



Southside Uniting Church

Week beginning 30 March 2020

Throughout his life Jesus would often retreat to a quiet place to spend time alone with God. Through these times of retreat, he was enabled to return to face the most difficult demands of his ministry. The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the stress for many of us. You are invited to draw nearer and deeper to God to sustain you and bring you hope and joy.

We will produce this resource weekly for your use. Use it in ways that are most helpful to you. It might be in addition to your existing daily devotional practices. It might prompt you to commence a new practice to connect with God. You may choose to use it alone, or in the company of others.

Monday 30 March 2020

Read Psalm 118:1 – 2

Develop a practice of listing three things each day that you are thankful for. Write it in a journal. Make a list and put it on the fridge. Take pictures. Post it to Facebook. Remind yourself and others that there is much to be thankful for.

Tuesday 31 March 2020

What is one word that you need to hear from God today? Peace, joy, courage, certainty, hope? Reflect on this word throughout the day. What does it mean to you? Where do you see it lived out in you and others? Where is it lacking in our world? What does scripture have to say about it?

Wednesday 1 April 2020

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

(Matthew 21:8)

This coming Sunday is celebrated as Palm Sunday. It is the first day of the most exciting, grief-stricken and ultimately joyous week of the year. Hold a palm frond or piece of your clothing in your hand. Take stock of your commitment to God and rededicate yourself to the high calling of Christ.

Thursday 2 April 2020

"This pandemic experience is a massive experiment in collective vulnerability. We can be our worst selves when we're afraid, or our very best, bravest selves. In the context of fear and vulnerability, there is often very little in between because when we are uncertain and afraid our default is self-protection. We don't have to be scary when we're scared. Let's choose awkward, brave and kind." Brene Brown.

Who can you ring to share some of your awkward courage and inspire them towards bravery and kindness?

Friday 3 April 2020

Read Psalm 50:1 – 15

God has no need of our monetary offerings. Our giving is a response to his love and the gifts that he has given to us. Thank you for your financial contribution to our church. If you give by using offering envelopes or put cash into the offering plate, place your offering aside today, so that it is available to give later. For all of us who give, through EFT, envelopes or cash, pray a prayer of blessing over our financial offerings.

Saturday 4 April 2020

In preparation for worship tomorrow, read Matthew 21:1-11. What is one new thing that stands out for you. What is one question that you have about the events?

