



**Anglican Church
Diocese of Sydney
2026 Easter Message**

*Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. (NIV)
John 20:19b-20*

One of the most surprising things I have heard recently is the news that some people are using artificial intelligence to talk to God.

At least, they think they are talking to God.

This isn't just searching an online Bible for answers — people are asking AI to generate spiritual guidance for their lives.

But at Easter, we celebrate something infinitely greater: God speaking to us in person.

When Jesus appeared to his disciples on the first Easter day, they were 'locked away' fearing those who put Jesus to death. But Jesus appears in the midst of them, speaking 'Peace'.

It was an everyday greeting, but this was not everyday peace. It was the peace that had been bought by his pierced hands and side.

They were overjoyed to see him, not only because he had conquered death, but because his death purchased peace with God, and drove away all their fear.

AI can certainly be useful, though not without risks. But when it comes to the most important things in life, God has come to us and brought us peace through his Son.

This Easter, remember that for two thousand years we have had God's Authentic Intelligence. Communication from God - in Jesus! You can 'chat' with God and hear his voice through the words of Jesus in whom, the Bible says, are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

So, why not use this season to go offline and pick up a Bible. Some questions only God can answer.

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