



Easter 3-19 April 2026 St Matthew's Holland Park

The risen Christ turns confusion into understanding, fear into faith, and hearers into witnesses. Easter 3 shows us that resurrection faith is not only about knowing that Jesus is alive. **It is about having our eyes opened, our hearts set on fire, and our lives reshaped by the living word of God.**

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

What's going on:

Peter continues his Pentecost sermon and speaks directly to the crowd: the Jesus they crucified has been **made both Lord and Messiah**. The people, deeply moved, ask what to do. **Peter calls them to repentance, baptism, and new life in Christ.**

What stands out: The phrase **“cut to the heart”** stands out. It is all the work of God's Spirit. While Peter's message isn't only accusation; it's an invitation and promise.

What to wonder about:

What happens when the gospel moves from something we hear with our ears to **something that pierces our hearts and changes our direction?**

Psalms 116:1–4, 11–18

What's going on:

This is a psalm of thanksgiving **from someone who has cried out to God in distress and has been delivered**. The psalmist responds with **love, trust, and public praise**.

What stands out: “I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice.” The psalm highlights gratitude rooted in a personal relationship with God, who listens in times of need.

What to wonder about: How have I experienced God's help, and how might thanksgiving become a deeper part of my faith?

1 Peter 1:13–25

Summary: Peter urges believers to live holy, disciplined lives as God's people, redeemed by Christ's blood—not silver or gold—and to love each other sincerely.

What stands out: There's a strong contrast between what fades and the enduring word of God. Through Christ, life lasts and brings hope, holiness, and love.

What to wonder about: If I have been given new birth through the enduring word of God, what in my life needs to become more shaped by that truth?

Luke 24:13–35

What's going on:

Two disciples, troubled by Jesus' death, walk to Emmaus. The risen Jesus joins them unrecognised, explains scripture, and is later revealed during the breaking of bread.

What stands out: **“Were not our hearts burning within us...?”** Jesus is known both in the opening of scripture and in the breaking of bread. **He meets his people in word and sacrament**, in journey and fellowship.

What to wonder about: Where might the risen Jesus already be walking beside me, even when I do not yet recognise him?

Takeaway: Easter 3 reminds us that the risen Jesus still opens scriptures, warms hearts, opens eyes, and sends ordinary people out as joyful witnesses.

[Luke 24:13-35 NIV - On the Road to Emmaus - Now that same - Bible Gateway](#); [What Is the Significance of the Road to Emmaus? | Christianity.com](#); [Emmaus: Walking With Jesus In Conversation | Dennis McIntyre](#); [Road to Emmaus - Bible Story, Verses and Summary | Bible Study Tools](#)

Bible Study Lady Chapel 10am Friday 24/4

800th Anniversary of the death of St Francis 16/5/26 @ 6pm St Philips - see Rev'd Morris if you are able to come. **Walk as One at One 17th Labyrinth World Day of Prayer**-1 May. The Old Friary 139 Brookfield Road, Kenmore Hills; **Wine and Cheese Evening 17 July-Kiwi Theme**

Meditation 29/4 Wednesday night 5pm;

Men's Breakfast 1st Thursday of month 7am

Op Shop Every Thursday 9-12

Thanks to Tom for the maintenance of St Matthew's grounds!

Wanted: Do you have an old tablet/ipad that you no longer use?

Next Sunday 9am Easter 4

26 April: Acts 2.42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2.1-10 Gospel: John 10.1-10 W

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We acknowledge and pay respect to the Turrbal and Jagera Peoples, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today. We acknowledge their continued spiritual connection to country and surrounding land, sky and water. We pay our respect to their Elders, past present and emerging and pray that we may continue to learn from and nurture one another in the spirit of Reconciliation.