to "zoom" with anyone who would like to do so. Just let me know and I will show you how. **Trevor**

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## Sermon over the next two Sundays

Go on to the website and listen in...

9:30am 19 April, 1st Sunday after Easter-*Do not doubt* - John 20:24-31

9:30am 26 April, 2nd Sunday after Easter-*Do not give up* - John 21:1-25

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