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MARCH 19TH YEAR A 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT.



Sentence

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Joel 2: 13

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and one another: call forth our penitence and acts of love, and strengthen us to face our mortality, so that we may look with confidence for your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

1 The Lord said to Samuel, ‘How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.’ 2 But Samuel said, ‘How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.’ The Lord said, ‘Take a heifer with you and say, “I have come to sacrifice to the Lord .” 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.’ 4 Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, ‘Do you come in peace?’ 5 Samuel replied, ‘Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord . Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.’ Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord ’s anointed stands here before the Lord .’ 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’ 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, ‘The Lord has not chosen this one either.’ 9 Jesse then made Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, ‘Nor has the Lord chosen this one.’ 10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to

him, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' 11 So he asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' 'There is still the youngest,' Jesse answered. 'He is tending the sheep.' Samuel said, 'Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.' 12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; this is the one.' 13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah. Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.

3 He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me
in the face of those who trouble me:

**you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.**

**6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness
will follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

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Ephesians 5: 8-14

**8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the
Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light
consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out
what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless
deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 It is shameful
even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. 13 But
everything exposed by the light becomes visible – and
everything that is illuminated becomes a light. 14 This is why it
is said: ‘Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will
shine on you.’**

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Thanks be to God.

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The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ According to ...

Luke 24: 1-12

1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. **2** They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **3** but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. **4** While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. **5** In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? **6** He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: **7** ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” **8** Then they remembered his words. **9** When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. **10** It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. **11** But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. **12** Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon Title: The Empty Tomb

Passage: Luke 24:1-12

The Evidence of the Empty Tomb

The Reason for the Empty Tomb

The Response to the Empty Tomb

1. Is there anything that stood out for you from the passage or the message? New insights?
2. How must these women on route to Jesus' tomb, been feeling?
3. When they arrived, they found the stone across the entrance, had been rolled away. This may have initially been something for which they were thankful. Why? But what other thoughts might have gone through their minds when they didn't find Jesus' body?
4. It is worth exploring the women's confusion. On the one hand, why didn't they remember Jesus had promised he would rise again, each time he had spoken of his impending death? And on the other, why do the gospel writers include in their accounts, key characters being so slow to understand?
5. Why were the women not expecting Jesus to have risen from death? Replay or read that bit again and discuss. (The notion of private resurrection was just not on the cards!)
6. Who were these "two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning"? v4

7. What assurance are we given that the women were in the right place? (See also Luke 23:54-56)
8. What are some of the implications of Jesus body not being there?
9. What are the implications for us?
10. And what are some of the implications if Jesus had NOT risen? (You may like to explore 1 Corinthians 15:12-19.)
11. What is the significance of including the women's testimony – even reporting that the disciples did not receive it as it seemed like nonsense? (v11)
12. Discuss the following statement: “Jesus has conquered death. He has shrugged it off like you throw off a sheet in the morning. He invites everyone to follow him through that door he has opened from death to life. But to do that, you need to remember and trust his promises”.

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*Count
-YOUR-
blessings*



Prayer Requests

Our Nation : Prime Minister, Premier, our Mayor and Councillors. All elected and appointed people in positions of responsibility and their decision making.



Worldwide Church: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

National Church: The parish of Holy Trinity Dubbo with the Venerable Brett Watterson assisted by the Rev'd Michelle Watterson, the Rev'd Ray Tickle and Lynette, and the Rev'd Cathy Walker and Peter. Pray that Lizzie Watterson as part time youth minister will be equipped to love those under her care and continually encourage them in their relationship with the Lord Jesus. Pray that more people in Dubbo will come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour and take their part in building up God's church.

Bathurst Diocese: The Diocese of Perth with Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy and assistant bishop, Kate Wilmot, clergy and people. Pray for unity in the gospel and effectiveness in making Jesus known across the diocese. Pray for Bishop Mark and his wife Susan.

Other needs: Pray for those who are driving: for alertness and safety on the road, joy in what they see, cheerfulness as they meet people, happiness in the reunion with loved ones, and rest at the end of the journey. Particularly pray for our bishop and other leaders as they travel in the course of their ministry - that they will stay alert and remain safe.

Parish: We are thankful to God for His ongoing provision for us, and pray that He would guide us in His infinitely great wisdom for how we can faithfully serve His Kingdom in our community.

Community: St. Vincent De Paul, Anglicare, Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, Can Assist Committee, Far West Committee, Community Transport and their drivers. Ambulance and Police Services, all Doctors and Nursing Staff at our local hospital..

We pray for Healing for: All patients, who are in hospital, the Residents of the Waratah Village. We give thanks for the doctors and all staff who take care of them.

Faithful Departed: We pray for the families of their departed loved ones on the anniversary of their death: George Ratcliff (Father Of Ruby Block), Neil Scott, Ursula Jessop, Bruce Herridge, Thelma McClintock, John Pellow, Ada Morgan, Norman Markham, Ernest Grellman, Theresa (Tess) Cross.

ANGLICARE

HOLY COMMUNION

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY Year A.

Licensed Lay
Minister on Duty

Marie Seckold

1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Susan Haines

Ephesians 5: 8-14 Fran Mitchell

Luke 23: 26-49

Parish of West Wyalong Mission Statement

WE SHALL SERVE CHRIST AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AS AN ALL-AGE WELL-RESOURCED GROWING ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP USING THE "FIVE MARKS OF MISSION"

1. Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
2. Teach, baptise, and nurture new believers.
3. Respond to human need by loving service
4. Seek to transform unjust structures of society.
5. Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 26TH MARCH 2023

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Rhonda Widdows

Romans 8: 6-11 Noel Staniforth

Luke 24: 13-52



Next Service 26TH MARCH 2023. SIDE PERSONS:

Fran Mitchell



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MORNING TEA



**Lyn Jamieson
Gwen Downey**

CHURCH CLEANING



Arrangements have been made for professional cleaner to come

BRASS CLEANING



FLOWER ARRANGING



Shirley Magrath

COUNTING TODAY

**Frank Magrath
Terry Butcher**



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Service Schedule



**Service for next Sunday:
Holy Communion 9.30am**

We welcome everyone

BIRTHDAY'S:



Congratulations
to those celebrating:

Birthdays: Geoff West 20th,
Peter Lueff 23rd.

No Anniversaries this coming
week.

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Notes to Remember:

The End of Day Light Breakfast
will be held on Sunday, 2nd
April from 7am to 11am.

Adults \$12.00; 5-12 years \$6.00

Under 5 free.

We will have the following:

Orange juice, Cereal, Fruit,
Bacon, sausages, eggs, lambs
fry & bacon, tomato & onion
gravy. Tea or Coffee.

Homemade goodies will be on
Sale.

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PCC :

**Please hand your Reports to
Marie for the AGM as soon
as possible and she will be
grateful if you can have
them typed up for her.**

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**AGM will be after tea on
Sunday, 26th March.**

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**Bible Study takes place
every Wednesday at 3pm in
the Church hall.**

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*Let no day
pass by without
going through the
OPEN DOOR
of prayer to God.
Seek the Lord daily
and He will
answer you daily.*

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On the Wings of Prayer

Just close your eyes and open your heart
And feel your worries and cares depart,
Just yield yourself to the Father above
And let Him hold you secure in His love...
For life on earth grows more involved
With endless problems that can't be solved—
But God only asks us to do our best,
Then He will “take over” and finish the rest...
So when you are tired, discouraged and blue,
There's always one door that is open to you—
And that is the door to “*The House of Prayer*”
And you'll find God waiting to meet you there...
And “*The House of Prayer*” is no further away
Than the quiet spot where you kneel and pray—
For the heart is a temple when God is there
As we place ourselves in His loving care.
And He hears every prayer and answers each one
When we pray in His name “*Thy will be done*”—
And the burdens that seemed too heavy to bear
Are lifted away on “*the wings of prayer*”.

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