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Liturgical Date: Year A, Easter Day, 9th April 2023

Rev Keith Hamilton

There is an 'Easter Day Welcome' video in the song 2 section

Focus Reading Matthew 28:1-10

Message 6 minutes 50 seconds

"Earthquakes at Easter"

Discussion Starters

- 1** What for you is the connection between Good Friday and Easter day?
- 2** Matthew's Easter emphasizes that "God is with us:" how might that make a difference to your everyday life?
- 3** How might the connection between Good Friday and Easter Day be strengthened in your congregation?
- 4** Matthew's earthquakes herald a new order of life over death, how is that good news to your community?

Lectionary readings for the day

John 20:1-18 All 3 disciples see the empty tomb, but Mary stays long enough to 'turn around' and see Jesus standing there. Jesus guides her away from the desire to cling to him, so that she might go and tell others what has happened.

Acts 10: 34-43 The proclamation begins with a sermon from Peter to the household of Cornelius. Jesus was raised for all. This is a stunning confession: God does not play favourites when it comes to redemptive activity and the desire to save.

Colossians 3: 1-4 The claim here is that those who are being addressed by the letter have also been raised with Christ. The letter is written to people who have 'died'. This text connects believers to the resurrection and guides them to an ethical response.

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All Age Message: Rev Keith Hamilton

"Never give up on hope"

Length 1 minutes 32 seconds

Precis of AAM

After teaching the Easter story to a 5/6 class they were asked what does it mean?

One student came up with a wise and brilliant answer.

Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). No Psalm is used for today

Rev Keith Hamilton

- * Minister of the Word at Bathurst Uniting Church.
- * Passionate about Parish Missions in the UCA – former Senior Minister of a Parish Mission, and they are the subject of my studies towards a PhD
- * Connecting worship with public life,
- * Faith and public theology
- * Interest in car racing – especially Supercars