



“He is not here,  
He is  
*Risen.*”  
Matthew 28:6

The Rev'd Paul Poolton  
St Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church  
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My fellow heirs of God's glorious promise,

As we approach the end of our Lenten journey, it is with great joy that we look towards the celebration of Easter that is yet to arrive. We look with expectation of the promise of God that he will make all things new; a promise that we carry with us, as Easter people - always looking to the joy of the resurrection. We are blessed with the new covenant in the blood of Christ. We are blessed with new life made possible through the risen life of Christ. We are blessed to be a chosen people; gifted through grace and held strong in God's promise of salvation.

As we head towards that heavenly celebration, we know that God is working to create new possibilities here in our parish home as well. With new people and new ideas here in our community, it is an exciting time to be able to offer our best to God. This will be my first Easter with you here in this place and I look forward to this celebration with you.

This coming Easter time is a time for us to renew ourselves in our personal worship as well. It is a time to take on a new challenge or discipline as so many of our friends have done with our Lenten Reflection Series, The Five Marks of Love. But this will also be an opportunity to worship God in new ways as we will when we gather for Holy Week. It will be a chance for us to show the local community we live in exactly what the resurrection means to us. We are a great worshipping community and have a great deal to offer to our friends and families who have yet to gather with us each week to praise God. I encourage you then to invite someone close to you to join us for worship during this holiest of times as we give thanks for the great gift of grace found in the promise of Christ's sacrifice.

That sacrifice that was made for us we can never fully comprehend or repay, but we can offer our praise to God for that sacrifice by making a sacrifice of our own. As we prepare for our worship and celebrations this year, I invite you to consider using the enclosed envelope to make an offering in thanksgiving for His wonderful gift in Christ's sacrifice..

For now, as we continue down the path to our Easter Celebrations, continue to praise God for the gifts He gives us as you journey through the rest of your own Lenten observance. Offer your own sacrifice, offer your own confession and offer your thanks to God as you feel called to do. This is a great time for us to grow in our relationship with God and a great time to take on that share of our promise; that we will praise him in all we have and all we do.

I look forward to celebrating with you here at St Augustine's as we praise God for the promise of new life at our Easter gatherings. God bless you as we journey towards our promise and may God fill you with joy as we are refreshed and renewed in Him.

Your friend in Christ,

The Rev'd Paul Poolton - Rector  
St Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church

# **Holy Week & Easter Worship**

## **Palm Sunday**

**BCP Holy Communion - 8:00am Sunday**  
**BAS Eucharist with Music - 10:00am Sunday**  
**"Do You Believe" Movie Event - 3:00pm Sunday**  
**Simple Supper & Conversation - 5:00pm Sunday**  
**Final "Five Marks of Love" Gathering - 6:30pm Sunday**

## **Monday Evening**

**Simple Supper - 6:00pm**  
**Evening Prayer - 7:00pm**

## **Tuesday Evening**

**Simple Supper - 6:00pm**  
**Evening Prayer - 7:00pm**

## **Wednesday Evening**

**Simple Supper - 6:00pm**  
**Evening Prayer - 7:00pm**

## **Thursday Evening**

**Seder Meal - 6:00pm**  
**Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Foot Washing - 7:00pm**

## **Good Friday**

**Service of the Passion - 10:00am**  
**Prayer Vigil - begins 11:00am through Sunset Saturday**

## **Holy Saturday**

**Final Hour of Prayer Vigil - 7:00pm**

## **Easter Sunday (Resurrection Sunday)**

**Sunrise Prayer and Praise - 6:30am - Pillette Park**  
**BCP Holy Communion - 8:00am**  
**BAS Eucharist with Music - 10:00am**

*He is Risen*