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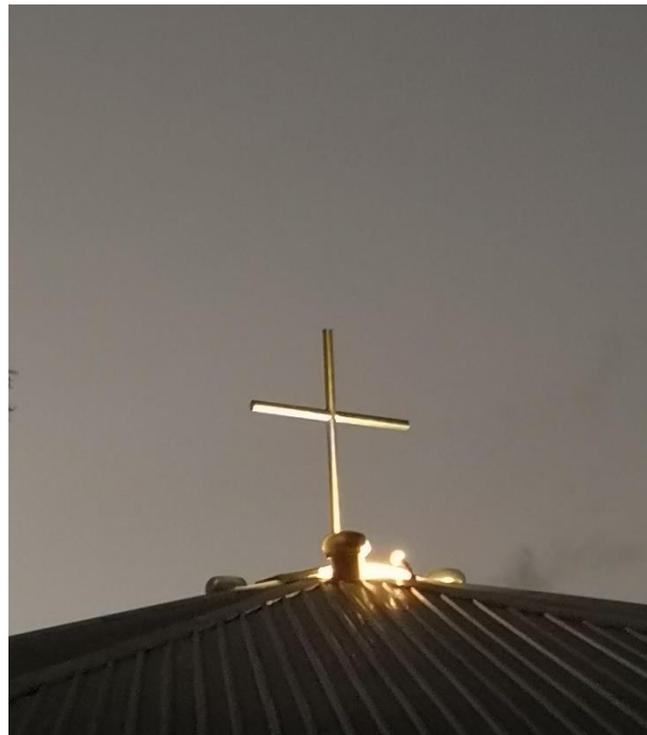
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

29th MARCH 2020



Service Order

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The cross in Redeemer church is re-kindled at night

LOCKYER VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH

LAIDLEY, ROPELEY, LOCKROSE AND TABEL MINISTRY AREA



Opening Words (Ezekiel 37:14)

The Lord says: I will put my Spirit in you and you will live.

Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Song AT 9 Be Still and Know

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| 1. Be still and know that I am God;
Be Still and know that I am God;
know that I am God. | 2. I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee Be Still and
I am the Lord that healeth thee |
| 3. Commit thy way unto the Lord
Commit thy way unto the Lord
Commit thy way unto the Lord | |

Confession of Sins:

Friends in Christ: In our baptism, we received forgiveness for all our sins. Therefore, let us come before God and confess our wrongdoing, and ask him to revive us like reviving dry bones. Let us take a time of silent reflection on those things that are not right between us and God, and between us and other people. <silent reflection>

I ask each of you in the presence of God who searches the heart “Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

I do.

Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name?

I do.

Do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as in God’s presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made you holy?

I do.

Absolution

On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ and by his command, I affirm what was true through your baptism: I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you!

Amen.

Sharing of God’s peace ONLINE

Song AT 150 Sing a New Song

Chorus

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing alleluia.*

1. Yahweh's people dance for joy,
O come before the Lord.
And play for Him on glad tambourines,
And let your trumpet sound:

2. Rise, O children, from your sleep
Your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
And filled your soul with song:

3. Glad my soul, for I have seen
The glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised,
I know my Saviour lives:

Greeting:

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray that we remain united with Christ:

Jesus our Saviour, thank you for coming to give us life through your suffering and death. Keep us following you wherever you lead us, because we know that you have promised to take us home to God. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

First Reading *Ezekiel 37:1-14 Vision of the valley of dry bones*

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 130 Waiting Divine Redemption*

¹ Out of the depths have I cried unto thee,
O LORD.

² Lord, hear my voice:
let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

³ If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities,
O Lord, who shall stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with thee,
that thou mayest be feared.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait,
and in his word do I hope.

⁶ My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning:
I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

⁷ Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy,
and with him is plenteous redemption.

⁸ And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.
**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now and will be for evermore. Amen.**

Second Reading *Romans 8:6-11 The Spirit of God lives in you*

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

 **Gospel Acclamation** AT 246 Thy word

Chorus

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path*

1. When I feel afraid, I think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me,
nothing will I fear as long as you are near,
please be near me to the end
2. I will not forget your love for me,
and yet I'll forever be wand'ring.
Jesus, be my guide, hold me to your side;
I will love you to the end.

Holy Gospel

John 11:1-45 The raising of Lazarus - Jesus' last sign

After the reading:

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Lord Jesus, the resurrection and the life, thank you for overcoming death. May we believe in you and live forever. **Amen.**

Song

AT 144 No Longer Strangers

Chorus

*And we are no longer strangers
Who wander around this world all alone,
For we've become part of the temple wall,
With Jesus the cornerstone.*

1. He came to bring peace to those who were far off
And peace to those who were near,
For through Him we all come to God without any fear.
2. And he is our peace who made us all one
and broke down the dividing wall,
For he took upon Him the constant demand
Of the law:

PASTOR JING'S MESSAGE: (See page 13)

Faith Declaration

Let us now confess our Faith together singing AT 155 *We believe*

We believe in God the Father, we believe, we believe.
We believe He is the Holy One, we believe, we believe.
We believe in Jesus Christ, the Lord, we believe, we believe,
We believe he is God's only Son, we believe, we believe.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit.
Born of the Virgin Mary;
For us He died and was buried;
On the third day He rose again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, we believe, we believe.
We believe in the holy Church of God, we believe, we believe.

We believe in God's forgiveness, the resurrection from the dead:

We believe in life everlasting, we believe, we believe.

Amen, we believe.

Offering Song AT 301 Prayer of Peace

1. May the Father of love stir you deep in your heart.
May the Son bring his tears to your crying.
May the Spirit of love rise anew ev'ry day,
And compassion flare up in your soul.

2. May you live day by day and for those who you meet.
May you care, though your heart will be broken.
May your voice be as one with the cry of the poor.
And the hungry be filled with your food.

3. May your love in your deeds work for peace on this earth,
for our God dwells within those who suffer.
May you ache for the time war will pass from your life,
and your freedom frustrate Caesar's pow'r.

4. May the Father of love stir you deep in your heart.
May the Son bring his tears to your crying.
May the Spirit of love rise a new ev'ry day,
and compassion flare up in your soul.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray:

Thank you, eternal God, for giving us new life. Help us to live according to your Spirit, and willingly serve you and our fellow human beings, with all that we are and all that we have. Amen.

Prayer of the Church: (See page 16)

Father, we call on you,

C. Knowing you will hear us.

Remembering of the Lord's Supper

All praise and thanks be to you, eternal God, Holy Father, together with your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, who unites your people in love. We thank you for creating all things We thank you for calling and rescuing your chosen people. Above all we thank and praise for keeping your promise to the people of old and sending your Son Jesus Christ; whose life death, and resurrection we remember as he comes to us in the Lord's Supper we once received.

Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy Communion Song AT 158 Come, sing our praise loud

Chorus

*Come, sing our praises loud,
Alone or in the crowd.*

Come, give our thanks for what our God has done:

*Father up above,
With the Son to show us love,
And the Spirit to unite us all as one.*

Father, we use many names,
And they're never quite the same.
We call You 'Lord', and then we call You 'Dad'.
'Cos You're seen in diff'rent light:
Seen in daytime, seen in night;
But for all Your love
We thank You and we're glad:

Jesus, You're the Son-
There'll never be another one.
You came on down, and then You went to die.
But death was not to win,
And you set us free from sin;
So we die with you
And rise to our new life:

Spirit, hear our prayer;
You're in this song, You're everywhere.
You hear us now, You guide us every day.
We know You comfort when we're sad,
And You're happy when we're glad,
Without You there
We'd quickly fade away:

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen

Prayer

Gracious Father, we remember the sacrifice of our Lord in our faith, as we remember His body and blood with bread and wine. We rejoice that we received all He has done for us in his life and death, His resurrection and ascension; and we wait for His coming again to share with us the heavenly feast which will last forever.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we who once have received the body and blood of Christ may live as true members of the body of your Son.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen

Song

AT 213 I go to the rock

I go to the rock of my salvation.
I go to the stone that the builders rejected.
I go to the mountains,
and the mountains stand by me.

When all around is sinking sand,
On Christ the solid rock I stand.
When I need a shelter,
When I need a friend, I go to the rock.

Reflection

While the actual communion is suspended, we sing or listen to the song "Worthy is the Lamb," reflecting on Jesus' sacrifice as the Lamb of God.

Worthy is the Lamb

Thank you for the cross Lord
Thank you for the price You paid

Thank you for this love Lord
Thank you for the nail pierced hands

Bearing all my sin and shame
In love You came and gave amazing grace

Washed me in Your cleansing flow
Now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace

Worthy is the Lamb
Seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crown
You reign victorious
High and lifted up
Jesus, Son of God
The Treasure of Heaven crucified
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb

Sacramental Blessing

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood once strengthened and preserved you in body and soul will keep you in faith today unto life eternal. Go in peace. **Amen**

The Prayer

All: Almighty and merciful God, you love us and make all things new in Christ. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your kindness which you have shown to us in the holy sacrament. Make known your heavenly glory in the renewal of our lives. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing AT 94 The Benediction

May the Lord bless us and keep us, With His power, be ever beside us,
May the Lord look with favour upon us, And give us His peace.

The Aaronic Blessing

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD look upon you with favor † and give you peace. **AMEN**

Closing Song AT 200 One More Step

Chorus

*And it's from the old I travel to the new.
Keep me travelling along with You.*

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| 1. One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go,
From the old things to the new
Keep me travelling along with You. | 2. Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me: |
| 1. As I travel through the bad and good,
Keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
You'll be telling me the way, I know: | 4. Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with You: |
| 5. You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with You: | |

Announcements

1. We are "Online" now, please go to www.lvlp.org
2. Please try to use your smart phone to join Sunday Service "online". If you can check the weather or google by your mobile phone, then you can!
3. Report to our "postman" the most suitable method for you to use for "church at home."
 - I. Online access at www.lvlp.org
 - II. USB stick to be used on computer or smart TV to watch the video;
 - III. DVD disc can be played in your DVD player;
 - IV. Printer Service Order handout.
4. Consider REG- Regular Electronic Giving through LLL or bank transfer your offering to your congregation bank account:
 - Ropeley Lutheran Church: NAB Gatton.. BSB 084-657 Account number 508724245
 - Lockrose Lutheran Church: NAB Lowood. BSB 084-780 Account number 50880975995
 - Laidley Redeemer Church: : NAB Laidley. BSB 084-771 Account number 492460969
5. Stay at home for your best interest.
6. Call your elders if you are not well or your family members becomes COVID-19 confirmed.
7. Praise the Lord never cease.

Bishop John Henderson's speech (Video Script #2, 26 March 2020)

The peace of the Lord be with you in this Lenten season, as we focus on the passion of our Lord, and the sacrifice of his life for the life of the whole world.

I'm John Henderson, bishop of the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand. This is my second video message to the church during this pandemic. These are strange times. It's not easy, adjusting to our new circumstances. It's natural to want to shy away, to find it too hard. When you woke up this morning, you might have asked yourself whether this is really happening. It can feel like a bad dream. So much has changed, so fast, and it's far from over.

Tonight, New Zealand goes to COVID-19 Alert Level 4. This is New Zealand's highest alert level, and means the disease is not contained. Today, Australia woke up to new measures the Prime Minister announced last night after a National Cabinet meeting. Many of your workplaces, and your jobs, are affected. We have seen the Centrelink queues, either in person, or on the news. In further news for churches, attendance at weddings is now limited to 5 people, and at funerals 10 people. And wherever people are together, for any purpose, the 4 square metre rule applies. You will follow all that in the news and elsewhere, and I encourage you to get accurate information directly from government sources. If you are looking for them, we have a list on the LCA website. Just follow the links on www.lca.org.au.

If you're wondering where to go in all this trouble, and what to do, then the first thing, before anything else, is to call out to the Lord for help. Scott Morrison said yesterday that his prayer knees were getting a good work out. The people of Israel were often in desperate straits, and for them the Psalmist wrote, in Psalm 121:

*I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.*

This week you have closed your church building, if you're blessed enough to have one, and you have ceased public worship gatherings. As you did that, you knew that the LORD went with you from that place to wherever you are now – at home, or at work, or at the shops. His help is right there, with you. You are not alone, because God is not limited to the building, or the place. God will reach you where you are.

One of the remarkable things we sometimes don't notice in the Old Testament is how Israel's God was not limited to a particular place, or a particular group of people. Other tribes had local gods and regional idols, but Israel had a God of every place and every

time. That God is also our God, the God of heaven and earth. In Jesus, that God came to be among us, right here on earth, to go through whatever we go through, to walk with us, to talk with us, to comfort and protect us, and to guide us. That God, that Jesus, is with you right now where you are at this very moment.

In yesterday's eNews I wrote that this is an opportunity for us to step forward, boldly and confidently, as Christian citizens who know how to practise care, compassion, and love. The hope in our hearts is greater than the troubles the world throws at us. We will find added strength in this time when we turn toward our neighbours in love. Many are afraid and uncertain, and sometimes that makes them angry and resentful. Some don't know how to cope, not just yet. Many in our secular, materialistic society have lost the inner life of faith, confidence and peace in the gospel of the Lord.

We, too, experience a sense of loss, of sadness and uncertainty. We can be tempted to clutch at straws and seek comfort elsewhere than trusting in God. I have seen these things among us, and I understand.

I encourage each of us to take all that to the throne of grace, and let it land at the feet of our Saviour. Jesus did much more than we can imagine when he gave his life on the cross of Calvary. He took on himself the sins of the whole world. What you might be feeling now, he felt. The temptations you are facing, he faced, not so that he could be better than you, but so that he can be you, and you can be him. You have the power of God, the power of Jesus, within you. He can, and he will, sustain you. You are not alone. Your help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

As members and friends of the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand, use this time to place your trust in him. Please don't turn to other gods, other hopes, other pieties. They will promise you something for a while, but soon they will be empty.

I know that some of us are finding it hard to give up the regular practice of Holy Communion. After nearly 40 years of ministry, during which time I have been committed to building up the frequency of communion practice in our church, I never thought I would be saying to you, 'Please don't, not for now.' Jesus is the Bread of eternal Life. He is yours, and you are his. Even if you can't commune right now, you have not lost him. When we can gather physically again, in the same place, we will commune joyfully once more.

I strongly discourage the alternative communion practices that I know some of us are considering. We are not at liberty to change Holy Communion practice. There is no need to do so at this time. If you do, you are risking spiritual damage to the message of the gospel and the community of Christ. Eucharist is the community meal of the whole Christian church on earth – all Christians. Christ himself gave it to us. All around the world

Catholic and Orthodox dioceses have suspended this most sacred of meals, as have Anglicans, Lutherans, and churches of all varieties. Believe me, if they can do it, so can we. We will not lose our comfort, or our salvation, because of it.

Our motivation in all these things is to think of others, to protect the vulnerable, and to reach out in care, compassion, and love.

In your congregations, I know you will continue to worship however you can, without physical proximity. This enforced physical isolation seems to be increasing our hunger and drive for our church community, and for worship. Maybe we are feeling just a little like believers in the early church, when they could not get enough of the gospel. When St Paul wrote to the churches from his Roman prison cell, he had the Spirit, a message, some parchment, ink, and a quill. Praise God, we still have the Spirit and that message, the gospel of salvation, and we also have the internet, phones, printed materials, and (still) a physical postage system for those not yet adapted to the digital era. If Paul could do it in the 1st century, we can do it in the 21st!

This is not over yet. There is more to come. All the evidence points to that. We don't know how long it will be. In such uncertain times, faith comes to the fore. Expect people to be open, in new ways, to the faith we confess. Be ready to share that faith at every opportunity. Show the world how true Christians live, and how great is the love of our God.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD † will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. (END)

The Sending

Go in peace, who raised Christ from death, will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Let us meet online at the Palm Sunday Service

Letter from your church leaders

Dear brothers and sisters,

As our regular worship is suspended due to the outbreak of COVID-19, our financial sustainability is under threat. Your continuing support to the church by your tithe offering is vital for our daily operation.

Regular Electronic Giving (REG) is a great way to make our offerings to the congregation and wider church. The LLL administers REG free of charge as a service to the Lutheran Church of Australia, using the LLL direct debit system.

- REG means that you don't have to scramble for cash on Sunday mornings.
- It means that your offering is received even when you can't get to church every Sunday or are on extended leave.
- You can set up your REG giving to coincide with your regular income (eg salary, pension, dividends), weekly, fortnightly, monthly, even half-yearly.
- REG is completely confidential; no-one but you will know how much or how frequently you give.
- If you are registered with REG but still want to put something on the plate on Sundays, you can use REG offering cards, which we can provide for you.

To register for REG you will need to complete the online application form on the LCA website. The REG brochure gives you full instructions, and you can call the LLL if you require any assistance.

Please consider if you can commit to regularly giving to God's work through our congregation and wider Lutheran Church. If you would like more information about REG, please ask us or Bernie Muller (our LLL rep) on 54651268 for a brochure.

Yours in Christ

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Revived by God's mighty hands

(Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45)

5th Sunday in Lent, Year A

Grace and peace to you from the Father, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.

Let us pray: Lord God, speak to us and rekindle our lives in the truth; your word is truth. Amen.

Can you imagine what an unsettled age we are living with? What a turbulent environment we are dealing with? What a helpless feeling for many people who are vulnerably live alone. Many countries are lockdown, like a dead. Many states in Australia closed their borders, like a dead. Many business are forced to closing down, like a dead. People are urged to stay at home to sacrifice their freedom for the sake of safety, which is correct, but like a dead.

But within all of these deadly scenarios, God speaks to us with His Word today and raises His mighty hands on us— our church is facing a tremendous opportunity of growing, of reviving, even we find it is hard to catch up God's pace with these dazzling changes, like our churching online from today!

In the last four weeks, we have heard the stories of Jesus being fasting in the desert and overcomes all the temptations from the devil; We have heard the story of Jesus telling the mystery of Holy Baptism. We have heard the story of Jesus telling the Samaritan woman that he is the Messiah, the life-giving water. Then last week we saw through the movie that Jesus opened a blind man's eyes who testified for him, saying "One thing I do know that though I was blind, now I see."

In today's Gospel story, Jesus performed another astonishing miracle. He revived a dead man Lazarus. Lazarus is not a stranger of Jesus, actually he and his two sisters Martha and Mary are friends of Jesus. Using today's language, they are all believers or the church members. They are Christian church. But one of them is sick. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But Jesus said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it. (John 11:3-4)"

Though Jesus has the confidence to heal. Lazarus still died. Jesus felt the pain of losing his church member, so we hear the shortest verse of the entire Bible – Jesus wept (11:35). God’s heart through the Son shows His great love and compassion to his people. Even God has His own opinion towards things happened in our lives, He does not stop the bad thing happening, and all the bad things also cause God to mourn with us.

But as Jesus says, the bad thing like the illness of Lazarus is “for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” This can be regarded as the principle of everything in our lives, even the Coronavirus. It is so bad that our normal Sunday Service is forcibly suspended. Church is lockdown and that will last for a period of time as if church is dead. Not at all! God’s mighty hands just turn the church upside down and make her alive.

Let us hear again what Prophet Ezekiel described from the first reading,

“O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these (dry) bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.” “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. (Ezek 37:5-6, 9-10)

What a splendor picture of revival! Those dry bones are not from nations but from God’s chosen people of Israel, His own church. We are God’s Israel, we are God’s church, we are his own people. Yet we nearly become dry bones – staying in our comfort zone, enjoying God’s grace and blessings in our daily routine, attending church providing it does not clash with our family arrangement, holiday schedule, or other activities we find more important and attractive.

But by living in such a relaxed Christian life, we become spiritually dry bones even unknowingly. Like what we heard in the second reading today: “To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace (Romans 8:6).” Two weeks ago, we heard in the Gospel story what Jesus tells the Samaritan woman. He says, “But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. (John 4:23)”

God’s Words never fail. The hour of worshiping God in Spirit and truth is now, is here, is in our seemed dead yet revived worshipping – the online Service. Yes, it is regretful not be able to meet our church friends. Yes, it is a bit sad we can no

longer receive the Holy Communion we used to have every Sunday. Yes, it is uneasy to stay at home for maybe few months. But nothing can stop us worship our God in Spirit and truth which is in Jesus Christ.

This is the moment the earthly church receiving the four winds for the revival. This is the moment you receive the breath of the Holy Spirit awakening your hearts. This is the moment of abandoning your fleshly desire and set your mind on the Spirit right now in this Lenten season. This is the moment you witness the resurrective power of our Lord Jesus Christ on His own body, His church in such dramatic way for God's glory.

Some changes already happened. You may see the picture on the screen or in the front page of our Service Order. The crosses in Laidley church have been re-kindled after certain period of death. You can see our musician today Daryl Klinedon who is first time singing on the internet. His servant heart is filled with great joy. God is doing new things.

In the midst of COVID-19, in our rapid changing lifestyle, even in the middle of death, let us cry to God in the words of Psalm 130 today:

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

² Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.

³If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

The Lord will certainly hear us and help us. Just as Jesus revived His friend Lazarus, even when he was still under great bondage, as the Bible says: "The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go.(John 11:44)" The same, Jesus will untie our strips of linen and breathe into our dry bones with His Spirit of life, and make us the true worshippers of God forever and ever. Amen!

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.



Prayer of the Church

We were dead in our sins, but the word of God entered into our tomb and called us out into new life. Let us pray to the Father, knowing that he listens to us.

Dear Father in Heaven: thank you for the gift of new life that you have given to us through the waters of our baptism. Help us, as your baptised people to daily die to sin and rise to new life with Christ in the power of the Spirit.

*Father, we call on you, **Knowing you will hear us.***

We pray for all those who are mourning the death of a loved one. Comfort them in the knowledge that Jesus has won a victory over death, so that everyone who dies in Christ may have eternal life. Keep us from fearing death, but at times of doubt, help us put our faith in Jesus.

*Father, we call on you, **Knowing you will hear us.***

We pray for hospices and for people who work with the dying. Keep them strong, and give them peace to do their difficult work with dignity and sensitivity. We pray for all those people who work with alcoholics and drug addicts. Use them to make a difference to people's lives, and to help them start their life anew.

*Father, we call on you, **Knowing you will hear us.***

As we move close to Easter, help us to live as Easter people who face death in the certain hope of resurrection. Remind us and comfort us everyday with your promise that we will be raised up together with all who have died in the faith of Christ.

*Father, we call on you, **Knowing you will hear us.***

Heavenly Father, through the death and resurrection of your Son, you rescue us from death and the grave. Restore us to life, so that we may serve you in the world; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Novel Coronavirus (COVID- 19) Know the facts

The COVID- 19 novel coronavirus is a new strain of coronavirus affecting humans. Some coronavirus can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases such as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS). This novel Coronavirus is still new and as such we are still learning more about it.

Signs and Symptoms:

Symptoms reported in identified cases of COVID- 19 novel coronavirus includes:

- Fever
- A cough
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath

Anyone who has travelled overseas in the past 14 days, and feels unwell, should see a doctor immediately, Before your appointment, please call ahead and advise of your symptoms and recent travel so they can prepare for your visit.

Who is most at risk

In Australia, the people most at risk of getting the virus are those who have:

- Recently travelled overseas
- Been close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID- 19

Based on what we know about coronaviruses, those most at risk of serious infection are:

- People with compromised immune systems (such as people who have cancer)
- Elderly people
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders peoples (as they have higher rates of chronic illness)
- People with chronic medical conditions (such as asthmas, diabetes)
- People in group residential settings (such as Tabeel)
- Pregnant Women

Preventions

You might catch novel coronavirus if:

- Someone with the virus sneezes or coughs onto you
- Someone with the virus coughed or sneezed onto a surface (like a door handle) that you touch, and you get the infected them to your mouth, nose or eyes when you touch your face or eat.

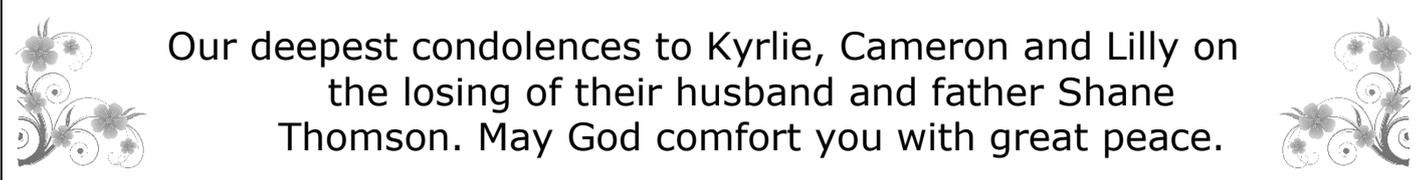
There are 5 ways we can all help to stop the spread of viruses

1. Clean your hand regularly with soap and water or alcohol- based hand rubs.
2. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or bent elbow when coughing or sneezing.
3. Avoid touching your face, nose and mouth. And avoid shaking hands.
4. Stay home is you are unwell.
5. Practice social distancing, which includes staying 1.5m away from others as much as you can.

Looking after yourself by eating healthy, balanced diet, getting regular physical activity, sleeping well and reducing stress is important all the time.

More information can be found- www.qld.gov.au

- God bless you -



Our deepest condolences to Kyrлие, Cameron and Lilly on the losing of their husband and father Shane Thomson. May God comfort you with great peace.

Special prayers for these people in need of good Health

Brooke Kirkwood, Gwen Diете, Joan and Alex Body, Ann Rickuss, Marlene Staatz, Grace Norman
Prayer points

- * for all the baptised, that they may daily die to sin and rise to new life with Christ in the power of the Spirit
- * for those who mourn the death of a loved one
- * for hospices and those who work with the dying
- * for those who work with alcoholics and drug addicts, that they may bring them new life
- * that we may face death in the certain hope of resurrection, and that we may be raised up together with all who have died in the faith of Christ
- * for those preparing for baptism or confirmation at Easter

Announcements

- **TABEEL-** Tabeel Lutheran Home is on PUBLIC LOCK OUT until Easter, as this stage no residents are ill. It is a precautionary move by Lutheran Services. Shirley Klinge, Committee of Service, Chair.
- **Lutheran Women of Queensland Convention Retreat** has been cancelled for July and money paid will be refunded. A day of convention will be held 10th October, 2020 from 9am- 3pm approx. at Redeemer Lutheran Church Laidley
- **Lockyer Valley Bus Trips** are cancelled for the next two months. For further information phone Dawn Dodt- 5462 2561
- **There will be NO CATERING in ANZAC Day (Saturday 25th April)**
- **Redeemer Church Cleaning-** It is that time of year when we ask for donations towards church cleaning. This year we have a total of 15 times (costing \$50 each time) we need to employ the church cleaner. We understand and realise that many work and many are unable to due health and age to assist with the task. Our church is commented on a by many who use it for its tidy grounds and clean church. So, if you can assist in anyway please place your donation in an envelope marked church cleaning. Thank you for support in this matter.

Dates to Remember – April

- **Sunday 5th April, The Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)** - Online Service and service order handouts will be available
- **Thursday 9th April- Maundy Thursday** – No Online Services due to the technical reasons.
- **Friday 10th April - Good Friday-** Online Services and Service handout will be made available.
- **Sunday 12th April** - Easter Sunday- Online Services and Service handout will be made available.
- **Sunday 19th April** - 2nd Sunday of Easter- Online Services and Service handouts will be made available.
- **Sunday 26th April- Redeemer Harvest Festival-** Event maybe postpone due to government restrictions.
- **Sunday 3rd May- 5pm Redeemer Fellowship BBQ** Event maybe Postpone due to government restrictions.

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Next Sunday, 5th April, 2020- The Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

Procession:

Matthew 21:1-11 Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem

Psalm 118: 1,2,19-29

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a The obedience of the Lord's servant

Psalm 31:9-16

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 Christ obedient servant and exalted Lord

Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:14-27:66 Jesus' suffering and death