

St. Augustine's
EASTER FAMILY SERVICE

8th April 2007

*We welcome you here
in the name of Jesus !
May we learn more about the
importance of the Easter story
in our lives today.*

Our sentence for today is taken from the first Letter of Peter Chapter 3 verse 18 :

Jesus Christ died once for our sins; an innocent person died for those who are guilty.

————— **Jesus enters Jerusalem** —————

Please stand to sing the hymn "Ride on ! ride on in majesty !"

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| 1. Ride on ! ride on in majesty !
Hark ! all the tribes Hosanna cry !
O Saviour meek, pursue Your road
With palms and scattered garments
strowed. | 3. Ride on ! ride on in majesty !
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and
wondering eyes
To see the approaching Sacrifice. |
| 2. Ride on ! ride on in majesty !
In lowly pomp ride on to die :
O Christ, Your triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin. | 4. Ride on ! ride on in majesty !
The last and fiercest strife is nigh :
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed Son. |
| 5. Ride on ! ride on in majesty !
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow Your meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Your power, and reign. | |

Please sit.

*Jesus, the "King of Kings",
rode into Jerusalem on a donkey
as a sign that He comes as
the "Prince of Peace".*

Reading :

John Chapter 12 verses 12-15

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, shouting :

ALL Praise God ! God bless Him who comes in the name of the Lord ! God bless the King of Israel !

Reading : Matthew Chapter 26 verses 14-16

*Thirty pieces of silver
to betray Jesus
to His enemies.*

ALL sing (sitting)
When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Reading : selected verses from Mark Chapter 14 and John Chapter 13.

— Jesus eats the Passover meal with His disciples —

*Jesus and His disciples
share the Last Supper
before His death*

Reading : Mark Chapter 14 verses 22-24

While they were eating, Jesus took a piece of bread, said a prayer of thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples.

Take it, this is My body.

Then He took a cup, gave thanks to God, and handed it to them.

This is My blood which is poured out for many, My blood which seals God's covenant.

ALL sing (sitting)
Now Christ our Passover is slain,
The Lamb of God without a stain;
His flesh, the true unleavened bread,
For us is freely offerèd.

————— The Garden of Gethsemane —————

Reading :

Matthew Chapter 26 verses 36-41, 45-50, 56b

*Jesus prays for
relief from suffering, but
accepts that God's plan
must come first*

How is it that you were not able to keep watch with Me for even one hour ? Keep watch and pray that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

Then they came up arrested Jesus, then all the disciples left Him and ran away.

————— The trial of Jesus —————

*Pilate finds
no fault with Jesus,
but gives in to the crowd,
and has Jesus whipped.*

ALL sing (sitting)

**For us to wicked men betrayed,
Scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
He bore the shameful Cross and death;
For us at length gave up His breath.**

Reading :

Mark Chapter 15 verses 16-20.

Then soldiers took Jesus inside to the courtyard of the governor's palace, and called together the rest of the company. They put a purple robe on Jesus, made a crown out of thorny branches, and put it on His head. Then they began to salute Him :

ALL

Long live the King of the Jews !

*He was reviled
and beaten, and mocked with
a "crown" of thorns*

ALL sing (sitting)

**See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingling down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown ?**

The crucifixion and death of Jesus

Reading : Matthew 27 33-35a

They came to a place called Golgotha, which means, “The Place of the Skull”. There they offered Jesus wine mixed with a bitter substance; but after tasting it, He would not drink it.

They crucified Him.

ALL sing (sitting)

**How fast His hands and feet are nailed;
His throat with parching thirst is dried;
His failing eyes are dimmed with blood :
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.**

Reading : Matthew 27 verse 35b

*They gambled for
His clothes as they sat and
watched Him dying.*

Reading : Luke Chapter 23 verses 44-47

**“Father ! In Your hands I place my spirit !”. He said this and died.
The army officer saw what had happened, and he praised God, saying, “Certainly He was a good man !”**

Reading : John Chapter 19 verses 31a, 32-34

*They saw that
He was dead, and thrust a spear
into His side*

ALL sing (sitting)

**There whilst He hung, His sacred side
By soldier’s spear was opened wide,
To cleanse us in the precious flood
Of water mingled with His blood.**

The burial of Jesus

Reading : adapted from Matthew 27 verses 57-61

*His body was
wrapped in a sheet and
laid in the tomb -*

Then he rolled a large stone across the entrance to the tomb –

*which was closed
with a large stone*

ALL sing (sitting)

**His tomb of late the threefold guard
Of watch and stone and seal has barred;
But now, in pomp and triumph high,
He comes from death to victory.**

The Resurrection

Reading : Matthew Chapter 28 verses 1-9.

**Suddenly there was a violent earthquake;
an angel of the Lord came down from heaven
and rolled the stone away,
and stood by the grave.**

His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

**THE TOMB IS
EMPTY !**

He is risen ! He is risen !

ALL (standing)

He is risen indeed !

Please remain standing for the hymn "Jesus Christ is risen today"

1. **Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia !
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia !
Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluia !
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia !**
2. **Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia !
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia !
Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluia !
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia !**
3. **But the pains that He endured, Alleluia !
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia !
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia !
Where the angels ever sing "Alleluia !"**

Please sit for the message :

"If only"

Please stand for the hymn "Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord"

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Please sit or kneel for the prayers.

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for offering Yourself as a sacrifice for us.
Teach us to understand more fully what this means.
Show us how to come to You for forgiveness and love.
Receive us into Your loving arms.
Amen.

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for the wonder of Your risen life.
And as we celebrate this victory today, may we, too, celebrate the joy of new life
found in You.
Amen

We pray for all who are sick, lonely, depressed or sorrowful, asking You, Jesus, to
heal, comfort and strengthen them.
Amen

ALL **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, in earth, as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil,
for the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and for ever.
*Amen.***

Please stand for the final hymn : "Low in the grave He lay".

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| 1. Low in the grave He lay,
Jesus my Saviour,
Waiting the coming day,
Jesus, my Lord : | 2. Vainly they watch His bed,
Jesus my Saviour;
Vainly they seal the dead,
Jesus, my Lord : |
| <i>Chorus :</i>
<i>Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives for ever with His saints to
reign :</i>
<i>He arose ! He arose ! Alleluia ! Christ
arose !</i> | <i>Chorus</i>

3. Death cannot keep his prey,
Jesus my Saviour;
He tore the bars away,
Jesus my Lord :
<i>Chorus</i> |

Please remain standing for the Blessing

Blessing

*The service was suggested by "Resurrection Eggs" by Randal Lee Walti,
produced by Family Life.*

Those taking part :

Names omitted



*We invite you to join us
for a cuppa
in the Hall
at the end of this service.*

Family Service dates for this year (all at 10am) :

20th May,
29th July,
30th September.

Christmas Services

Carol Service and BBQ

December 9th at 5pm

Christingle Service

December 24th at 7pm.

*Kids' Club for
Primary School children
meets in St. Augustine's Hall*

*3 :15pm – 4 :30pm
each Tuesday
during term time.*

All children are welcome !

the *EASTER STORY* on the BIG SCREEN

The Story of Scrooge by *Veggie Tales*
featuring Rebecca St James

*Suitable for all ages. Free entry; dips and chips for sale.
3.30 p.m. Wednesday 11th April
St Augustine's Church*

Enquiries, information, etc. : ●●●●●●●●