



# ALKING POINT

KNOWING JESUS CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
This week we passed another milestone in our yearly commemorations without being able to mark it with our normal rituals. I'm, of course, talking about Anzac Day, which is for most Australians an important day of remembrance and saying thanks to those who served in times of war. Normally, many of us would have been gathered at Cenotaphs and war memorials for Anzac marches and services, laying wreaths and joining in the prayers and hymns. Instead, our remembrance has taken a different form this year. We have watched television broadcasts and commemorations, and stood for the minute's silence in our homes or driveways.

But although we may have missed engaging in our normal rituals of remembrance, any prayers of thanks for those who served, any prayers of intercession for those who are suffering, and any prayers for peace will still have been heard by our God who watches over us. One of the signs of hope that has come out of this COVID 19 epidemic is that there have been some increases in peace negotiations and ceasefires in conflicts including Syria and Yemen, but on the other hand, refugees in crowded camps are particularly vulnerable to infection. So, let us re double our prayers and actions for peace, and also do whatever we can to support refugees and asylum seekers.

Yours in Christ, Sandra

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**NEW OFFICE HOURS** (until further notice): Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



**Traralgon District Uniting Church**  
Incorporating: Traralgon, Glengarry & Rosedale.



**Traralgon, Glengarry, and Rosedale Uniting churches  
Worship at Home**

**ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2020  
EASTER 3A**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

On the road we meet our God,  
Travelling down speeding highways of our drivenness  
And walking with us in the small quiet pathways of our life,  
Joining us as we anxiously ask our questions,  
Giving respect to our concerns  
And offering us again the holy wisdom of the eternal God.  
This is our God. Let us worship in Spirit and in truth

**SONG: [Two were bound for Emmaus- Bob Hurd](#)**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Dear God, for these three things we pray:  
to love you more dearly, see you more clearly,  
and follow you more nearly, every day. Amen.

*based on the prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

**BEFORE BIBLE READING:**

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
And a light to my path.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

**PSALM: Psalm 116:1-4,12-19**

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:13-35**

This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**SONG: [I can see \(The Emmaus Road\)](#)  
– Steve Green**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

When all seems lost and circumstances leave us feeling empty and afraid;  
God of unwavering hope, may your words of life burn within our hearts.  
*(silent reflection)*

When trust seems impossible  
and our eyes remain tightly closed to the constant breaking in of Spirit;  
God of unwavering faith, may your words of life burn within our hearts.  
*(silent reflection)*

When our spirits feel dry and listless and where hurt or resentment creates barriers to human care  
and friendship;  
God of unwavering love, may your words of life burn within our hearts.  
*(silent reflection)*



**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:**

Fellow travellers, may we be alive to God's constant word of faith, hope, and love.  
And may we journey into life in new ways as we take to heart God's gift of presence, peace,  
and forgiveness.  
Receive it gladly. Live it with passion and boldness.  
Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**HOMILY**

**PRAYER:**

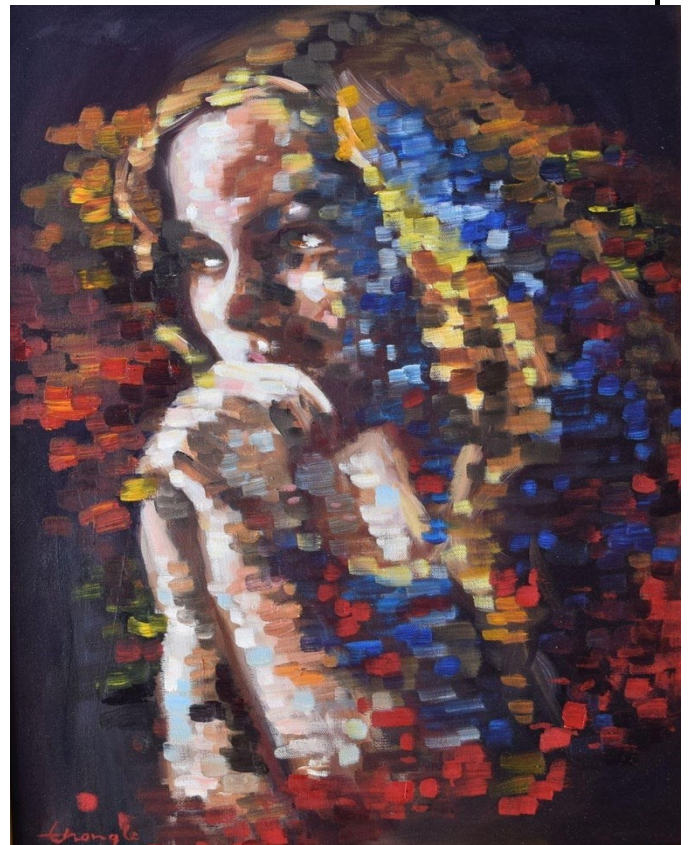
When we are disappointed and worn down. Lord, walk with us.  
When we doubt what we believe. Lord, teach us.  
When we need a sign. Lord, break the bread.  
When we seek your kingdom. Lord, fill our hearts with fire.

**SONG: On the Road to Emmaus – The Steeles**

**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES:**

Gracious One be with those who need you this day  
Those who are suffering  
from Cyclone Harold in Vanuatu and the Pacific;  
or drought and bush fires closer to home,  
or suffering in any other way including those  
suffering with COVID 19.  
Be with the isolated, the fearful, the lonely.  
Comfort those who mourn,  
and keep safe the rescue and hospital workers.  
Gracious One, be with those who seek you this day  
Those who cry from depths of heart soul longing.  
Especially be with those caught in war zones,  
or places of religious intolerance or sectarian  
violence.  
Be with the peacemakers, the peacekeepers,  
the aid workers and missionaries.

Gracious One be with those who do not know You  
Those who are lost or reject your love or doubt you  
or cannot feel your ever present spirit.  
Gracious One who loves us as mother, father,  
sister, brother, and friend.  
Startle us beckon, guide, push and awaken us  
Gentle One gift us with love like a mother,  
the one we had, the one we wish we had,  
the one we hope to be, the one we find,  
like the women at the foot of the cross  
a love that never ends  
Gracious One, reveal yourself to us, be with us and live in us. Amen.



*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything;  
tell God your needs and don't forget to thank him for his answers.*

*—Philippians 4:6 (TLB)*

**HYMN:** TIS 582; [Lead, kindly light \(Arundel Cathedral\)](#)

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom;  
Lead thou me on.  
The night is dark, and I am far from home;  
Lead thou me on.  
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
The distant scene – one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou  
Shouldst lead me on.  
I loved to choose and see my path; but now  
Lead thou me on.  
I loved the garish day, and spite of fears  
Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still  
Will lead me on,  
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till  
The night is gone;  
And with the morn those angel faces smile,  
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

**BENEDICTION:**

There is no evening tiredness that Christ will not share;  
no anxious day that can dawn, without Christ being first there.

There is no road to travel, no Christ-empty space,  
no enemy to face, without Christ's grace.

There is no joy to celebrate without Christ's grin,  
no sorrow to bear without Christ's spirit within.

The awesome blessing of God Most Holy,  
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and evermore. Amen!



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