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# Liturgical Date: Year C, Lent 5, 6th April 2025

# Presenter: Rev Liam Miller

Focus Reading: John 12:1-8

*Message* 7 minutes 0 seconds

#### **Discussion Starters**

"Mary, Paragon of Devotion"

- 1. What captivated you in what was proclaimed?
- 2. What are some ways you enjoy God?
- 3. How might the church celebrate and encourage lavish acts of devotion?
- 4 How might we invite others into the rich Christian tradition of beauty, meaning, and devotion?

## **Readings for this day**

**Isaiah 43:1-9** God delivers the Israelites from Egypt long ago, but God is not finished. God continues to create, redeem, and restore.

**Psalm 126** The psalmist remembers the mighty acts of God in the past and boldly asks God to restore Israel in the present.

**Philippians 3:4b-14** Although Paul did everything right according to the law, he discovered in Christ a whole new way of being in relationship with God and neighbour. This new way made everything else look meager by comparison.

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#### All Age Message: Glenda Downie

#### "What is Church"

Length 4 minutes 35 seconds

### Precis of AAM

A 'ditty' spoken in childhood was about the church being a building with a steeple and when the doors opened there were people! However in Acts we read differently. The church was a community of people who were community, shared meals, prayed together, met regularly and cared for those around them.

# Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 126 - page 342.

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I am currently in placement on Garigal and Gayamaygal land with the Forest Kirk Uniting Church. I have 2 young daughters, the eldest of whom is in Primary School. I am completing a PhD with Charles Sturt University which is exploring the task of Christian Doctrine in conversation with theatre and adaptation.