

Vision Statement:

We see a Jesus-orientated church having a passion for the Gospel and compassion for the world expressed through dynamic worship, love in action, the empowering of the servant leaders and the growing of disciples.

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I am available in the event of emergencies at any time, but other than that would appreciate not receiving calls on Wednesdays, where possible, as this is my day off.

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This Week's Roster

19th April, 2020

Preacher: **Reverend Ross Honey**
Leader (am): **Cath**
Leader (pm): *****
Welcome: *****
Duty Elder: *****
Reader: **Barrie**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Stewards: *****
Manager: *****
Crèche: *****
Kidz Connect: *****
Morning Tea: *****
Audio: **Alan**
Visual: **Alan**
Cleaning: *****

Next Week's Roster

26th April, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Ceri**
Leader (pm): *****
Welcome: *****
Duty Elder: *****
Reader: **Chris H.**
Musician: **Pat**
Stewards: *****
Manager: *****
Crèche: *****
Kidz Connect: *****
Morning Tea: *****
Audio: **Alan**
Visual: **Alan**
Cleaning: *****

Have you considered E-giving?

Envelopes with an "E" on the front, prayer requests or thanks can be placed in the offering bags on a Sunday morning.

Our bank details are as follows:

BSB 805-007 Account Number: 00702729 Credit Union SA

Please speak to Chris Holroyd if you require more information.

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Sunday, 19th April, 2020

Second Sunday in Eastertide

Preacher: **Reverend Ross Honey**

Theme: **The Centrality of Christ's Resurrection**

Scripture Reading: **1 Peter 1: 3-9**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Don't Be Afraid

I cannot vouch for it, but someone stated that there are seventy-five references to fear in the Psalms — more than any other book of the Bible. Most often these refer to fear of God, sometimes to fear of nature, and sometimes to fear of other people.

Those who wrote the Psalms had neighbouring nations constantly attacking their country. David was constantly on the run. Fear of others is quite understandable.

What about the fear of God? Why do the psalmists talk about fearing God, who is supposed to love us? The more we know of God, the more awestruck we are. Reverential fear comes upon us. At the same time, throughout the Old Testament, the fear of God is linked with his love and tender care of us. Hence, the word *fear* is often translated as 'honour', 'awe', or 'reverence'.

Over and over again the Psalms remind us that, if we fear the Lord, we need not be afraid of anything or anyone else. The psalmists also tell us that the fear of God is the beginning of true wisdom, the basis for friendship with God and the key to divine comfort.

So let us come before our great and loving God with reverential fear and trust that he will take care of all our fears.

The Lord is for me, so I will not be afraid. (Psalm 118:6)

(Reverend Gordon)

A Message from the Elders

Starting on Easter Sunday, we entered into a new liturgical season: Eastertide, which, in contrast to the season of Lent, is a more joyous season that celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as one continual feast over the course of 50 days, concluding on Pentecost Sunday. During this season each Sunday is seen as a Sunday of Easter and carries the message and meaning of the Resurrection with it.

Today is the second Sunday after Easter and in some churches today is known as "Low Sunday" or "Divine Mercy Sunday", based on a Roman Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Faustina Kowalska (a Polish nun) recorded in her diary, relating to visions and visitations she had from Jesus and the conversations they had.

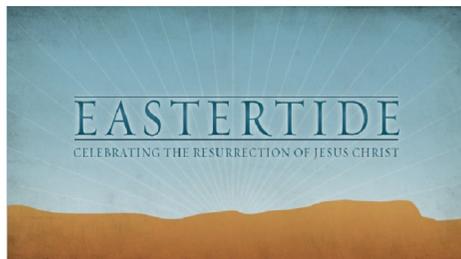
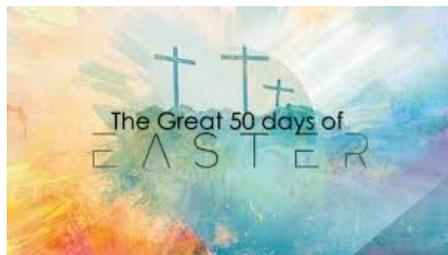
Read John 20:24-31.

In this life, we shall never be able to fully understand God's great mercy and everlasting love for us. Often the challenges of daily life and the circumstances in which we find ourselves can challenge our beliefs, and we struggle to take and keep hold of Jesus; and, like Thomas, we want evidence before we allow ourselves to trust and believe.

Is it not comforting to know how Jesus, personally, reached out to Thomas in verses 26-27, after what the latter had said earlier in verse 25? Is it not amazing how Jesus provided a way for Thomas to believe!

In your personal prayers this week, seek God and ask Him to make you aware of His presence in your life. Thank and praise Him for His great mercy and love. Expect God to respond and make sure that you respond as Thomas did in verse 28, when you recognise Him.

Our church elders are: Jonathan, Andrew, Cath, Ray and Richardt.



Today's Hymns and Songs

This is the day, this is the day (Praise and Worship 357)

Thine be the glory (Together in Song 380)

Be Thou my Vision (Together in Song 547)

Shine, Jesus, shine (Together in Song 675)

You raise me up

May the feet of God walk with you (Together in Song 779)

- *"Thine be the glory" was composed by the Swiss hymnist, Edmond Budry (1854-1932), in 1904. The music comes from Handel's oratorio "Judas Maccabaeus".*
- *"Be Thou my Vision" is an 8th century Irish hymn that was translated by the Irish writer, Eleanor Hull (1860-1935), in 1912. Today the hymn is sung to the Irish folk tune, "Slane". The song has its origins in mediaeval Celtic Christianity. The original poem may have been written by an Irish saint who experienced blindness in later life.*
- *"Shine, Jesus, Shine" was composed by the English Christian worship leader, Graham Kendrick (Born 1950), in 1987.*
- *"You raise me up" was composed by the Norwegian-Irish duo, Secret Garden, with the music by Rolf Lovland (of Secret Garden) and the lyrics by Brendan Graham. The song was first performed in 2002 at Lovland's mother's funeral. It has since been popularised by Welsh singer, Aled Jones, American singer, Joshua Winslow Groban, and the Irish group, Celtic Woman.*

Saint Maria Faustyna Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament



The Christian mystic, Saint Maria, was born in Glogowiec, Poland, in 1905 and died in Krakow, Poland, in 1938, at the age of thirty-three.

Her birth name was Helena Kowalska.

She was a nun for the last ten years of her short life on earth.

She is venerated in the Roman Catholic Church.

She was beatified by Pope John Paul II in April, 1993 and canonised by him in April, 2000.