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**Easter 2 Year A, April 12th 2026**

**Presenter: Rev John Barker**

**Focus Reading: John 20:19-31**

**Message:** 6 minutes 05 seconds

**"Jesus Brings a Message of PEACE"**

### Discussion Starters

1. How might you contrast the general everyday usage of peace, to the context of peace in God that Jesus speaks of?
2. When Jesus speaks of PEACE in this message can you locate this to God?
3. Do you think Jesus' understanding of peace speaks into how we approach ministry/mission?
4. What is the significance to your community?

### Readings for this day

**Psalm 16** A song of trust and a confession of faith in YHWH alone. There is fullness in life in this trust. Those who utter the psalm promise to have nothing to do with other God's.

**Acts 2:14a,22-23** Here on this second Sunday of Easter we have a Pentecost sermon. The Holy Spirit came. Peter speaks, he proclaims the Christ-event and the meaning of Jesus' life and death, and resurrection, addressing the people who have had their lives changed.

**1 Peter 1:3-9** An expression of awe, blessing, and praise for the mercy God has shown in giving new birth and a living hope in the resurrection of Jesus. Encouragement in suffering is given. More precious than gold is the faith that without seeing Him allows the faithful to love and trust Him.

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### All Age Address:

**"Easter according to the teabag"**

**Glenda Downie** **Length:** 5 minutes 40 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!

### Precis of AAA

Using a teabag with its 5 parts Glenda tells how a teabag can remind us of Easter, and how it can help us to remember the significance of what Christ did for all when He gave us the Holy Spirit and conquered death.

**Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 16 – pages 253-254**

### Rev John Barker

Minister in Placement at Manly Uniting Church. Married to my wife Joanna, and have 4 adult children and 2 grandchildren. My interest is Theology: PhD candidate at Uniting Theological College (I am a life long Learner!). For sport I do swimming and Surfing (I used to look out for my kids in the water, now they look out for me!)