God winks at us this Easter 2011

Over 57 years ago, a Northern Territory government official witnessed a resurrection of a political fugitive. And because of a wink he may have changed the course of Australian political history, when he thought it encouraged him to make a last attempt to persuade a Russian spy to defect to Australia.

Vladimir Petrov astonished the nation in 1954 by defecting while working in the Russian embassy in Canberra. Russian guards bundled Petrov’s wife onto a plane in Moscow before they were intercepted. Petrov met Reginald Leydin, the acting Administrator of the NT. He winked at Leydin, but she refused his offer of a private chat. Having given up hope that Petrov would seek asylum, Leydin said “Goodbye and good luck” Robert Mann in his book ‘The Petrov Affair’, suggests that Petrov’s wink drew Leydin back for one last try. This time she agreed and she too defected. Robert Mann later believed that the wink was just a facial tick. Such a moment was one of those life changing turning points when what seemed an inevitable loss, held the invitation, the wink or nod for a new future.

Julian of Norwich says that God also winks at us in the course of events that seem impossible to understand. When a destructive and oppressive situation grabs our attention, she says it is God who beckons to us from it. This is the ruminous, from a Latin word numen, meaning to hide, to beckon.

God is signalling to me or to you, through our intuition, his agility at the situation, and saying forthrightly, “I am going to make this all right. It is my determination to make this all right. I want you to help me make it all right.”

So, too, in the resurrection of Jesus, it is God’s nod to us that God’s love will not be defeated or destroyed. God is beckoning to us in the resurrection of Jesus and saying, “I will not surrender you or give you up to the destructive forces within this world. Your lives are immersed in my love that raises even the dead.”

With the trauma of events around our world, God is beckoning to us in our day that we are invited to show compassion, build new communities of hope, to care for our planet, to stand alongside the hurting and to be people of forgiveness and generosity, and that we might personally know the love that restores our broken lives.

May resurrecting love be in our hearts and hands this Easter.

Bishop Greg Thompson

EASTER SERVICES
Casuarina
- Holy Communion - 7.30pm Good Friday - 9.00am Easter Sunday
Dawn Service at Diplomat Cliffs - 6.30am In the church - 9.00am

Darwin Memorial
79 Smith St, Darwin
Maundy Thursday - 7.30 pm Lest Supper and Tenebrae
Good Friday - 9.00am
Easter Day Sunrise Service - 6.30am Coastal Reserve Park, Stokes Hill Wharf Easter celebration - 9.30am

Indonesian Missionary
21 Cummins St, Nightcliff
Good Friday - 8.00pm Including Service of Confirmation and Holy Communion
Easter Sunday - Water Gardens - 8.30am followed by an egg hunt and lunch. ALL WELCOME

Living Water
21 Chidlow Circuit, Humpty Doo
Good Friday 8.00 am, 12.00 pm and 3.00 pm (three short connected services)
Easter Sunday Dawn Service 6.00am Rapid Creek Foreshore Stay for a BBQ Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt Bring your own chair and a spare ALL WELCOME

Palmerston
280 Anzac Highway, Palmerston
Good Friday - 9.00am Easter Sunday - 9.00am

Philadelphia Indonesian
52 Kooniyal Crescent, Karama
Good Friday - 7.30pm Holy Communion Easter Sunday - 9.00am

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2011 EASTER CEREMONIES
St. Mary’s Cathedral
Holy Thursday 7.00pm
Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10.00am / 2.00pm / 7.00pm Holy Saturday 7.00pm (Vigil)
Easter Sunday 7.00pm / 10.00am / 7.00pm

Twin Nursing Home
Holy Thursday 11.00am
Darwin Hospital Chapel
Easter Sunday 9.30am
St. Martin de Porres
Holy Thursday 7.30am
Good Friday 7.30am / 2.00pm / 7.00pm Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10.00am / 2.00pm Easter Sunday 10.00am

Humpty Doo
Holy Thursday 7.00pm
Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10.00am / 2.00pm / 7.00pm Holy Saturday 7.00pm (Vigil) / Midnight Easter Sunday 9.30am

Holy Spirit, Casuarina
Holy Thursday 7.30am
Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10.00am / 2.00pm / 7.00pm Holy Saturday 7.30pm (Vigil) / Midnight Easter Sunday 9.30am

St. Paul’s, Nightcliff
Holy Thursday 7.00pm
Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10.00am / 2.00pm / 7.00pm Holy Saturday 7.00pm (Vigil) / Midnight Easter Sunday 9.30am

Holy Family, Karama
Holy Thursday 7.30am
Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10.00am / 2.00pm / 7.00pm Holy Saturday 7.00pm (Vigil) / Midnight Easter Sunday 9.00am / 10.00am / 12.00pm

Our Lady Help of Christians, Palmerston
Holy Thursday 7.30am
Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10.00am / 2.00pm / 7.00pm Holy Saturday 7.00pm (Vigil) Easter Sunday 8.00am / 10.00am

CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION
Easter Day - 9.00am Holy Communion
Easter Day Service - 9.00am
2011 EASTER CEREMONIES
ST PETER’S NIGHTCLIFF
corner Tower & Shibui Rds, Ph: 8949 4066
Good Friday - 9.00am Lest Supper
Easter Sunday - 9.00am Holy Communion

ST JAMES’ SANDERSON
11 Jarvis St, Malak - Ph: 9297 2788
Good Friday - 9.00am Readings, Reflections & Meditation Easter Sunday - 9.00am Celebration of the Resurrection Communion

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
Smith St, Darwin - Ph: 8911 9099
Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm The Eucharist of the Last Supper & Foot-washing Good Friday - 9.00am Good Friday Liturgy 3.00pm - Stations of the Cross at “Framed Gallery” Heart Park Holy Saturday - Cathedral open all day for quiet reflection & prayer Easter Day - 6.30am first service of Easter with the lighting of the New Fire 9.00am Sung Holy Communion with children’s ministry time.

FRED’S PASS, CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
19 Tea Creek Rd, Ph: 8922 1258
Maundy Thursday - 8.00pm Institution of the Last Supper Good Friday - 9.00am The Passion of Christ Easter Sunday - 6.30am Lighting of the New Fire, Celebration of the Resurrection followed by breakfast

ST FRANCIS BATCHelor
Easter Day - 8am Celebration of the Resurrection followed by morning tea

ST LUKE’S PALMERTON
corner Victoria Drive & Palm Circuit, Ph: 8902 2923
Maundy Thursday - 7.00pm Easter Sunday - 9.00am Easter Day - 9.00am Holy Communion

ST ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH NIGHTCLIFF
14 Tower Rd, Nightcliff, Ph: 8927 2753
Maundy Thursday, 21st April – 7.00pm Good Friday, 22nd April – 9.30am Easter Sunday, 24th April – 7.00am & 9.30am

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH PALMERTON
corner Emery Ave and Temple Too, Ph: 0427 859 700
Good Friday, 22nd April – 9.00am Easter Sunday, 24th April – 9.00am