

# SERMON NOTES Sunday 7 April

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### Bible passage Luke 24.36b-48

#### Introduction

- The risen Lord appears and says 'Peace be with you.' (v36)
- World desperately needs the peace Jesus offers (war, divisions, injustice, climate damage, loneliness, mental health crisis)
- Lack of peace from broken or damaged relationships with God and with other people

#### 'repentance for the forgiveness of sins' (v47)

- Sin: the hurt and harm we cause ourselves and one another; the hurt and harm others cause us
- Sin: missing the mark
- Peace begins with repenting our sin and continues by living in relationship with Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit

#### 'you are witnesses of all these things' (v48)

- Witnesses of who Jesus is, of the peace he offers and the difference knowing him makes to our daily lives
- Call to be peacemakers – how might we be peacemakers?

#### Conclusion

The risen Christ stood among his disciples and said 'Peace be with you'. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

#### And also with you

Some questions for discussion

1. Which signs of conflict (lack of peace) are you most aware of?
2. Read Luke 24.36b-48. What strikes you about this story?
3. Rebecca said sin can be seen as the hurt and harm we cause ourselves and others, and the hurt and harm that they cause us. How does this help deepen your understanding of sin?
4. Why might repentance restore broken relationships with people we know and those we don't bringing peace to us and others?
5. Can you think of some examples of when knowing Jesus (and repenting) has helped you experience peace?
6. In what way might God be calling you to be a peacemaker today? How might you start?
7. What is God asking you to do as a result of what he has said to you through this passage? It might be something to pray about, something to think more about, something he wants you to talk to someone about or something he wants you to do. Make a note of it so you don't forget!

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5.22-23)

Why not spend some time asking the Holy Spirit to fill you afresh so you might experience more peace and be a more effective peacemaker?

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