



Community

Spring 2022

Pender Island Community Church
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Welcome!

Love from a distance?

We meet every Sunday – join us and learn what the Apostle John taught us in 1 John, Chapter 3:

“For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.” ~ verse 11

And in verse 18:

“Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”

The Website:

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A Good Friday procession – some of the thousands of annual pilgrims in Jerusalem – 2019, Arab News

Winter Gives way to Spring. As bare, seemingly lifeless trees erupt in vibrant green growth, so too, Good Friday gives way to the eruption of Jesus Christ from the grip of death.

We must not so swiftly leap from Good Friday to Easter Sunday however. To do so is to forget the cost, to dismiss suffering – the volunteering suffering of Jesus Christ but our own sufferings also.

God does not merely snap a divine finger – taking us from suffering. God himself enters into our world to pay the price of our rebellion. In doing so He extracts us from the kingdom of darkness in order to place us into the kingdom of His dear Son (Colossians 1:13).

Christ continues to work in, every new generation, His marvellous work of redemption. He will continue, mercifully, to do so for as long as there is the possibility of saving people. And then, finally, all suffering will be done.

Our own winter can become spring. If we recognize we are lost and have done wrong, God is ready to forgive us as we confess our sin to Him and admit our need of the Saviour who paid the price for all who accept and confess His name.

(Romans 10:9)

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Jesus, on the road to Emmaus

Jesus. He is our life.

The resurrection holds promise for those who trust in Jesus alone for the forgiveness of sin. In rising, bodily, from the grave, he not only proclaims His triumph over death, disease, and eternal loss but He is proclaiming the working of His triumph on our behalf. In other words, Jesus' resurrected life is the means through which we also will be resurrected.

Our resurrection is not a metaphorical one either. Just as Jesus rose – bodily -- so to will we who trust in Him. This is the very guarantee of our own *life after life*. Since Jesus rose, we to will rise.* Like Jesus, our resurrection life is without limit of time.

How then does this life become ours? It is not because we attend church. Nor is it because we are 'good'. Rather it is in the recognition of our need of salvation, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."** We cannot earn this but "... to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness."†

Believe, accept, confess Christ as your saviour today!

*Acts 26:23; Romans 6:5; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

**Romans 3:23; † Romans 4:5; § 1 Corinthians 15:3

~...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures ... ~ §

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is often celebrated by Christians of many faith traditions. It is also called Passion Sunday.

The day is considered special as it commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. This year, Palm Sunday is April 10.

Jesus came into Jerusalem riding on a donkey and donkey colt. There the people greeted him with shouts of joy and praise:

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!
[Matthew 21:5]

It is hard to understand how soon thereafter crowds would be shouting "Crucify him! crucify him!" [Luke 23:21]

Still, the praises of Palm Sunday were a prophetic incident – an allusion to that day in the future when Jesus would return – a day in which Jerusalem's inhabitants will shout in unison:

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." [Matt 23:39]

The Bible as History

The Bible continues to evidence the authors' commitment to recording history. Ancient history is hard; artifact clues are often small, scattered, broken or even stolen! Yet, providentially we are seeing more and more evidence of Biblical history revealed.

One of Judah's great kings was Hezekiah. Some of his history can be read in the books of Chronicles, Kings and Isaiah in the Old Testament. A tiny artifact pointing to the reign of Hezekiah is this (or bulla - left), yet one more piece of material evidence of a Biblical personality – and scripture's reliability.



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