



# THE WAIKATO CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PETER

Te whare karakia matua o Pita Tapu ki Waikato

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## Dean's Message for Easter Sunday:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
He is risen in deed! Alleluia!!!!

Wow hard to believe that we find ourselves on Easter Day, with no Cathedral, no flowers, no choir, no pageantry and no community.

Just the story.

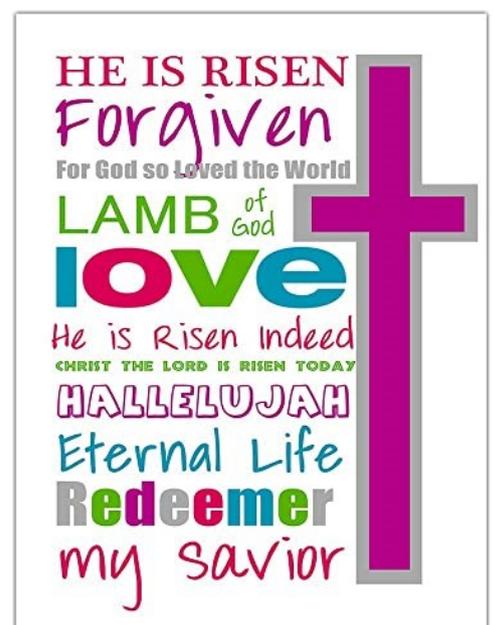
Just the small offering that we can make to our shared worship life.

Yet here we are, followers of the risen Lord, celebrating one of the greatest acts of love we could ever imagine. Just because we can't be together, do not undersell this day and the joy we experience together as the people of God through this great mystery.

Take time to stop and take it all in, to say Alleluia, throughout, to look at our surroundings, our families, our neighborhood and world differently. Because from here in everything is different and all things possible with our God.

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Arohanui, Wendy.



## Prayer resource for Easter Sunday 12.04.2020

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Though we must all spend this Easter Day in our own homes or on essential work in different places, let us all be aware that with the whole Christian world we are today rejoicing in Jesus Christ's triumph over death. Let us give thanks to God, and pray for ourselves, for each other, and for the world.

*'O sing to the Lord a new song: sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Sing, and give praise to God's name; tell the glad news of  
salvation from day to day.'* Ps 96:1-2

All four Gospels contain accounts of Jesus' resurrection, of how this was discovered and how the disciples reacted, some with fear, some with great joy, some with doubt. We probably all have a preference for some account or episode, which we feel speaks to us directly, such as Mary Magdalene's encounter with the Risen Lord, Thomas' doubts and their wiping away, or the Road to Emmaus.

Take any one of the accounts:

Matt 28:1-10, Luke 24:1-49 (Emmaus Rd vss 13-49),  
John 20 (Mary's meeting with Jesus vss 11-18,  
Thomas' doubts vss 24-31).

Take the time to read your chosen passage slowly and carefully two or three times, paying attention to any words, phrases or events that particularly strike you.

No matter which text you have chosen, spend some time thinking about the parts that stood out for you.

- Which story do you most identify with?
- Which character do you align with more than others?
- Imagine yourself in the scene and try to feel what your reaction would be. Think what you would like to express, even wordlessly, and make that into a prayer to Our Lord, thanking Him for His promise to be with us for ever, in all circumstances.

Let your prayers pass into silent wonder at the mystery and what it means to each of us.

Readings set down for today are:

- Isaiah 25:6-9
- Ps 114
- 1 Cor 5:6-8
- Luke 24:13-49)

As a conclusion, pray the collect for Easter Day:

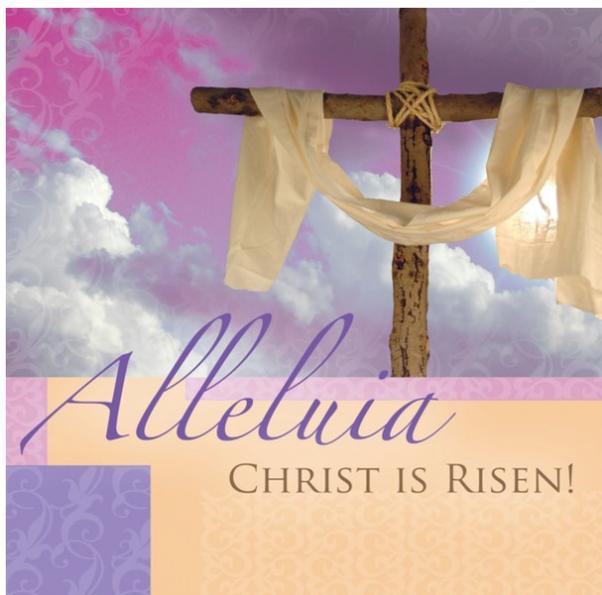
*Alleluia, faithful God: on this day you raised Jesus from death, and calmed our greatest fear. Help us to celebrate with joy; that in greeting the risen Saviour, we may be filled with the hope of resurrected life. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

### **Prayer Points:**

Each Sunday we pray for our world, our country and our own needs.

Please pray:     God in your mercy,   hear our prayer

I want to commend to you undertaking a daily rhythm of prayer at this time, it can help give you a sense of grounding for your day especially while we're in isolation. There are a number of options on the diocesan web site. If you don't have access, sitting quietly at 9am & 7pm, lighting a candle, reading the scriptures, (the daily readings are provided here for you, praying and giving thanks for the ways God has blessed your day.



Check out our Facebook and website for updated information

**St Peter's Cathedral,  
Hamilton  
[www.stpeter.org.nz](http://www.stpeter.org.nz)**

**Morning Prayer for the week commencing 13th April**

<p><b>Monday 13th April:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psalm 111</li> <li>• Exodus 12:1 - 14</li> <li>• 1 Cor 15:1 - 11</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday 14th April:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psalm 112</li> <li>• Exodus 12:14 - 36</li> <li>• 1 Cor 15:12 - 19</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday 15th April:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psalm 113</li> <li>• Exodus 12:37 - end</li> <li>• 1 Cor 15:20 - 28</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thursday 16th April:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psalm 114</li> <li>• Exodus 13:1 - 16</li> <li>• 1 Cor 15: 29 - 34</li> </ul>	<p><b>Friday 17th April:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psalm 115</li> <li>• Exodus 13:17 - 14:14</li> <li>• 1 Cor 15:35 - 50</li> </ul>	<p><b>Saturday 18th April:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psalm 116</li> <li>• Exodus 14:15 - end</li> <li>• 1 Cor 15:51 - end</li> </ul>

**For our children:**

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