



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”



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Our Wednesday Small Group met this week, now looking into the week ahead when Jesus made his final entry to Jerusalem. So soon there was a rush of events leading to his death and his resurrection. For us, this happened a long, long time ago –yet – across the world we are now joining with others to enter this time ourselves.

At first, there was joyous welcome. Jesus entered Jerusalem – on a donkey - to the praises, the affirmations of many people. His entry has been called ‘triumphant’ – celebrated by the greatest musicians, artists and writers down the centuries – and by countless unknown people across the years and across the world. Surely, his triumph would never end:

Ride on, ride on in majesty. (Hymn No.348
continuing)

Yet even here, there were signs of things to come:

In lowly pomp, ride on to die.

But, why the change? So much, it seemed, happened so quickly. Jesus himself was ‘aware’: he had been preparing himself and giving indications to others close by him. We see and we hear him at the Last Supper, in the Garden of Gethsemane, before Pilate...

So many details have been handed on to us. Over this week we will hear, we will see, we will recall, we will worship: and we will be reflecting:

How then, do we respond?

While these events in themselves were not the end, there was an ‘ending’ to come: Jesus was killed, he was crucified.

Bow thy meek head to mortal pain

In our small group, we stood back and saw the responses of his disciples and followers...Jesus had tried to prepare them, but still there was despair, hopelessness, confusion and bewilderment.

They were shaken to the core – they deserted him...But what about us?

How now, are we responding?

Yet...there was something else- something momentous to come: foretold by Jesus, but not yet fully understood.

Then take, O God, thy power and reign.

(Ride on, ride on in majesty. Henry Hart Milman. Together in Song. Hymn 348)
cont'd

Sunday April 13th

<https://roseville.unitingchurch.org.au/livestream>

Palm Sunday

9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
In person and online...

10.45am **Second Cuppa**

5.30pm **Worship Service with Stuart Powell and Chris Goringe**
In person and online

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29
Philippians 2: 5-11
Luke 19: 28-40

What’s on this week

Holy Week. Church open for reflection each morning

Tue	Church Council 7.00pm
Thurs	Maundy Thursday Service 8.00pm
Fri	Good Friday Service 9.30am Organist: Sean Weatherley

Sunday April 20th

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Easter Day

9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Sean Weatherley
In person and online...

5.30pm **Worship Service with Chris Goringe and Stuart Powell**
In person and online

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Acts 10: 34-43
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15: 19-26
John 20: 1-8

Links

[Service live \(or replay\) streaming](#)

[Zoom \(for meetings\)](#)

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)

How did his disciples respond to the resurrection of Jesus? Jesus was not quickly or easily recognised: and yet they saw, they heard, they touched – and they found their own words...

- Mary Magdalene: **I have seen the Lord.**
- Thomas: **My Lord and my God.**
- Peter: **Simon ...do you love me more than these?... Feed my sheep...John 21:17**
- Two on the Road to Emmaus: **Were not our hearts burning within us, while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?**

Of course, we are not the only ones entering this wondrous time again. How are these events speaking to others across the world – and to us? Are we aware of our own thoughts and feelings? Are we able to find our own words?

We turn also to the words of others.

You are the God who remains with us during our Saturdays of waiting and wondering, marked by the memory of Friday and the hope of Sunday. Forbid us too-easy exits out of the darkness. May we wait until we are at last interrupted by your life-giving grace. Amen.

Walter Brueggemann. Devotions for Lent. A Way Other Than Our Own.

Margot

Join us in Prayer...

Loving God, there is so much happening in the world you have created for our enjoyment, we just can't seem to get it right.

- ongoing bombing in the Gaza region.
- factional fighting and a devastating earthquake in Myanmar.
- ongoing war in Ukraine.
- politicians with large egos they don't want bruising.
- the worrying impact of climate change for many Pacific islands and farmers of all countries.

Jesus reminds us that worry is the opposite of faith.

Luke 12 vs 25 reminds us "can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life".

As we pray may we remain faithful and have hope in Gods plans. Help us to remember that His plans are better than we can dare to dream

Amen

Whiz

During Holy Week the church will be open each morning for quiet reflection.. If you have an hour to spare could you please add your name to the roster, or speak to Angela.

Services for Holy Week

Sunday 13 th April	9:30am and 5:30pm
	Palm Sunday
Thursday 17 th April	8pm
	Last Supper
Friday 18 th April	9:30am
	Words from the Cross
Sunday 20 th April	9:30am and 5:30pm
	Resurrection!



The annual service for the Solace Association of NSW will be held at Roseville UC on Saturday 26th April, at 11.00am. Chris will be preaching and Sing Australia (Gordon) will be leading the music.

This group meets regularly at our church and hold a service once a year. All are invited to attend.



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