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Easter Day Year A, April 5th 2026

Presenter: Rev Keith V Garner AM, MTh

Focus Reading: Matthew 28: 1-10

Message: 9 minutes 25 seconds

"The Risen Lord"

Discussion Starters

1. What role do you see the women having on Easter day?
2. Is there an element of surprise in Easter for you?
3. Who are we called to take the Easter Mission to?
4. Does Easter still resonate with some significance today?

Readings for this day

Psalms 118 1-2, 14-24 The psalm functioned as an entrance liturgy to the temple, used at the Passover. The tone is jubilation. In the resurrection, we too are delivered by God, Christ empowers us, transforms us, and pulls us out of death's grip, to rejoice in His presence.

Acts 10: 34-43 Peter talks to the household of Cornelius. Jesus was raised for all. God does not play favourites in the desire to save. He is Lord of all.

Colossians: 3:1-4 This letter is written to a people who have been raised by Christ. The text connects believers to the resurrection and guides them to an ethical response.

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All Age Address:

Glenda Downie *Length:* 5 minutes 30 seconds

Glenda has been the Children and Families worker at Pittwater Uniting for the last 10 Years, where she met and married her husband (Brett). Now has a smiley son Xavier. She enjoys thinking of fun and engaging ways to teach kids about Jesus. Also walking around the Northern beaches, snow skiing and watching Formular 1 - Maclaren Team!

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Glenda uses paper and paper clips to illustrate our connection with God.

Today we celebrate Jesus coming back to life. Why did God want this to happen? We cannot see God; however He is not hiding, He is calling out to each one of us to be like Jesus so we can all join in the connection of God, Jesus, and ourselves.

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

Rev Keith Garner

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