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EASTER TO PENTECOST

Reflection



INTRODUCTION

This booklet is a resource created to accompany our Easter to Pentecost series. The season between Easter and Pentecost invites us to slow down, listen deeply, and reflect on what it means to encounter the risen Christ and live in the power of the Holy Spirit. Each week, this booklet provides space to engage more intentionally with the short devotions shared in the videos. Through Scripture, personal reflections, and guided questions, it is designed to help you pause, reflect, and respond to what God may be saying to you throughout this journey.

Whether used individually or in a group, we hope this resource encourages deeper faith, honest reflection, and a growing awareness of God's presence from Easter morning to Pentecost Day. Easter to Pentecost is a collaborative series created by the education teams of South Asia Nazarene Bible College (SANBC), Nazarene Theological College (NTC) Manchester, and European Nazarene College (EuNC). Together, they invite us to reflect on transformative «Encounters of the Risen Christ», bringing voices from across our academic communities to explore how the risen Christ continues to meet us in meaningful and life-changing ways.

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Meeting Thomas the Doubter

John 20:26-29

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QUESTIONS TO REFLECT

1. In what ways is the risen Christ inviting you to recognize his presence with you today?
2. What are you currently waiting for or longing for in your spiritual journey, and how might God be shaping your faith through this waiting?
3. How does the promise of the Holy Spirit challenge you to step beyond your comfort zone in loving, serving, or witnessing to others?
4. What is one specific way you can respond this week to God's invitation — as you reflect on Christ's resurrection and the coming of the Spirit?

Revd Michael Kane - NTC Manchester

Revd Michael Kane served for eight years as Chaplain at Nazarene Theological College (NTC) in Manchester, England, supporting the spiritual life and pastoral care of the college community. This year he became full-time pastor at the Manchester Brooklands Church of the Nazarene. Michael and his wife, Debbie (who serves as NTC Campus Coordinator), have fostered a warm and welcoming environment of worship, prayer, and community at NTC, encouraging students to grow in faith, engage deeply in Christian community, and apply their theological learning to life and service.



Road to Emmaus

Luke 24:13-35

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QUESTIONS TO REFLECT

1. What expectations did the disciples carry as they walked toward Emmaus, and how were those expectations challenged by their encounter with Jesus?
2. In what moments of your own life do you struggle to recognize Jesus walking alongside you?
3. How does this story invite you to reflect on God's presence during times of confusion or disappointment?
4. What helps you recognize Jesus more clearly in your everyday journey of faith?

Revd Mária Gusztinné Tulipán - EuNC

Revd Mária Gusztinné Tulipán serves as Rector of European Nazarene College (EuNC), providing academic, spiritual, and strategic leadership for the institution's mission across Europe. An ordained minister with experience in pastoral leadership and discipleship, she is passionate about nurturing spiritually grounded and mission-focused leaders. As Rector, she works to strengthen theological education, foster cross-cultural collaboration, and equip individuals for faithful service within diverse European contexts and the wider mission of the Church.



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Mary at the Empty Tomb

Luke 24:13–35

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QUESTIONS TO REFLECT

1. What moment from the resurrection narrative or your own experience of Easter speaks most deeply to you, and why?
2. How have you sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life since Easter, and what might God be inviting you to trust or to release?
3. In what ways does reflecting on the risen Christ challenge you to grow in hope, courage, or compassion this week?
4. What step of obedience, love, or service might God be calling you to take as you live between Easter and Pentecost?

Revd Dr. Deirdre Brower - NTC Manchester

Revd Dr. Deirdre Brower is Principal of Nazarene Theological College (NTC) Manchester and a respected theologian within the Church of the Nazarene. An ordained minister and educator, she has served in pastoral, academic, and leadership roles in the UK and internationally. Her work focuses on theological education, missional leadership, and the life of the church in contemporary society. Dr. Brower is known for her commitment to forming thoughtful, compassionate Christian leaders and for fostering global partnerships in theological scholarship and ministry.



The empty tomb



The empty tomb on Easter morning at The Garden Tomb in Jerusalem

Picture by Annabelle Twal

Jesus appears to the disciples

John 20: 19-23

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QUESTIONS TO REFLECT

1. Do you have faith that the Jesus who walked through locked doors can walk into the locked rooms of your heart?
2. What kind of fear or circumstances keep the doors of your heart shut tight? And are you ready to experience the presence of Jesus in the midst of it? How does His presence bring peace to your own uncertainties?
3. Have you experienced the peace that He offers? What are some of the ways you have experienced it?
4. Have you experienced the hope and forgiveness that Christ's resurrection brings to your life? If so, how is Christ calling you to share that hope and forgiveness with others?

Revd Shradha Saraf - SANBC India

Revd Shradha Saraf, together with her husband Nitin, serves as South Asia Field Education Coordinator. She also shares the role of Registrar at South Asia Nazarene Bible College. SANBC serves two fields – India and South Asia – and Shradha oversees the Registrar's role for the South Asia Field. She has a background as a school teacher, then served as co-pastor at Chikhli Church of the Nazarene. Shradha completed her MDiv degree and is currently enrolled in PhD studies at Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary.



Rabbouni

*These are weeping days-grieving days.
My soul torn, like my garments.
I stand in darkness
alone.*

*You were the Anointed One,
Now I come to anoint your body.*

*The tomb-gaping.
I run. Peter. John-
Breathless, seeing-
Only cloth and linen.
You are gone.*

*Two figures-clothed in light
«Why do you weep?» they ask,
«They have taken the one I love,
and I don't know where he is.»*

*I turn.
Another stands-a gardener?
He asks similarly, and I plead,
«If you've moved him, tell me.»*

*He says ma name,
And I know,
«Rabbouni.»*

*by Cameron Preece,
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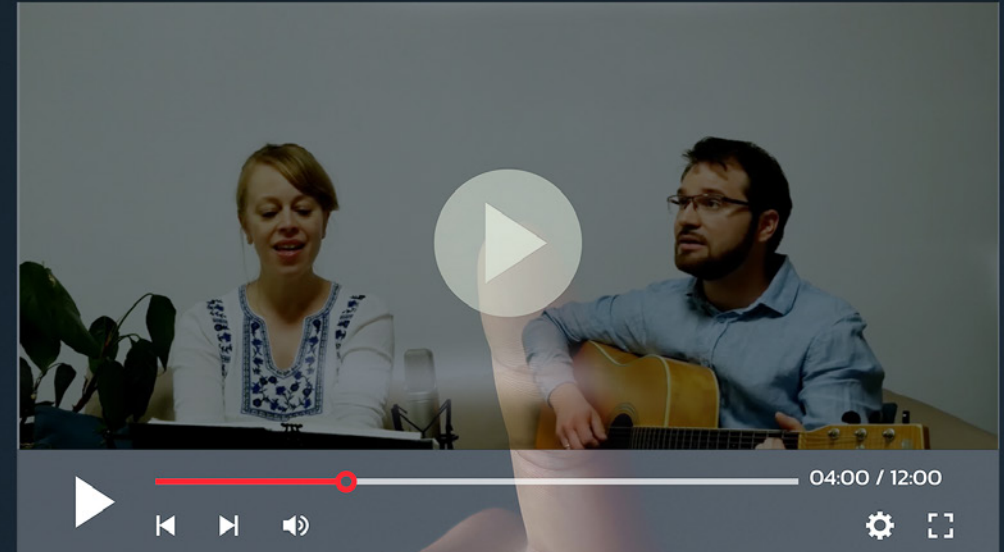


QUESTIONS TO REFLECT

1. In your own life, where do you feel like you've been «fishing all night» without results, and how might God be calling you to keep trusting and being faithful in that work?
2. How do you recognize Jesus' presence in ordinary or unexpected moments, like the disciples recognized Him on the shore?
3. Jesus often shared meals with friends, outcasts, and those on the margins. Who could you intentionally share a meal or conversation with this week?
4. What does it mean for you to be a «fisher of people» in your community, and how can you participate faithfully in God's work even when the outcome isn't immediately visible?

Revd Jeremy Height – EuNC Faculty Member

Revd Jeremy Height serves as a faculty member at European Nazarene College (EuNC), where he contributes to the theological formation and development of students preparing for ministry across Europe. An ordained minister with a passion for discipleship and leadership development, he brings both pastoral experience and academic insight to his teaching. Revd Height is committed to equipping emerging leaders for faithful, Christ-centred service within diverse cultural contexts and the wider mission of the Church.



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QUESTIONS TO REFLECT

1. In what ways do you identify with Peter's courage, impulsiveness, or moments of doubt, and how does Jesus' love guide you through these moments?
2. Jesus asks Peter, «Do you love me?» and links love to following Him. How does your love for Jesus shape the choices and actions in your daily life?
3. Following Jesus is not always easy or rewarding. When have you experienced challenges in your walk with Him, and how can love for Christ sustain you through them?
4. Jesus focuses on Peter's future and mission rather than his past mistakes. How does this perspective challenge you to trust God with your own past, present, and calling for the future?

Revd Antonie Holleman

FSC, DS and Eurasia Education Coordinator

Revd Antonie Holleman serves as a Field Strategy Coordinator (FSC), District Superintendent (DS) for the Benelux district and shares the role of Eurasia Education Coordinator within the Church of the Nazarene. With extensive experience in pastoral ministry, leadership development, and theological education, he is dedicated to strengthening the church across diverse cultural contexts. In his educational role, Revd Holleman supports collaborative educational initiatives, fosters strategic partnerships, and champions the formation of spiritually mature and missionally engaged leaders throughout the Eurasia Region.



Christ has Ascended

Tune: Bunessan (Morning has Broken)

Christ has ascended, Heaven receiving,
Life is up-ended, everything new.
Still we are aching, still our hearts breaking,
Longing and waiting, Jesus, for you.

Gone is his presence, tender and lowly,
Gone are the footfalls on Galilee's shore;
Yet in the silence, deep with his longing,
We wait in stillness, hearts yearning more.

Why stand there grieving, angels have spoken-
«This same Lord Jesus comes as he rose!»
Lift up your sorrows, bring him your mourning-
He bears the burdens none else can know.

Spirit descending, promise unbroken,
Flame of his rising burns in our soul;
Christ is not distant, he is within us-
Making the shattered world once more whole.

by Revd Dr. Ken Baker

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QUESTIONS TO REFLECT

1. How does the resurrection of Jesus inspire your hope and joy, even in times of doubt or uncertainty?
2. In what ways do you experience Jesus' ongoing presence in your life, and how does this change the way you live and engage with others?
3. The disciples were entrusted with a mission to make disciples of all nations. How is God calling you to participate in His mission in your own community or beyond?
4. How can you live as an «Easter person» today—worshiping, teaching, serving, and carrying Christ's presence into the world—even when life feels challenging or ordinary?

Rev. Dr. Svetlana Khobnya – NTC

Rev. Dr. Svetlana Khobnya serves at Nazarene Theological College (NTC), where she contributes to the academic and spiritual formation of students preparing for ministry. An ordained minister with a heart for discipleship and cross-cultural engagement, Svetlana brings valuable pastoral experience and theological insight to her work. She is committed to equipping leaders for faithful service within the Church and to supporting the mission of God in diverse and global contexts.



NAZARENE COLLEGES IN THE REGION

European Nazarene College (EuNC)

EuNC is one school in many nations, a decentralised vocational college of theology and ministry in the Wesleyan-Arminian theological tradition. It offers programmes at the certificate, diploma and advanced diploma levels utilising face-to-face, hybrid, and fully online delivery in 14 different languages through 17 Learning Centres.

Rector:
Revd Mária Gusztinné Tulipán



The Nazarene Nurses Training College (NNTC)

NNTC is based in Washim, India. It is a sister institution to the Reynolds Memorial Hospital, founded in 1936, from the work of Dr Orpha Speicher. Then, in 1946, Ms Jean Darling started a nursing course. Currently, NNTC has a total intake of 200 students in the B.Sc. in Nursing (4 years) and the Auxiliary Nursing and Midwifery course (2 years).

Principal:
Dr. Jaya Pranoykumar Gawai



The Nazarene Theological College

The NTC in Manchester, England, has a global reach, serving students throughout Great Britain, but also in all world regions. This cross-cultural community is preparing leaders for a range of ministry roles with Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees, in partnership with the University of Manchester. NTC offers accredited programmes both on campus and online.

Principal:
Revd. Dr. Deirdre Brower



The South Asia Nazarene Bible College (SANBC)

SANBC is a decentralised network of educators and learning centers in which hundreds of people across India and South Asia undergo a three (or more) year course of study that prepares them for ordination, pastoring local churches or serving in other forms of leadership, including compassionate ministries and education.


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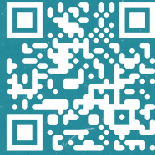


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