



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

28 March 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Prayers

9:00am at Maleny

Palm Sunday Services

Montville 8:15 Worship Service

Maleny 9:45 Family Worship Service

Palmwoods 15:30 Reflections in the Garden

RCL Year B Readings

2nd Sunday in Lent

6th Sunday in Lent

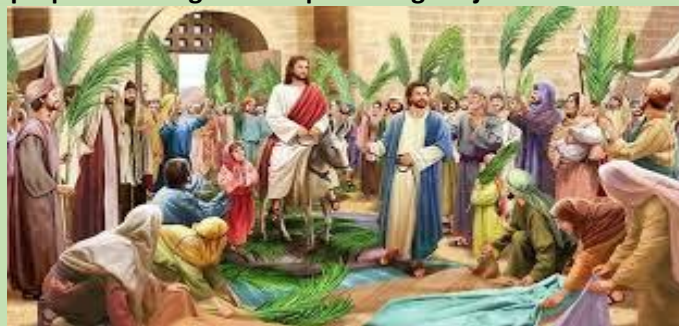
Isaiah 50:4-9a ; Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11;

Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39, (40-47)

Catch up on our E

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



LECTIONARY THEMES

Humility and Pride

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-10;

The world in which we live is saying to us, "Walk tall. Take pride in yourself. Be proud of your ethnicity or sexuality. Be proud of your accomplishments." How then does this ride with the Biblical emphasis on humility? The Son of God comes in humility, to serve, not to be served. He gives his life a ransom for many. He rides into Jerusalem to claim his royal status, but not in the fullness of pride, pomp, and prestige that ruling elites usually claim for themselves. An early Christian poem, quoted by Paul, described him as one who, in humility, emptied himself of all that sort of thing.

Humility for Jesus did not mean giving in to others. He knew his calling and he resolutely stuck to it in spite of temptations to deviate from it. His humility was anything but weak and powerless. His humility was not something to be aimed at for itself; it was a by-product of his devotion to the Father; and so the humility that we are called to is not a goal to be aimed at, but rather something that follows on from truly loving God with all our being. When the centre of our lives shifts from self to God, we lose self-centred pride and arrogance. Sometimes, however, we have to remind ourselves of this by deliberately taking the humble path.

The world is right; we are not called to become snivelling weaklings, despising ourselves or living in continual self-abasement. We are God's beloved creatures, not meant, out of self-centred pride, to usurp God's central position in life.

- Give examples, drawn from TV, other media or from conversations you have had, where pride was being encouraged.
- In what way did the Palm Sunday ride of Jesus into Jerusalem highlight the humility of Jesus?

Easter 2021 Services

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

Maunder 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.

Next Sunday 4 April 2021

Montville 7:30am: Family Worship Service

Maleny: 9:45am: Family Worship Service

Palmwoods: 09:00am Family Worship Service

RCL Year B Readings

4th Sunday in Lent

**Exodus 12:1-4,(5-10),11-14 ; Psalm 116:1-2,
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

- Think of a time when you deliberately took the humble path as an expression of your Christian faith.
- In the light of Jesus' example, what is the difference between what might be called strong humility and weak humility?

• **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

Wednesday – Cuppa Conversation Season 2 will be back soon.

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

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.

Holy Week: The Journey from Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday

(source: <https://www.learnreligions.com/holy-week-timeline-700618>)

Although it is not practically possible to precisely plot Jesus' journey shortly before His death, the church has over centuries commemorated Holy Week and constructed this time-line to assist us in reflecting upon Jesus' Easter journey and so help us to enrich our own faith.

Day 1: Palm Sunday: Triumphant entry into Jerusalem

(Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, and John 12:12-19).

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus, the Servant-King, entering Jerusalem on a donkey (contrary to a horse which Kings would have ridden in those times), with the crowds throwing down palm leaves and clothes and singing:

Zechariah 9:9

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!"

Jesus and the disciples spent the night in Bethany (probably at the home of Lazarus, Martha & Mary).

Note: Palm branches are a symbol of victory, triumph and peace. And for some eternal life.

Day 2: Monday: Jesus cleanses the temple

(Matthew 21:12-22, Mark 11:15-19, Luke 19:45-48, and John 2:13-17)"The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves" (Luke 19:46).

Jesus and the disciples probably spend the night again in Bethany.

Day 3: Tuesday: Jesus goes to the Mount of Olives

(Matthew 21:23-24:51, Mark 11:20-13:37, Luke 20:1-21:36, and John 12:20-38)

Jesus and the disciples go to the Mount of Olives (Mt 24:3) and He gave what is known as the Olivet Discourse and He teaches about the end times through parable and signs.

Tuesday is probably also the day on which Judas Iscariot discussed betraying Jesus with the Sanhedrin.

Day 4: Wednesday: Holy Wednesday

There is no clear indication what Jesus did on the Wednesday. Probable reconstruction is that Jesus and the disciples had a quiet day in Bethany preparing for the coming Passover;

Day 5: Maundy Thursday; Passover and Last Supper

(Matthew 26:17-75, Mark 14:12-72, Luke 22:7-62, and John 13:1-38).

"I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. For I tell you

now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." (Luke 22:15-16).

Jesus shares the Last Supper in the Upper Room with His disciples and close followers, washes their feet, and later goes to the garden of Gethsemane to pray.

It is here that he is betrayed by Judas and arrested by the Sanhedrin and taken to the High Priest.

Also late Thursday night/early Friday morning that Peter denies knowing Jesus.

Note: Maundy comes from the Latin word "mandatum" whence the English words "mandate" and command are derived. It refers to Jesus command to His disciples to do likewise (love and serve).

Day 6: Good Friday: Trial, Crucifixion, Death and Burial

(Matthew 27:1-62, Mark 15:1-47, Luke 22:63-23:56, and John 18:28-19:37)

Jesus trials continue before different authorities until Pilate orders him to be crucified and Jesus dies on the cross at approx. 3pm and is later taken down by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (members of the Sanhedrin) to be buried before 6pm.

Day 7: Saturday in the tomb:

(Matthew 27:62-66, Mark 16:1, Luke 23:56, and John 19:40)

From the readings of the texts it appears that Jesus' body was partly treated with spices by Joseph and Nicodemus on the Friday evening before the Sabbath started at 6pm, whilst the women prepared more spices to treat it after the Sabbath (6pm on the Saturday i.e. early Sunday morning).

Day 8: Resurrection Sunday

(Matthew 28:1-13, Mark 16:1-14, Luke 24:1-49, and John 20:1-23).

The culmination of Holy Week and the foundation of the Christian faith: Jesus' resurrection!

Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen." (Matthew 28:5-6)

Consequent to and since that first Easter Sunday, Jesus' resurrection is celebrated every Sunday of each year by millions of Christians.

The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed!!!

Synod News

Online worship services

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

Ministry Contacts:

Minister: Rev Liena Hoffman 0490 421 874
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[Range Uniting Church - Facebook](#)

OFFERING

Kindly remember to continue to give make your weekly/monthly offerings. They can be Direct Debited through the ANZ Bank,



Volunteers CARE

Lend a hand ... become a pastoral care volunteer.

Do you want to become equipped with the skills to provide pastoral care and support to people in your church and local community?

The **Volunteers CARE Essentials Course** is a basic introduction to Christian pastoral care where you will learn the foundational skills needed to get started on your pastoral care journey.

Venue Caloundra Uniting Church
56C Queen St, Caloundra 4551

Date Saturday 8th & 15th May

Time 9am - 4pm

Contact Rev Tanya Richards 0430403783

[Register now](#)

ucaqld.com.au/volunteerscare

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.

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

Peter Callaghan

COVID Advisor, Blackall Range Uniting Church

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

Christian Radio is on the airwaves in Palmwoods!

[Palmwoods - 87.6 FM - 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

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

Accommodation Urgently Sought: A family associated with the congregation (a father and two teenage daughters) is **URGENTLY** looking for accommodation at an affordable rent: minimum 2br, preferably 3 br home within commuting distance of Maleny as both girls attend school and have other commitments in Maleny. Please contact **Jonathan on 0499367714 or Liena 0490421874**

God who became flesh, we give thanks for the life lived in Christ, for the ways modelled in Jesus.

For obedience.

For prayerfulness.

For love.

And for all you accomplished through him.

Hebrews 5:5-10



Trinity
UNPLUGGED

Why I changed my mind about hell

Speaker: Dan Paterson, founder of Questioning Christianity
Thursday 25 March 2021
Arrive: 6:45pm for a 7pm start
Live-streamed and on-campus.

Booking is essential. Onsite attendance is limited and we will provide COVID safe information for face-to-face attendees. Zoom attendees will receive an email with event links.

Register to attend:
trinity.qld.edu.au/unplugged

<https://www.trinity.qld.edu.au/event/trinity-unplugged-why-i-changed-my-mind-about-hell/>

MOVEMENT DAY

**SUNSHINE COAST
COMBINED CHURCHES
WORSHIP & PRAYER**

Palm Sunday, 5:30pm - March 28, 2021
Lifepointe Baptist Church, 186 Wises Road, Buderim

Supported by:
Caloundra City Pastors Network, Nambour Ministers Fraternal & churches all along the coast

Date And Time

Sun., 28 March 2021
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm AEST

Location

186 Wises Rd
186 Wises Road
Buderim, QLD 4556