

Services – Sunday 14 March, 2021

Lent 4

9.30am Five Dock – Rev Don Everhart

Reading: Romans 5: 6-11

Theme: "Encountering God: The Cross"
(Rev Don Everhart 18 Mar 2018)

We are glad to have you with us today in worship. It is our hope that you will not only learn more about God, but that you will encounter Him and experience His presence, love and grace for you.

DIARY DATES



TODAY after Service

Congregation Meeting will be held.

Monday 15 March at 3pm

Monday Bible Study will meet in the church continuing our Lenten study.

Wednesday 17 March at 11.30am

PAC meeting will be held at the church.

CLARIFICATION ON SINGING IN WORSHIP

Easing of Government COVID Restrictions has allowed congregants to now sing in worship but **only if** the following is observed:

1. Congregants are to follow the 4sqm rule and be socially distanced at 1.5m, which is our current seating arrangements.
2. Congregants can sing **only from behind** face masks.
3. Any congregant can sing **ONLY if ALL** congregants wear a mask.

Lindsay Brockway

THE BUS DRIVER

A Christian minister got on a bus after speaking at a large meeting. He paid the fare of \$1 and was given \$2 change instead of \$1. The minister thought 'perhaps this is a provision of God', but then decided to tell the bus driver.

'Excuse me, but you've given me too much money'. 'I know I did' replied the driver. 'What do you mean you did?' said the minister. 'I was in your meeting last night. I wanted to make sure you were the real thing.'

Summary: Follow your conscience because you never know how your actions will affect other people.

If you are going to be a friend of Jesus, let your conscience be your guide. (author unknown)

History of "How Great Thou Art"

This hymn is over 90 years old. Written in Sweden in 1885 or 1886 by the Rev. Carl Boberg, a noted preacher and religious editor, it was originally titled 'O Store God' (O Great God).

The first translation into English published in 1925 was entitled "O Mighty God". "How Great Thou Art" had had an even more circuitous route.

It had been translated from Swedish to German in 1907 by Manfred von Glehn of Estonia. In 1912 the Rev. Ivan S. Prokhanoff who has been called the Martin Luther of Russia, translated it into Russian – probably the first German version. In 1922, a book of Prokhanoff's hymns was published in Russian by the American Bible Society in New York City. It was included in another larger hymnal published in America five years later.

It was the second book of hymns that fell into the hands of an English missionary couple, Mr. & Mrs. Stuart K. Hine. They used "How Great Thou Art" with fine results in their missionary work in the Ukraine.

After several years of use in Russia, Mr. Hine translated the first three verses of it into English. When World War II began he returned to Britain and added the fourth stanza in 1948. The song now complete was printed in a Russian gospel magazine published by Mr. Hine in 1949. This magazine was read by missionaries all over the world and numerous requests came for copies. Mr Hine had some leaflets printed and it was one of those leaflets that Mr Gray gave me [George Beverly Shea] in London in 1954.

It was first sung at the Billy Graham Toronto Crusade, 1955.

(taken from "Then Sings My Soul"
George Beverly Shea)

