



SUNDAY IN HOME WORSHIP

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MARK 16:1-8

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "

⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

WORSHIP CHRIST THE RISEN KING

Rise O Church and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell
Sing as all the earth rejoices, resurrection anthems swell
Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ the risen King

See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now its mouth declares
Death and I could not contain him for the throne of life he shares
Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ the risen King

Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer
But the truth proclaims a wonder, thoughtful hearts receive with cheer
He is risen, he is risen
Now receive the risen King

We acclaim your life O Jesus, now we sing your victory
Sin or hell may seek to seize us but your conquest keeps us free
Stand in triumph stand in triumph
Worship Christ the risen King

Stand in triumph, stand in triumph
Worship Christ the risen King

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UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Saviour,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

**Up from the grave he arose;
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Saviour,
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Saviour;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain

ACTS 13:13-43

¹³ From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ From Perga they went on to Pisidian Antioch. On the Sabbath they entered the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵ After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue rulers sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak." ¹⁶ Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said:

"Men of Israel and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me! ¹⁷ The God of the people of Israel chose our fathers; he made the people prosper during their stay in Egypt, with mighty power he led them out of that country, ¹⁸ he endured their conduct for about forty years in the desert, ¹⁹ he overthrew seven nations in Canaan and gave their land to his people as their inheritance. ²⁰ All this took about 450 years. "After this, God gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet. ²¹ Then the people asked for a king, and he gave them Saul son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years. ²² After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.' ²³ "From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel the Saviour Jesus, as he promised. ²⁴ Before the coming of Jesus, John preached repentance and baptism to all the people of Israel. ²⁵ As John was completing his work, he said: 'Who do you think I am? I am not that one. No, but he is coming after me, whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.'

²⁶ "Brothers, children of Abraham, and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. ²⁷ The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. ²⁸ Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹ When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he was seen by those who had travelled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people. ³² "We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers ³³ he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

"You are my Son;
today I have become your Father."

³⁴ The fact that God raised him from the dead, never to decay, is stated in these words:

"I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David."

³⁵ So it is stated elsewhere:

"You will not let your Holy One see decay."

³⁶ "For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed. ³⁷ But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay. ³⁸ "Therefore, my brothers,

I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.³⁹ Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.⁴⁰ Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you:

⁴¹ ^{'''}Look, you scoffers,
wonder and perish,
for I am going to do something in your days
that you would never believe, even if someone told you.^{'''}

⁴² As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath.⁴³ When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.

PRAY IN RESPONSE

Respond in prayer to God's word to us in Acts 13:13-43.

- Praise God for his faithfulness throughout salvation history.
- Praise God that forgiveness of sins was proclaimed to us and now we are justified through belief!
- Praise Jesus as the great King of God's promise!
- Does this passage reveal any sin? Confess it to God.
- Pray for those who scoff in unbelief at the risen Jesus.

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfilment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Christ is risen!..." Hello?... Anybody there?...

It's yet another Sunday scattered from one another by COVID-19 and it's another opportunity to grieve what we're missing out on, like the traditional call and response, "Christ is risen!... He is risen indeed!" But in that sadness, we can also be hopeful about the refinement God is bringing to our faith.

Keep checking your emails for the weekly updates as well as the church's website where resources are being uploaded that we hope you'll find helpful over this period (go to <https://grangebaptist.org.au/covid-19/>). Please keep checking in on one another however you can and keep praying through the church directory too!

It's been really encouraging to hear how some of you are finding opportunities left and right to talk with people about God in the midst of this Coronavirus trial. Personally, that's not been my experience at all. Instead, I'm being kept from a number of long conversations with people I'm hindered from seeing right now. So, if you're like me, this short evangelistic talk (<https://youtu.be/ILqtU7KScC4>) might be worth emailing or sharing with those you're already in conversation with about Jesus, or who you were planning to invite along to church this Easter.

If you can think of any important announcements that would be worth noting here for next week, please let Luke or Ben know. If you have pressing prayer or praise points, please let us know about those also.

PRAYERS OF PETITION

Since God is sovereign and pleased to work through the prayers of his people, let's bring our requests to him. You might like to share prayer points if you are spending this time with others today.

- Pray for countries affected by Tropical Cyclone Harold
- Continue thanking God for his kindness to Australia with such low death rates (pray that, in God's mercy, this trial would swiftly achieve his full purposes and be removed from us)
- Pray for other churches (pray for Wilston Presbyterian who are without a pastor at the moment, pray for unity and steadfastness to Christ)
- Pray for our church (for those you are technologically joining with this morning, for Josh and Amy Bartlett's work with Wycliffe and for Amy's mum and dad, Eva and Ted, believers who are both battling serious illnesses, for fruit from Tonia Johannesen's work at Clifford House, for Dave and Cathy Walter's work with AFES that has taken a very different shape as of late, for protection from COVID-19 for our members and loved ones, for all of us to keep growing in our dependence upon God in these uncertain times and to remain hopeful and thankful through them!)
- Pray that many would come to faith in Jesus this Easter (pray that there would be an intentionality among all of us to use this unique time as a talking point about what God has done for us in the death and resurrection of Jesus)

PSALM 16

A miktam of David

¹ Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing."

³ As for the saints who are in the land,
they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.

⁴ The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods.
I will not pour out their libations of blood
or take up their names on my lips.

⁵ LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup;
you have made my lot secure.

⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

⁷ I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.

⁸ I have set the LORD always before me.
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,

¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

¹¹ You have made known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

HEAR, GRASP & LIVE GOD'S WORD

Earlier, in Acts 13, we heard the apostle Paul preaching the good news that God's great King, Jesus, is risen from the dead. Paul's convinced that Psalm 16 was always looking ahead to this event. So, let's eagerly hear what God's saying to us there on this resurrection Sunday.

HEAR GOD'S WORD

Read Psalm 16 together.

- How many times can you spot David pointing us to God?
- Who is the hero of Psalm 16?
- What sense do we get about the character of the LORD God?

GRASP GOD'S WORD

PSALM 16:1-8—*"God is our refuge in life"*

- Opening lines are very telling. What's David crying out for from the very beginning of Psalm 16?
- Ponder the idea of a 'refuge' for a moment. What's David getting at?

- What do you make of David's extreme statement in verse 2? (Look at verses 5, 7, 8, 10, 11). It's true; apart from the Lord we really do have no good thing.
- So what does it look like to have God as our refuge in life?
 - In verse 3, who does David delight in?
 - In verse 4, who will David not run after? Why?
 - In verses 5 & 6, David knows it's the LORD who assigns his food, drink, and land.
 - In verses 7 & 8, David knows it's the LORD who gives him wisdom and guidance.

PSALM 16:9-11—*"God is our refuge in death"*

- With God at David's right hand he will not be shaken, not even by death!

SUMMARY

With such great help from Peter in Acts 2 and Paul in Acts 13, it's impossible to mishear Psalm 16. This prayer points us to Christ and is fulfilled when heard on the very lips of Christ himself. As a sinlessly faithful, synagogue-going Jew, we understand Jesus made much use of the psalms in his life. Re-read over Psalm 16 and hear it on the lips of the Lord Jesus.

Consider what great shelter (refuge) we have in the LORD God; Father, Son and Spirit! As scholar, Dale Ralph Davis, points out: 'We sometimes speak of a 'sheltered life' in a derogatory sense... (But) a sheltered life is not a shameful but a marvellous matter, if your life is sheltered in Yahweh (the LORD), your portion in life, your deliverer in death.' (D.R. Davis, "Slogging Along the Paths of Righteousness: Psalms 13-24," pp55-66).

LIVE GOD'S WORD

We can respond to God's word in our living in the following ways:

- By reflecting on where we are taking refuge, confessing misplaced trust, and resolving to trust in God alone as our refuge.
- By delighting in the souls who make up Grange Baptist Church as an important part of our taking refuge in God. Perhaps you could write an encouraging letter, email, text, etc.
- By going to God and asking for whatever wisdom and guidance you need with the effects of COVID-19 on our lives.
- By gladly turning from idols since they only bring sorrows, not refuge.
- By pointing others to the risen Jesus who is the only refuge in life and death we humans have.

PRAY IN RESPONSE

Pray to God in response to his word.

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Having studied the psalm you may like to listen to a pastoral reflection on it here: <https://grangebaptist.org.au/covid-19/> or by playing the CD that has been provided to you.

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, his power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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