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Liturgical Date: Year B, Easter Sunday, 31st March 2024

Presenter: Rev Tom Stuart

Focus Reading: John 20:1-18

Message 13 minutes 5 seconds "The Resurrection is Now!"

Discussion Starters

- 1 What message did you hear from Tom's message?
- 2 Tell a story of your own that connects with what Tom was saying today?
- 3 How does the church continually remember the resurrection in its life?
- 4 Where "have you/do you" see the resurrection in your life and in the world?

Lectionary readings for the day

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 The psalmist jubilantly celebrates the salvation of God, and God's deliverance from death to life.

Acts 10:34-43 Peter preachers 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.

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: Maria Williams "Easter Sunday"

Length 6 minutes 5 seconds

Precis of AAM

The story of Mary returning to the tomb the morning after. The naked body has gone and a person speaks to her. Mary becomes an Apostle to the Apostles – the first to recognise the resurrection and the one to give Christ's message to the other disciples.

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

Rev Tom Stuart

Tom's ministry spans more than 30 years. He was a Youth Worker in Griffith, a Lay Pastor at Menindee, and a minister in Nyngan, Gloucester, Parkes, and presently at Charlestown/Garden Suburb. His experience of ministry is one of privilege and resulting gratitude, sharing the challenge of following the call of Jesus.