



SAINTS A & A



Worship@Home Friday 26th April Meeting by Zoom Saints A & A

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Topic: Colin Gordon's Zoom Meeting

Time: Apr 26, 2020 09:00 AM Auckland, Wellington

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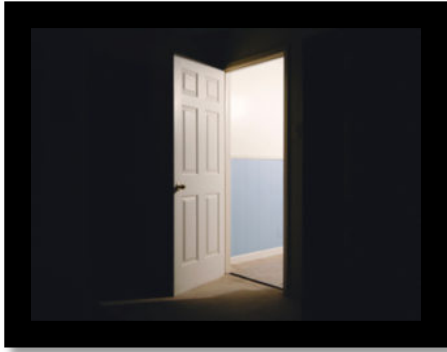
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9:00am - 9:25am Welcome and settling in ... you are welcome to grab a cuppa and bring it into our service by getting your own ☺ so as not to bust the bubble.



Sunday 26th April 2020

Saints A & A

Birkenhead Northcote

Aotearoa New Zealand

Crossing from the dark into the light feels like an invitation, a welcome into

the comfort of the familiar. But crossing from the light to the dark—the known to the unknown—is its own kind of invitation, one that holds, perhaps, the greatest potential.

What unknown are you moving into?

9:30am Gathering song: Be thou my vision

Welcoming Space

Let us reverence Life with our eyes, ears and fingertips.

Let us love the world through heart and mind and body.

We feed our eyes upon the mystery in the faces

of our sisters and brothers,

of mothers and fathers, and children everywhere.

Let us be open to our full and emerging humanity.

We gather, not in bowing down, not with closed eyes

and stopped ears, but with the opening

of all windows of our beings,

with the full outstretching of our spirits.

Let us gather in meditation and singing, as those

who have fallen in love with life. ⁱ

We light this candle to celebrate
the inherent worth and dignity of every person
and to share that love which is ultimately
beyond even our cherished reason,
that love which unites us

Let us light our community candles – the community of God.

You are invited ...

Breathe deeply... unclench your hands
and let your shoulders and neck relax.
Allow your face muscles to relax and sit comfortable,
You are connected with those
who wish for you, wellness.
(*Silence*)

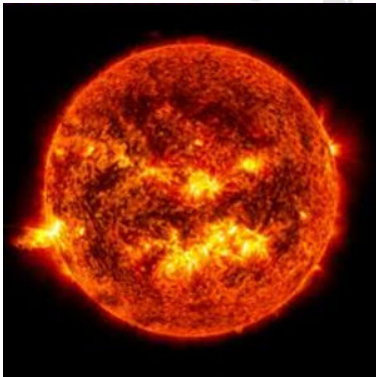
Today is the beginning of the rest of our lives
and the world awaits the emerging wonders
we are and will yet be.
(*Silence*)

Deep peace to you all.ⁱⁱ

Singing: Psalm 23

Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Reflections on life with COVID-19 – interviews



“If there is nothing new under the sun, at least
the sun itself is always new, always re-creating
itself out of its own inexhaustible fire.”
— Michael Sims

What keeps you going?

A thought on the Road to Emmaus

Reflective song: I want Jesus to walk with me

Our Prayers for others:

The 'Abba' Prayer:

You are invited to pray in the spirit of the Abba/Lord's Prayer, and in your original language, as that is appropriate

Holy Being,

whom we call by many different names,

Blessed are you.

Blessed are we in you.

May we create with you a realm of mercy, peace and justice.

May love be done in the here and now as it is in the infinite.

May we share life in bread and hope.

For our failures to love, we need forgiveness.

May we find the paths of reconciliation.

In the midst of evil's every incarnation,

From the powers that possess our spirits and our structures,

May we find liberation.

In the power that is love, we seek to live and move and have our being.

May it be so, now and forever. ⁱⁱⁱ

Concluding Song: The Kingdom of God is Justice and peace

Words of Blessing

Fall in love with living

Wrestling with the chaos and the pain

Within yourself and within the world.

Join the celebration of life,

Dancing with the angels and the clowns.

And may the God of peace and joy,

Who is continually making all things new,

Embrace you

As a partner

In the divine creating. ^{iv}

Amen! May it be so!

Following the singing and blessing you are welcome to sign off or as has been happening the last couple of times a number of folks have just stayed on and chatted ... Just like on Sunday some have to get go and others stay.

NOTICES:

The HOPE Foundation for Research on Ageing is a Charitable Trust dedicated to sponsoring research on ageing and its effects on the New Zealand community. Registered with the Charities Commission presents.

<http://www.hopefoundation.org.nz/>

Presents - Healthy for Life

Posted by on 23 April 2020

Dear Friends, As we head out of level 4 next week, hopefully, we will continue on the path of recovery. However, until we have a vaccine, it will still mean a more restricted lifestyle for those who are more vulnerable. To assist older people who will continue to be more confined, the HOPE Foundation has helped sponsor the production of a TV show, which promotes safe and evidence-based advice for older people within their homes.

The show focuses on a universally accepted home exercise programme (Super 7), developed by Prof Denise Taylor and Liz Binns from AUT, which has been designed to be undertaken without supervision and is being used clinically by physiotherapists.

Integrated in the 30-minute programme will also be important messages such as home safety, nutrition and sleep, brain and mental health as well as maintaining social links.

Healthy for Life will be screening on TV1 on Saturday,
May 2nd at 9 am

EARTH DAY – what do we know about this movement a movement that started in 1970.

On Earth Day 2020, 22nd April, we seize all the tools and actions that we have, big and small, to change our lives and change our world, not for one day, but forever.

While the coronavirus may force us to keep our distance, it will not force us to keep our voices down. The only thing that will change the world is a bold and unified demand for a new way forward.

We may be apart, but through the power of digital media, we're also more connected than ever.

On April 22, join us for 24 hours of action in a global digital mobilization that drives actions big and small, gives diverse voices a platform and demands bold action for people and the planet.

Over the 24 hours of Earth Day, the 50th anniversary of Earth Day will fill the digital landscape with global conversations, calls to action, performances, video teach-ins and more.

While Earth Day may be going digital, our goal remains the same: to mobilize the world to take the most meaningful actions to make a difference.

No matter where you are, you can make a difference. And you're not alone, because together, we can save the Earth.

Visit earthday.org on April 22 as we build an Earth Day unlike any other — We're flooding the digital landscape with livestreamed discussions, a global digital surge, and 24 hours of actions that you can take, right now and from wherever you are.

Luke 24:13-35 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Walk to Emmaus

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad.^[a] ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth,^[a] who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.^[a] Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah^[a] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in

to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within usⁱ while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

ⁱ *(Adapted. Kenneth L Patton/sscl)*

ⁱⁱ *(Adapted. Rob Kleinheksel/C3Exchange, 2012)*

ⁱⁱⁱ (Nancy L Steeves)

^{iv} *(Joyce Boyce-Tillman/wb)*