Our Common Life

Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

Uniting in Christ | Acting with love | Living with hope | Witnessing in faith | Working for justice

May 31 2020+

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are continuing to publish our weekly Notices.
Please stay connected with us.

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Services: Service, Prayers and Readings

Catch up on our E-Services under E-Broadcasts on the BRUC Web-page: www.ourcommonlife.org.au

This Sunday 31st May
Prayers and Readings
Acts 2:1-21; Numbers 11:24-30;
Psalm 104:24-34,35b
1Corinthians 12:3b-13;
John 7:37-39, 20:19-23;

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Next Sunday 7thJune (Holy Communion)
Prayers and Readings
Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8;
2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

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The Week Ahead

Wednesday Meditation has been cancelled due to public safety regulations.

Wednesday June 3rd – Cuppa Conversation
Join us for our Cuppa Conversation on www.ourcommonlife.org.au under Cuppa Conversations

Thursday June 4th
9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

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Blackall Range Uniting Churches acknowledge the Jinibara and Kabi Kabi / Gubbi Gubbi peoples who are the traditional owners of this land.

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Veni, veni Creator Spiritus

"Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, … and put the Spirit on them"

Veni Creator Spiritus has been and is the sigh of the church in the past, now and probably in the future. During times of despondency, tiredness, stress, suffering, bleak outlook , like now with the COVID-19 Pandemic, the church sighs "come, come O Creator Spirit".

GOD hears, answers, comes down and gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit.. Time and time again.

Recipients And *all, everyone,* receives the Holy Spirit: leaders like Moses and the 70 elders, but also the previously voiceless and marginalised: our sons and daughters, old persons, young persons, women.

Prophesy, see visions, dream dreams The Holy Spirit is the life giving Spirt the Enabler. The Creator Spirit enables us to prophesy, see visions and dream dreams.

Prophesy: To be able to prophesy the church needs *to listen to the listeners*. The voiceless - our sons and daughters, the elderly, those in and outside the church, everyone. Then our prophesies may be relevant.

See visions. We need to reclaim our imagination. Our imagination has been captured by modern society – consumerism, secularism, and many other …isms. Particularly regarding the church, we need to free ourselves so that we can truly see visions – a new Jerusalem, a new heaven, a new church.

Dream dreams Dreams are born out of pain and suffering, Now in this time of disarray, when we are afflux, concerned and worried – now is the time to dream.

Veni, veni Creator Spiritus, Come, come O Creator Spirit

Seized by the Spirit

Acts 2:1-21

You raise the blind and go, "Wow!" The sunrise has grabbed your attention. The scene out there in the eastern sky makes an impact upon you. Of course, it can all be explained in physical terms such as light reflected off water vapour and your reaction can also be described in scientific terminology, but the real impact of the sunrise upon you is on the level of spirit.

It happened one morning in Jerusalem when the followers of Jesus were gathered together in one place. According to Acts 2, that they were overwhelmed by the dawning of a brand-new day. In the light of their experience of Jesus in Galilee, then crucified and risen, they were grasped by the same power and presence that had motivated and empowered him. In reporting the experience, they spoke of a sudden violent wind, tongues like fire and a strange ability to speak in foreign languages, but at the heart of it all was the sense of being overwhelmed by the presence and power of God re-shaping their outlook, empowering their mission, driving them to tell the world that Jesus was truly both its Lord and Saviour.

So, at Pentecost, the Festival of the Holy Spirit, we celebrate our experience of the presence and power of God. God making an impact – that's another way of talking about the Holy Spirit – is not only experienced in creation, in human life, in prophets, in inspired individuals and in Jesus, but also in the Church. The Holy Spirit is the motivator, director and energizer of the Church, not just in the Church in terms of hierarchy, but in the lives of all who respond to Christ in faith. Are we allowing ourselves to be overwhelmed by this power and presence or do we put dampeners upon God's spontaneity?

- What recently has made an impact upon you like the sunrise described above?
- How have you experienced the Spirit of God in your life?
- What makes wind and fire good images to use when talking about the Holy Spirit?
- How can we put dampeners on the Holy Spirit in our own lives or in the life of the church?

Rev Ron Potter ***Piula Publications***

Memorise our Corona-Cs, there are now 10!.

Calm – be calm.
Cautious – be cautious.
Common sense – use your common sense.
Care – take care of yourselves and others.
Commit – commit the COvid-19 pandemic to prayer.
Candle – Light the COVID-19 prayer-candle at 7pm (19:00) in your window every night as a symbol of hope.
Connect – remember to connect with one another.
Communicate – talk to someone.
Cuppa Conversations - follow our Cuppa Conversations on-line, or have one of your own.
Community – reach out to someone in the community

RESUMPTION OF SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups are now permitted to gather. Participants in activities must feel comfortable to attend and continue to practice 'social distancing'.
In public spaces (including Church building) - up to 10 people. In homes - up to 5 visitors
Some restaurants/cafes will be open but restricted to 10 at any one time.
Where our groups don't exceed 10 people, we are allowing the resumption of use of Church buildings. Where groups are meeting in homes, please ensure a limit of 5 visitors.

SMALL GROUP HOLY COMMUNION 7 June 2020

On Sunday the 7th June there will be an opportunity at all 3 Worship Centres to participate in small group Holy Communion. More information will be made available during the week.

STUDY ON HOLY SPIRIT

All are invited to join, individually or in groups the 7 week study on the Holy Spirit based on the Nicene Creed. Resources are available on the website and BRUC FB page. Please contact the church office if you cannot access the resources.

REFLECTION GALLERY

The Reflection Gallery at Montville Church is open again for visitors. **If anyone across the BRUC would like to join the team in helping to maintain the safety and hygiene requirements on a roster basis, please contact Ron Potter or Liena.** Otherwise simply visit the gallery to reflect on the paintings. The Reflection Gallery's Facebook remains operative (facebook.com/UCMontville). Take time to read the accompanying text and let God speak through both word and image. Ron Potter

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OFFERINGS Kindly remember to continue to give make your weekly/monthly offerings. They can be Direct Debited through the ANZ Bank, BSB 014-507 A/c 3762 29735.

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