



**St John's**  
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday  
14-Apr-2024

A very warm welcome is extended to all visitors to St Johns. Morning tea is offered after the service today, so please stay and enjoy.

**Scripture reading: Luke 24:36b-48 (New International Version)**

## Witnesses to these things



### Jesus Appears to the Disciples

<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

<sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

<sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

Sunday

21-Apr-2024

Scripture reading: John 10:11-18 (New International Version)

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Col 4:2

Prayer points:

- For peace and restoration of stability in Israel, Ukraine and other regions experiencing unrest;
- For Jane's health;
- For Brenda's health;
- For Felicity's recovery;
- For safe communities.
- For our youth and adult leaders of the holiday programme
- For children and families through the school holidays;
- For support for all those who have lost loved ones, homes and/or livelihoods in natural disasters.



*Christ is Risen  
Hallelujah*

Pastoral Reflection

Hello, friends, who love St Johns,  
Welcome to our third Sunday of Eastertide. I have to confess this week's reading is not what I had in mind nor expected when I saw that the lectionary reading assigned was from Luke's gospel. In fact, my initial reading of the text was rather flat and not inspirational at all. However, after reading the text several times I was surprised by how much I had missed in my initial reading, and actually the reading is layered with a lot of stuff.

In this pastoral reflection, I will not go over all the varied layers, I will only highlight just two realities from the reading.

**The broken body.** Broken body is not what we would associate with resurrection. I think we hear resurrection and what we hope to encounter is a wholesome and perfect body. To the contrary the evidence of Jesus resurrection is affirmed by the invitation for the disciples to put their fingers and bear witness of the holes where the nails had pierced through. What a strange invitation.

**The breaking of bread.** What? That was my initial reaction. So, one of the other signs of Jesus' resurrection is that he was famished. The divine one is hungry. And he is requesting the disciples to feed him. How does that help prove that resurrection was real? What a strange request from Jesus. **"Do you have anything here to eat?"**

These two realities provoke noteworthy questions about Christian community. What does broken bodies and breaking of bread have to do with worship? How can these two realities affect how we gather and how we discern God's activity in our life together. How does these two realities inform Christian witness in the world?

THIS WEEK

From: 14-Apr-2024

To: 21-Apr-2024

Sunday 14-Apr-2024

Food Bank  
9.30 am Sunday Service in English (Chinese subtitle)  
3:30 pm Christian Youth Church

Monday 15-Apr-2024

N/A

Tuesday 16-Apr-2024

Holiday Programme

Wednesday 17-Apr-2024

Holiday Programme  
7:00 pm AA meeting

Thursday 18-Apr-2024

Holiday Programme

Friday 19-Apr-2024

5:30pm Holiday Programme  
Community Dinner  
10:00am Knitting Group

Sunday 21-Apr-2024

9.30 am Sunday Service in English (Chinese subtitle)  
3:30 pm Christian Youth Church



## School Holiday Programme

The School Holidays are here!

Everyone is welcome to join the  
Holiday Programme Community Dinner  
5:30pm on Friday 19th April.



It's a girl!- Aimee has arrived  
Congratulations to Jaque and  
Ronaldo on the birth of their  
daughter and to Olivia on

This amazing family are still taking  
orders for cupcakes

Let's support them on their mission trip



## Songs for Today



1. Blessed Assurance
2. I the Lord of sea and sky
3. Be Still
4. Spirit Song

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|                          | Today's Helpers<br>14-Apr-2024        | Next Week's Helpers<br>21-Apr-2024 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Preacher/ Service Leader | Jeff Odhiambo                         | Jeff Odhiambo                      |
| Musician/s               | Jeanette Li<br>Albert Ip, Winnie Wong | Rahil John<br>Ronaldo              |
| Projector & Sound Desk   |                                       |                                    |
| Reader                   | Olga Ferriera                         | Judy McDonald                      |
| Intercessor              | Julie Dickey                          | Joan Rutherford                    |
| HC set up                | N/A                                   | Ayleen de Vilder                   |
| HC Serving team          | N/A                                   | Judy McDonald                      |
| Prayer ministry          |                                       | Joan Jones                         |
| Sunday School            | N/A                                   | N/A                                |
| Welcome Desk             | With ushering                         | With ushering                      |
| Usher                    | Charles de Vilder                     | Judy McDonald                      |
| Counters                 | Alison Stanton                        | Jeanette Li<br>Christo John        |
| Morning Tea              | Betty Curd<br>Nessie Crawford         | Monita Leung<br>Jojo Lee           |