



# ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

## *“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus*”

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### Easter People in a Good Friday World

We are an Easter people, moving through a Good Friday world.  
—Barbara Harris, *Hallelujah, Anyhow!*

Episcopal Bishop Barbara Harris (1930–2020) explores how we can celebrate Easter, even in the midst of difficult “Good Friday” circumstances:

The world is full of the misery and pain of Good Friday. We only have to open our daily newspapers, turn on the television to the nightly news ... for fresh reminders of the violence, cruelty, want, and need that permeates our world. We have only to examine and reflect on our own lives, our own trials and tribulations, our own cares and woes. We have only to consider how we relate to each other and to our world neighbours. But we are Easter people, and we are supposed to be different.

There are some distinctive characteristics about Easter people that keep us in close touch with this Jesus who says to a grieving Martha: “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die” [John 11:25–26].

Easter people are believers. We believe not only in the possible, we believe also in the impossible. We believe that the lame were made to walk, and the mute made to speak, that lepers were cleansed and the blind received their sight.... We can believe also that with the helpful presence of God’s Holy Spirit, we are strengthened and sustained on our earthly pilgrimage. Further, we can believe that we can fashion new lives committed to love, to peace, to justice, and to liberation for all of God’s people.

Easter people grieve and need to be comforted. And, yes, Easter people get angry ... but we must seek to channel that anger in constructive ways. Be angry enough to say and to seriously mean, I will commit my life to living out the Baptismal Covenant: seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving my neighbour as myself, striving for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being.

Easter people hang in until the end. Like the women who stood by the cross, Easter people live by the words of the old spiritual: “I will go, I shall go to see what the end will be.”

Benedictine nun and poet Mary Lou Kownacki (1941–2023) embraces this resurrection wisdom:

Easter grabs us by the throat and shouts, “Live.” The radiant Jesus who leaves the tomb challenges our complacency with the forces of death, be they hopelessness, fear, discouragement, or lack of will. Don’t let death have the last word in your story, Jesus urges. None of us has the right to sleep in death. Even if there is no angel to help you, grab the door of the tomb that holds you back and rip its seal. There’s too much goodness in you that still needs to rise, and there’s too much work in the world that still needs to be done.

From Richard Rohr April 24, 2025

<https://cac.org/daily-meditations/easter-people-in-a-good-friday-world/>

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### Sunday May 4th

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Holy Communion with Chris Goringe**  
**Organist: Robert Bevan**  
*In person and online...*

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

#### Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Acts 9: 1-6 (7-20)  
Psalm 20  
Revelations 5: 11-14  
John 21: 1-19

### What’s on this week ....

Tue Kids Playtime 10.00-11.30am  
Wed Social Games 1.00-3.00pm  
Elders Forum 7.30pm  
Fri Christian Meditation 2.30pm

### Sunday May 11th

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

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

10.45am **Second cuppa**

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

#### Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Acts 9: 36-43  
Psalm 23  
Revelations 7: 9-17  
John 10: 22-30

### Links

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

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)



Mark and Whiz are delighted to announce the arrival of a grandson, Finnley MacGuire, a brother to Abigail.

### More dates for 2025

14th May: Young Adults' Dinner 7.00pm

3rd June: Ecumenical Service, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Roseville UC, 7.30pm

10th June: Young Adults' Dinner 7.00pm

14th June: Potluck Dinner and Games Night 6.00pm

15th June: Congregational Meeting **4.00PM**

12th July: Working Bee

19th July: Lindara Market

31st August: Rev. Keith Garner to preach at Roseville UC

8 November: Working Bee

## Join us in Prayer...

Do not let your hearts be troubled:  
And yet so often we find ourselves going back over the conversations we have had and rehearsing the ones to come. We worry and we get anxious and stressed.

Believe in me: We put our faith in so many things other than you. Faith in our bank balance, faith in whatever drives our identity and our sense of ourselves. We hold our beliefs so tightly to ourselves and refuse to open ourselves to the possibilities of new revelations.

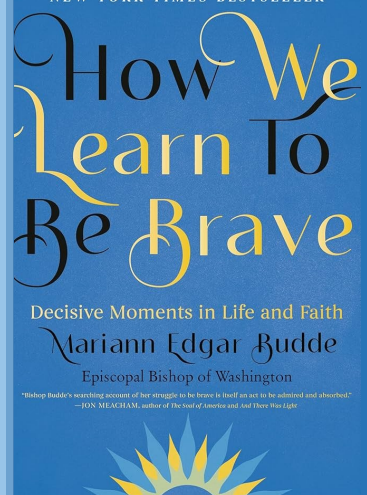
We know the way, yet we so often take the road well travelled lest we lose our way. Lead us into your paths to find your life and truth.

Into your hands we put our spirit O God, for you are the Faithful One who has promised to forgive us and restore us to right-relationship with You, with ourselves and with one another.

Beloved ones, precious ones, you are forgiven and restored. Thanks be to God.

Gippsland Figtree Worship Resource

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER



Decisive Moments in Life and Faith  
Mariann Edgar Budde  
Episcopal Bishop of Washington

\*Bishop Budde's wrenching account of her struggle to be brave is itself an act to be admired and absorbed!  
—JON MEACHAM, author of The Soul of America and God Thinks We're Right

## Young Adult Small Group

7pm at Sureka and Chris'  
Food and discussion

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July



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