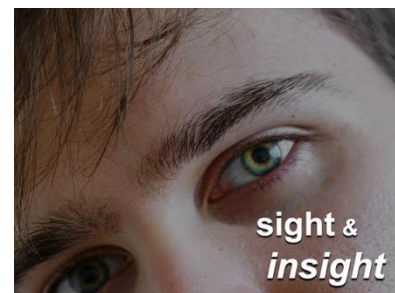


# Southside UC Worship Live

22 March 2020 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



## Gathering with God

*As you light a candle, say*

This candle is lit to remind us today of the presence of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. We come to God, remembering we are the church, the Body of Christ, gathered together in faith, despite not being physically present with one another. God is present with us and through us, to one another.

### Preparing for worship

Find a comfortable space, e.g. around a table or living room ... and light a candle

## Prayer of Confession & Hope

Let us pray: God who is always present in our midst, in troubling times such as we face today, it is easy to lose sight of the things that make us who we are.

When we lose our way, remind us that we are your children, that you declare us your beloved ones.

*(hold silence)*

When we think there is no hope for the future, remind us that you hold eternity in your gracious heart.

Loving God, draw us back from our despair to hope to dwell in the presence of your Spirit,

that we might use the faith you have planted in our hearts and live our lives as your faithful people. Amen.

*(hold silence)*

## Hearing God's Word – John 9:1-41

Go to the **SSUC LIVE** link on the Southside UC website: <https://ssuc.org.au> to engage with videoed: BIBLE, READING and SONGS for this day. Preacher: Rev David MacGregor

**Families with children are encouraged to use family faith materials Ps Richard Moors has made available.**

## Prayers of the People

*You may wish to spend time thinking about what prayers you share for the world, the community, the church and people you know and love.*

Merciful God, we come with our prayers for your world; for your Church; for this community; and for those known personally to us who seek your healing presence this day.

*(hold silence. You may then wish to say aloud the names of people God has brought to mind)*

As our world reels with the shock of the corona virus, we pray for wisdom to do what is necessary to care for others.

So we pray that your healing Spirit will bring the everlasting peace of your reign in every nation.

God of every age, we pray for our community, naming before you those we are especially carrying in our hearts, praying for healing, sustaining hope and deepening faith.

*(You may like to pray the Lord's Prayer)*

## Affirmation / Blessing – Love Has Not Been Cancelled

*Say this aloud. If with another person or more, share the sentences around.*

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Love has not been cancelled.

Mercy has not been cancelled.

Prayer has not been cancelled.

Attentiveness has not been cancelled.

Goodness has not been cancelled.

Thanksgiving has not been cancelled.

Loving relationships have not been cancelled.

Kindness has not been cancelled.

Music has not been cancelled.

Conversations have not been cancelled.

Learning has not been cancelled.

Poetry and storytelling has not been cancelled.

Courage has not been cancelled.

Meditation and contemplation have not been cancelled.

Families have not been cancelled.

Faith has not been cancelled.

Hope has not been cancelled.

And ... God's presence with us, has not been cancelled.

*David Haas*

Father bless us as we go

Jesus walk beside us

Holy Spirit, guide us

*Robin Mann*

