



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

21 March 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Prayers

9:00am at Maleny

Services

Montville 8:15 Worship Service

Maleny 9:45 Worship Service

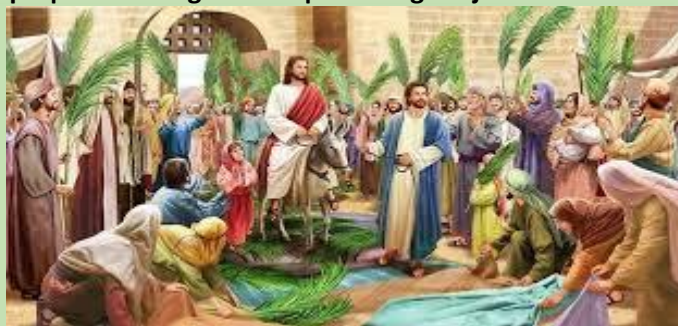
Palmwoods 10:00 Holy Communion

RCL Year B Readings

2nd Sunday in Lent

5th Sunday in Lent

**Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 or 119:9-16;
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33**



LECTIONARY THEMES

God's Greatness

Jeremiah 31:31-34, John 12:20-33,

Since George Beverly Shea's rendition of it during the Billy Graham crusades in the 1950's and 60's, How Great Thou Art, has become a favourite hymn all around the world. It expresses awesome wonder at the greatness of God revealed in nature and in Jesus Christ. It speaks of God's glory as God's revealed greatness.

John 12:20-33 indicates that the true greatness or glory of Jesus is revealed in his preparedness to die knowing that only by dying can he be raised to resurrection life, thus opening up the kingdom of heaven to all believers. The kingdom of heaven is that eternal realm where people do the will of God, not because it is imposed upon them like a law, but where people live the way God meant them to live out of their own volition (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

While we are in love with our own selves, preoccupied with our own wants and desires, we cannot live the life of God's eternal realm (John 12:25). It is only as we too are prepared to die to that sort of self that we can truly live. Resurrection to the eternal life of God's pure realm is not only something that happened to Jesus after his crucifixion, it is the experience in this life of those whom God raises to new life in the power of the Holy Spirit.

- What, do you think, has made How Great Thou Art, such a popular hymn?
- What difference does it make to our faith if we see God's glory revealed most strongly in the Cross rather than in power and majesty?
- What does it mean for us to be raised with Christ by the grace of God received in faith (Ephesians 2:4-6)?

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

Lent (17th Feb – 4 April)

Lent is a tradition of contemplation, of reflecting on the *via dolorosa* - the Way of Passion/Suffering. In terms of the Sermon on the Mount it is a time of giving, prayer, and fasting. It is a time of sacrifice, self-denial and spiritual growth.

Please share something you have learnt this Lent.
Thank you Liena

Next Sunday 28 March 2021:

Montville 8:15am: Family Worship Service

Maleny: 9:45am: Family Worship Service

Palmwoods: 15:30pm Garden Fellowship

RCL Year B Readings

6th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 50:4-9a ; Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39, (40-47)

PALM SUNDAY 28th March

This is always a special service and will be more so this year because it is a family service. So bring you children, your grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great godchildren and you friends and neighbours and strangers too.

- Have you experienced resurrection to a new life of faith, hope and love in your life? Was the conversion swift or gradual?

• **Rev Ron Potter** *Piula Publications*

The Week Ahead at a Glance

Tuesday & Thursday – Church Office open Ph. 5429 6995
9am-12pm,

Wednesday – Maleny Meditation at 8:30 am is now running subject to the public safety regulations.

Wednesday – Cuppa Conversation Season 2 will be back soon.

Friday – Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486 1.30pm

Saturday – Presbytery meeting in Kingaroy

OFFERING

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.

Synod News

Online worship services

Here is a list of Queensland Uniting Church congregations who are [live streaming](#).

We are looking for persons to join the team organizing the following:

PALM SUNDAY 28 MARCH: FAMILY WORSHIP

This will be an intergenerational service so looking for families and additional musicians to participate in the service.

Please contact Liena

TENEBRE THURSDAY 1 APRIL. We are looking for singers to sing a few songs and help lead the singing.

Please contact Val Clarkson

Maleny Ministry Task Group.

Thank you we now have 4 nominations:

Peter Callaghan

Karl Tietze

Paul Tarbuck

Jan Trendle.

I have heard more names being whispered, Nominations will close on **Friday the 26th March** and names will be prayerfully held before the congregation for two weeks and there will be short meeting after the service on **Sunday 11 April** to confirm/elect the persons to serve on the MTG.

Bruce & Liena

Quiet Day

If you would like some time to stop and reflect, after a busy Easter, you are invited to join us at 19 Attunga Court, WITTA for a Quiet Day on Saturday 10 April from 9.00am to 4.00pm. The theme is Taking Hold of New Life. If you are interested contact Bruce and Heather on 0407180864.



About this Event

You are invited, as the combined church, to come and gather together for a night of worship and prayer. Whether your church or group is large or small, no matter your expression, we invite you to be a part of welcoming Jesus into our city on Palm Sunday in preparation for Easter.

Bring your church, your family, friends and neighbours for a celebration, with food and refreshments available afterwards.

Venue: Lifepointe Church, 186 Wisers Road, Buderim

Time: 5.30pm

Places are limited, so please register as soon as possible.

Please visit our Facebook page (Common Ground) to see how you can help promote this gathering to your church, group or community. We can't wait to see you there!

This event is initiated by Movement Day Sunshine Coast which is a collection of local pastors and Christian leaders who work together in humility, trust and reconciled diversity to engage and serve the city of the Sunshine Coast.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sunshine-coast-combined-churches-worship-prayer-tickets-143918350661>

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Easter 2021 Services

"For God so loved the world, ..."

Palm Sunday 28 March

8:15 Montville
9:45 Maleny Family Worship
15:30 Reflection in the garden

Maundy Thursday 1 April

18:00 Tenebrae Service @ Maleny

Good Friday 2 April

07:30 Montville
08:00 Maleny
09:00 Palmwoods

Easter Sunday

06:00 RCLN Sunrise Service Montville
07:30 Montville
09:45 Maleny
09:00 Palmwoods

There are cards available with Easter times on. Please take one for yourself and another one or more to pop into your neighbors' post box.

DATE CLAIMER. 9.30am Saturday 24 th April. Maleny Uniting Ladies are hosting an **Ecumenical Morning Tea.** The focus will be on MOTHERS and decorations will feature roses.



[Please like and followo our FB page: Blackall Range Uniting Church - Facebook](#)

COVID Care over Easter

Easter is nearly upon us! Each year at Easter, we can expect more worshippers at our Churches for the various Services being offered. It's a timely reminder that the COVID risks remain real, especially too as the Blackall Range sees many more visitors this time of the year.

Please take extra care during this period:

- Please remember to sign IN/OUT.
- There is plenty sanitiser around to ensure good hand/face hygiene.
- Remember the 1.5 metre distancing when socialising, especially during refreshments.
- Please take care with coughing, sneezing and singing.

If you are not well, please stay at home.

Servers of coffee and tea, communion and feet washing are requested to wear gloves and masks during this period.

Coffee and tea will be available after the Sunday services only.

Lets continue to practice our welcoming, loving reputation .. AND, practice good covid behaviour too.

Peter Callaghan

COVID Advisor, Balckall Range Uniting Church

Message from Minister:

Last Supper / Holy Communion / Eucharist

I have written before about the rich meaning and symbolism in the bread and wine and the different *focii* in various denominations. In the Uniting Church it is known as the *Last Supper*, bringing to mind Jesus' last supper with his disciples and followers in the upper room shortly before his crucifixion. The name *Holy Communion* emphasises that it is a sacrament – sacred. It reminds of our union with the Holy One, Jesus Christ and communion with Him and one another. Whilst the *Eucharist* – *eu-charis* comes from the Greek words *eu* (good/well/beautiful) and *charis* (grace) and a direct translation means good/beautiful grace. I have often heard persons refer to the *Eucharist* as a thanksgiving meal.

In Afrikaans the name is *Nagmaal* (directly translated as night-meal) also recalling the last supper. In the liturgy for the *Nagmaal* 5 meanings of the Last Supper are highlighted and I share parts of the liturgy with you:

Memorial meal: In the Lord's Supper we commemorate and proclaim the death of the Lord. At the sight of the bread and wine the congregation calls to mind all of the passion of Jesus Christ (1 Cor 11:25-26).

Feast of the Communion with the Living Lord. But the Lord's Supper is much more yet. Not only do we remember a Lord that died: we live in the fellowship of the risen Lord (1 Cor 11:16-17).

Guarantee. Communion with the Lord at His table is also a guarantee. Didn't He say: "... this is my body, and "... this is my blood"? As surely as this bread is broken for everyone to see and handed out and this cup is given to them, and we eat and drink thereof, just as surely do we share in Christ, in His death and in His resurrection (Matt 26:26, 28; 1 Cor 11:24-25; Gal 2:12; Eph 2:6; Col 3:1).

Proclamation of our future expectation. In the Lord's Supper we have the assurance that the Lord Himself is one with us. Yet, we also look forward to the return of our Lord and in this celebration proclaim the death of the Lord till He comes. Through the Lord's Supper we reach out to the day when Christ will appear in glory and bring everything to fulfillment, the day when He will make new the heaven and the earth so that righteousness may dwell therein – and God may be all in all. At the Lord's Supper the bride of Christ yearns for the bridal feast of the Lamb (1 Cor 11:26, 15:28; Rev 10:9).

Feast of Joy. Even though the tokens speak of the suffering and the death of Jesus Christ, of His cross, His blood that was shed and His broken body, the celebration of the Lord's Supper is not a sign of mourning and sorrow. It is a feast of joy where the Saviour Himself in a unique manner dispenses to us the fruits of His suffering, His death and resurrection. In this joyful feast we may already taste of the joys awaiting us at the wedding feast of the Lamb.

May the almighty, merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ help us in this, through His Holy Spirit.

During this coming Easter 2021 we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper twice. Once during the Tenebrae service when the focus will be on it being a memorial meal, when we retrace the steps of Jesus that last evening Golgotha. We will also sit at the feast of joy on Easter Sunday when we will taste the joys awaiting us as we reach out to the day Christ will appear in glory and God may be all in all.

So come recall the Last Supper as we share in Holy Communion at the Eucharist table this Easter!

Shalom Liena

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

EASTER MADNESS



OUR THEME - "THE STAGE"

Easter is an incredible and memorable celebration for Christians worldwide. What



happens though when the party is over? What does

Easter look like after Easter Sunday and all the chocolate and hot cross buns are eaten? Easter Madness will explore what life after Easter is like through the

various 'STAGES' of faith and life people journey through. We will see how Jesus journeys with us no matter what stage we are at.

Christian Radio is on the airwaves in Palmwoods! [Palmwoods - 87.6 FM - Vision Christian Media](http://Palmwoods-87.6FM-Vision-Christian-Media) Tune in to 87.6 FM to access trusted Christian radio 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. vision.org.au

WHAT IS IT?

It is a one of a kind opportunity to meet new friends from all across BrisVegas and even the state! Spend time in an awesome community getting to know one another and getting to know Jesus. Whether you already have a relationship with Jesus or you're new to building a relationship with Jesus, Easter Madness is for you.

With interactive style worship, incredible worship music, community building, activities that make you think grove and move, Easter Madness is the perfect way to spend the weekend during the Easter school holidays.

