

20 April 2020

To all members of the St James Traditional Services

**A Weekly Word of Encouragement: In the Presence of the Lord**

The Sunday after Easter – Psalm 114. Read it reflectively – it is a psalm that may be unfamiliar.

Overconfidence: So often we take for granted that life will be fine: until suddenly it isn't. Our confidence in this world is quickly shaken; we are not in control; our security is not found in self-confidence or our own ability – as history continues to prove.

When ancient Israel came out of Egypt (The Exodus) God parted the Red Sea and shook the mountains (He's got the whole world in His hands).

At Jesus' death and resurrection, the earth shook, rocks parted, graves opened (Matthew 27:51, 28:2), indicating His power – His power to save. Nothing in this world can separate us from God's love (Romans 8:38, 39) – not even death itself. We live in His presence always. Our confidence is not in this world but in the God who raised Jesus to life and will bring us safely to our true heavenly country.

Remember: He brings blessing and provision of our hardest circumstances (v 8).

**Prayer:**

Lord, life changes so quickly; our earthly securities give way, and we are shaken. Every day teach me to build my life on your Word and the security of your love which will endure when everything in this world passes away. Amen.

**Remember:**

- keep praying daily
- keep reading God's Word
- keep in touch with one another, and know that I am only a phone call away (0438 455 493).

With Christian love,

Robert