

Sunday Worship 26th April 2020

Prayer for Anzac Day: God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks today for the peace and security we enjoy. We remember those who in time of war faithfully served their country. We pray for their families, and for ourselves whose freedom was won at such a cost. Make us a people zealous for peace, and hasten the day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither learn war anymore. This we pray in the name of the one who have his life for the sake of the world: Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Song: *When I Survey with Col Buchanan* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_1qzZt_UGA

Family Spot: *Let your light shine* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qd9O97CtClg>

Family Song: *My Lighthouse*
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=61&v=JeJvKkBV6rY&feature=emb_logo

Reading with Kylie <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKHxpAtfhE0>

Luke 24:13-27 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Bible Spot: *Through Christ I see everything*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=trXBqQmGbFg>

Reflection

1. Can you recall a time when you have read a part of the Bible and, surprisingly, you saw that it was fulfilled by Jesus?
2. Why was Jesus' death and resurrection so necessary in God's plan?
3. Reflect and pray that God would move your heart to be joyful and thankful.

Confession

Most merciful God,
we humbly admit that we need your help.
We confess that we have wandered from your way:
we have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us:
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit
that we may live as disciples of Christ.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

Psalm 116:1-19 I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. ² Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. ³ The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow. ⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, save me!" ⁵ The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. ⁶ The LORD protects the simplehearted; when I was in great need, he saved me. ⁷ Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you. ⁸ For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, ⁹ that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living. ¹⁰ I believed; therefore I said, "I am greatly afflicted." ¹¹ And in my dismay I said, "All men are liars." ¹² How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me? ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. ¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. ¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. ¹⁶ O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant; you have freed me from my chains. ¹⁷ I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD. ¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD-- in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

Prayers with Amanda Bailey <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2JZ0r58xeQ>

Prayer for the Church Missionary Society: God of love, whose will it is that everyone should be saved, bless CMS and all who have gone out in its fellowship to preach, to teach and to heal. Guard, guide and use them; raise up more people in your worldwide Church to pray and to work, to care and to understand, to give to you and to go for you, that your Church may grow, your will be done, your kingdom come, and your glory be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song: *In Christ Alone* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16KYvflc2bE>
All Hail the Power of Jesus Name <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UyPT3lVSpmo>

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

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For later: *How could a good God allow suffering (part 1)?* with Don Carson
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4iuWY6EP0ts> - Below is a study guide.



How could a good God allow suffering?

Video Discussion Guide

Video

Don Carson, *How could a good God allow suffering?*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cksr6amsDHM>

Aim

- Don Carson's video is a very long lecture, full of some big words and ideas!
- Don does not give easy answers, but proposes 6 Biblical insights that together help give us God's perspective on suffering.
- It is a very helpful way to think more slowly and deeply about suffering, on your own, with a friend, or small group.
- You could individually watch 1 section of the video at home, and then meet up online (or on the phone) to discuss and pray about it. You could chat about 'what stood out for you' or use the questions below.

Insight 1: From the beginning of the Bible's story line [Gen 1-3]

Watch 00:00 - 12:28

- How did suffering start?
- "By in large, the Bible is not surprised by bad things that happen to us, but by the patience of God". Is that how we look at suffering?