

19 April

HE IS RISEN!!!!!!

In the space below write some words that help you celebrate the risen Jesus.



A Song to lift our hearts:

What is a song that you sing when you have something to celebrate?

Have a go at singing it. You might like to share with another over the phone what your song is.

Read: Acts 2:14a, 22 - 32, John 20:19 - 31

What do you notice about the two stories? What do they share in common? What makes each story unique? Read the stories again, and this time imagine yourself in the story. What is something new for you as you imagine being a part of the story? You might like to think about it for a few moments. Share with someone else what has come to you, either in the household or over the phone.

Prayer: In the space after each sentence, write down three things you might like to bring before God.

Today God, I am thankful for -

In my heart I am concerned for -

Please be with these people -

Tomorrow I would like to do this differently -

May you know in this time, God's grace, and forgiveness, and be courageous bearers of God's grace every day. And like Thomas declare "My Lord and my God!"

Blessing

Take us from this moment of drawing aside to be with you God, and take us into the world in which we live. May we each show your love to others we encounter in our day, however we may encounter them. Amen.

26 April

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Read: Acts 2: 14a, 36 - 41, Psalm 116:1 - 4, 12 - 19, Luke 24:13 - 35

In the space below write out what some of the bold declarations that are made in the readings.



The readings invite us to think about bold declarations. What bold declarations can we make about God? What is the experience of God in our life, ones that leave us in no doubt about who God is and what God does? You might like to share your response with another - either in your household or over the phone.

A Song to lift our hearts

Do you have a favourite song you like to sing around Easter time? Can you recall the words to the first verse? You might like to sing that verse at full volume, letting your heart soar as you bring the words to God.

One song might be "Christ the Lord is Risen today - Allelulia!" What song is yours?

Praying

As we pray today, find an object in your home that represents a situation, a person, a hope, something you are grateful for. Hold that item as you pray your prayer that relates to the object. You might like to find multiple objects for multiple prayers in your heart.

Lord take the prayers of our heart, and open us to our part in them. Amen.

Blessing

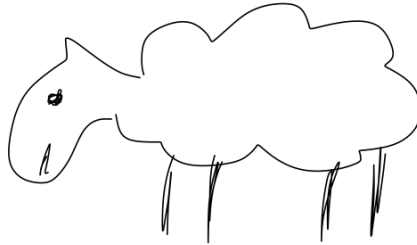
God take us from this space and help us to be bold in knowing who you are in our life. May we share with another the goodness you have shared with us.

May God the Father carry you, God the Son bless you and another, and God the Spirit be the fire in your belly.

3 May

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Read: Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19 - 25, John 10:1 - 10



Around the sheep write some of things that have resonated with you from each of the readings. What has stood out? Is there anything new that you haven't noticed before? Write some of those down. What is it about those things that matter? Share your thoughts with someone else, ring someone if you need to.

Prayer

Take the thoughts from around the sheep and use them as a way of talking with God. As you pray, be open to what else God might share with you. Have some time to be silent too. Give thanks to God for the way that you can learn and grow in your faith, even in this difficult time. May you become aware of God's presence with you in this time of prayer.

A Song to life our hearts

If you have a hymn book in your home, you might like to go through and find some of the songs that are about God as shepherd. Sing one of those songs you find. If you haven't got a hymn book, see if you can recall some songs. If you know enough of one song, sing it!

Blessing

God calls us each by name in the way a shepherd calls sheep.
God watches over each of us, in the way a shepherd might.

Take the blessing of God who calls you and watches over you into the day.
May the blessing you have, and share, become a blessing for another in their day. Wherever and however you may encounter them.
In the name of God the Father, Son and Spirit, Amen.