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Liturgical Date: Year B, Easter Day, 4th April 2021

(There is an 'Easter day Welcome Video' in the Music section)

Presenter Rev Andrew Cunningham

Focus Reading John 20: 1-18

Message 6 minutes 30 seconds "Notice Mary's Response!"

Discussion Starters

- 1. What do you think was the speaker's main point?
- 2. How would you explain the hope that you have in Jesus?
- **3.** How does your church encourage people to stop, stay and experience the spiritual side of life?
- **4.** What action (not words) can your church do in your community to show the hope of the risen Jesus?

Other Lectionary readings for the day

Acts 10:34-43 Peter preaches to Cornelius the central message of the Christian gospel: God raised Jesus from the dead and in him there is salvation for all people. His sermon highlights the universality of the gospel.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 The psalmist jubilantly celebrates the salvation of God, and God's deliverance from death to life. "This has happened because of the Lord; / it is astounding in our sight!" (118:23).
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Paul recounts the story of Jesus' death, resurrection and post-resurrection

appearances in a plea to the Corinthians to remember and hold fast to that message.

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All Age Message Rev Andrew Cunningham "Nothing is wasted"

Approx. Length 4 Minutes 12 seconds

Precis of AAM

Why an egg at Easter? An egg looks like a dead stone but we all know something very alive comes out of it. At Easter everything seems new – brand new or new again? Cars, books, magazines, plastic, may all look new but many things are 'recycled' to make them. Leaves form compost and rain is recycled water. Easter is about being made new again....

Resources Uniting in Worship (Blue Book) Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, page 334-335

Rev Andrew Cunningham

Living in Orange, NSW where I am the minister in placement. I'm originally from Ireland where I most recently served as a Methodist minister. I love spending time with family, watching funny things on TV and, when possible, being outside. I like looking forward to the next trip away with my family.