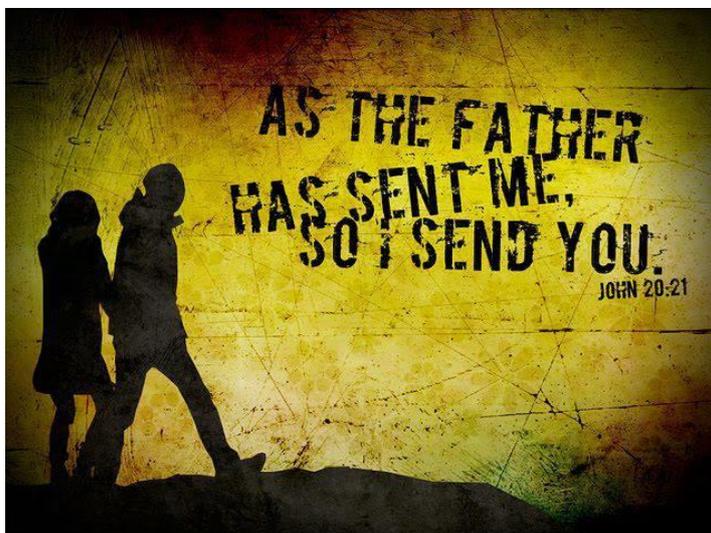


# **St Matthew's Anglican Church, Morrinsville**

**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Theme for Sunday:**

**Seen, Heard, and Known**



**Readings: Acts 4:32-35**

**Psalm 133**

**John 20:19-31**

**Sentence:** 'Peace be with you,' says the Lord, 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

*John 20:21*

**Collect:** Christ, who bears the marks of love, grant us peace and open our eyes to see you among us. Blessed One, whether we see or don't see, may we believe, and through that belief grant us life in your holy and mighty name. Amen.

## **Preparation for Sunday from "Love to the World"**

### **Acts 4:32-35**

**Q:** As you grow in faith and trust, how are you growing in sharing your God-given gifts with others?

**Prayer–** Lord God, may the gifts of the Spirit, alive in your people, overcome the pride, anger, greed, and selfishness that divides people and communities.

### **Psalm 133**

**Q:** What steps can you take this week to bring greater harmony and unity into your relationships?

**Prayer –** Help me, O God, in the unknown tomorrows, to know that your grace is ever before me, and your love is always with me.

### **John 20:19-31**

**Q:** What new adventures and undertakings are you looking forward to in the coming months?

**Prayer:** Loving God, today may I grow in faith, find a new calling in life, share my hope in Christ in others, and extend your gracious love to them.

## SPECIFIC PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

- **Pray for** the families of those killed on our roads over Easter and those in hospital recovering from their injuries.
- **Pray for** doctors, nurses, and hospital staff who care for those injured and ill.
- **Pray for** those who are sick, especially Lynda, Caleb, and Keryn and others we may know.
- **Pray for** those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

## GIVE THANKS

- **For** all the new young people coming to St Matthew's.
- **For** everyone involved in the Devonshire Teas last Saturday.
- **For** the food offered for the food bank and for all the other help our community receives.

## Focus

The disciples are behind locked doors, fearful of how the Jewish authorities might respond to Jesus' missing body. His message to them is ..."Peace be with you, as the Father has sent me, so I send you." When next they gather and Thomas is there too, Jesus declares that new life is not in seeing but in believing.

In Acts the community is giving of themselves faithfully, in the Psalm they gather in one common place as an act of devotion.

**What do our actions say about our faith or about what we believe?**

**Where are we being sent today, individually and as a church?**

**Prayer:** May we believe, despite not having seen, and may we be filled with God's peace. Amen

## Next Sunday: April 18<sup>th</sup> (We Are Witnesses)

**Readings: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48**

<b>18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Sidespeople</b> A Murfitt	<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Data</b> Rachael	<b>MOW</b> Lynnley	<b>1<sup>st</sup> reading</b> Carole	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> reading</b> Rodney	<b>Intercessions</b> Lynnley	<b>Morning Tea</b> Rodney & Murray
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**Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> Cursillo Ultreya (Meeting) in the Hub starting at 1.30pm. All are welcome! Come and see what Cursillo is all about!**

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