



SERMON TOPIC:
BIBLE TEXT:
PREACHER:
ELDER ON DUTY:
OFFERINGS:

Worship Service
Luke 23: 50-24:53
Colin Pretorius
Peter Williams

1st Collection:
2nd Collection:

The work of the Church
Diaconate

Come, See, Go and Tell

Imagine standing at the empty tomb, where Mary Magdalene and the other Mary discovered the breath taking truth of the resurrection. As they approached, their hearts heavy with grief, they encountered the unexpected - a rolled -away stone, an angel and the declaration that changed everything: "He is not here; He has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." These words, filled with hope and triumph, reverberate through time, inviting us into a story of life restored and hope renewed.

In our lives, we often find ourselves in silent Saturdays - moments between despair and breakthrough, when dreams seem dead, and hope feels distant. But Easter reminds us that Sunday always comes. The power of the Resurrection proclaims that no situation is beyond God's ability to transform.

The angel's invitation to "come and see" is one we must embrace daily. It calls us to step close, to witness for ourselves the transformative power of Jesus. As we see, we are then commissioned to "go and tell". Christine Caine has said, "Jesus has commissioned us to come and see for ourselves and then go into a lost and broken world and declare loudly that He is alive."

Sharing the good news isn't just a task but a privilege, carrying the hope of a risen Savior into our broken world. Let us live Resurrection lives - empowered, hope filled and unafraid - knowing that because He lives, we can face tomorrow.



Our Giving, an Act of Worship

In our Church we have two offerings every Sunday. The first goes toward the ministry of this congregation. The second offering goes toward various Christian causes. This week our second offering is for Diaconate.

If you would like to support the work of you can do so by in Church giving - simply add your offering to the bag at the back of Church or by bank transfer -

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If using bank transfer please indicate whether it is for the first offering "Sun1" or second offering "Sun 2" in the reference line. Or you can give online via our Church app

<https://wpcrc.org.au/give>

This week's **PRAYER POINTS**

Prayer does not mean asking God for all kinds of things we want, it is rather the desire for God Himself, the only Giver of Life.

Sadhu Sundar Singh

Personal **PRAYER POINTS**

As we go into the coming week let us daily pray;

Meditating on the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ uttered the words it is finished when on the cross winning for us our salvation.

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:30 NRSV)

Give praise and thanks to the Triune God for executing the plan that saved us from eternal condemnation and gives us life even though it came at great cost.

Congregational **PRAYER POINTS**

Please continue to pray for Ben and Lauren Palmer seeking God's face on their behalf, pleading with him for a speedy recovery.

Please pray for our pastor Chris Pretorius who is in hospital, pray that the Lord will guide the medical staff to bring about total and permanent healing of his condition.

Please pray for Kasha Schubert as he takes up the task as elder, pray that the Lord will bless him richly with all the gifts and resources he needs to fulfil his calling.

Local & Global **PRAYER POINTS**

Please pray for our nation that through all the commercialization and distraction surrounding Easter the message of salvation will get through to many people.

Please continue to pray for the upcoming federal election, pray for God's mercy on our land and that he will cause a government to be elected that honours him.

Continue to pray for international events especially the ongoing wars in Israel, Ukraine, Sudan, Yemen as well as other places.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Myanmar.

A pastor was among 13 people killed in attacks by the Myanmar military (Tatmadaw) on villages in Christian-majority Chin State on consecutive nights. Despite the ceasefire declared by the military government on 2 April following the earthquake that struck the country on 28 March, the Tatmadaw carried out bombardment of the villages on 9 and 10 April. At 9 pm on 9 April a jet from the airbase in the capital Naypyitaw, some 250 miles away, dropped two 500lb bombs on Pwi village on Mindat Township, southern Chin State. The airstrike killed seven residents, including a 36-year-old pastor and an eight-month-old boy.

A church was among ten buildings destroyed in the attack.

“Just one plane came shooting twice and then dropped two 500-pound bombs. Among those killed are a Christian pastor, children and the elderly,” said a Mindat resident. “Of the nine people injured, three are critical.” The other five people killed were identified as a 68-year-old man, a 72-year-old woman, a 38-year-old disabled man and two seven-year-old children.

On the evening of 10 April, a family of six were killed in another Tatmadaw airstrike on Saizang village in Tedim Township, northern Chin State. “They bombed houses in Saizang village with a 500-pound bomb,” said a Tedim resident, asserting that there was no fighting taking place in the area. “The house it hit belonged to a family of six, who died when the house collapsed.” The victims were a husband (43) and wife (40), their sons aged 17, 14 and 5, and their 10-year-old daughter. Another son, aged 10, was hospitalised with serious injuries.

Pray for the families of those bereaved in these horrific attacks to know the Lord’s comfort and receive practical aid. Ask for His sustaining power for residents of Pwi and Saizang villages as they seek to rebuild and recover from the shock. Pray for God’s protection over His people in Chin State and that the military will relent from such unjustified strikes.

Elections by Acclamation of **ELDER AND DEACONS**

In last weeks election by acclamation of one elder and two deacons, all candidates were elected.

Apart from a few abstentions, all the appointments very voted in by a large majority.

Kasha, Riaan and Leana will be commissioned into their roles in due course.

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Opportunity to serve at Wonga Park

The Dining Room Mission

Thanks to our wonderful cooks from last month, our guests got to enjoy pasta as well as fried rice and coleslaw. 😊

Who is able to join me next Tuesday 22nd of April in cooking a yummy meal?
I look forward to hearing from you.

Joy.



Upcoming events **OUR CHURCH CALENDER**

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- Friday 18 April Good Friday; The Lords Supper Service
 - Sunday 20 April Grief Share Group
 - Sunday 27 April Grief Share Group
 - Friday 2 May Youth Super Dash
 - Tuesday 6 May Prayer Meeting

Helping HANDS

	18 April (Good Friday)	20 April	27 April
Preacher	Colin Pretorius	Colin Pretorius	Herman Linde
Elder on Duty	Peter Williams	Peter Williams	Martin van der Merwe
Prayer Leader	Peter Williams	Herman Linde	Martin van der Merwe
Music Leader	Mia van Wyk	Inge Theron	Mia van Wyk
Children's Talk	Inge Theron	Janette Fernando	Roger Fernando
Bible Reader	Colin Pretorius	Lynette Pretorius	Armin van Wyk
Sound	Cassie van Veen	Nina Theron	James van Veen
Visuals	Isaac Organtzoglou	Salme van Staden	Ene Crous
Broadcasting	James van Veen	Christo Theron	Cassie van Veen
Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
Coffee	van Staden Family	Anke van Pinxteren & Anee Keegel	Lynette Pretorius & Nelleke Arnold

Upcoming BIRTHDAYS



Lynette Pretorius 14 April
Nina Theron 16 April
Lydia Opperman 17 April
Bram van der Jagt 21 April
Leon de Beer 23 April
Colin Pretorius 28 April
Ilze Kellerman 29 April

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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