



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

10 April 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*****LECTIONARY THEMES*****

Humility

Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 19:28-40

God speaks to us through the words written by Paul to the Christian group in Philippi: "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." Why? That cuts right across popular opinion and our own natural inclination.

Why should we take this as a word from the Lord? Because, Paul goes on to say, quoting a beautifully expressed poem, that this is the attitude shown by Jesus, and if the Spirit of Christ is in us, we will follow him in that path of humility. It's not a put-on humility. It's not manufactured. Its basis is love. In his humility and self-giving, Christ displayed the very apex of what should be human character and quality.

Jesus Christ is king. In all his humility, he is to be worshiped and obeyed. He is to be honoured above all other people. His name is above every other name. So, when we re-read passages about the Palm Sunday ride into Jerusalem, we see them as another presentation of this same theme: the one who rides on a donkey into Jerusalem is the king who rules in humility and in love. It has never been done by any other king, monarch, president or prime minister before him or since.

Political leadership requires a certain amount of *hubris*. Only strong egos rise to the top. National pride holds a nation together. But, as Jesus told Pilate, his kingdom does not have its origin in human politics; it is of God. God's realm is radically different from all others. That's why it comes into collision with so much of human ambition and pride. His humility is even different.

Without any element of cringe, self-abasement, resentment or bitterness, Christ's humility is simply the outworking of divine love, and the presence of God's love-filled Spirit in our lives leads us along that same path. So, the call to show humility in our dealings with other people is a call to be true to the Spirit of Christ within us.

- Amongst the selfish ambition and vanity around us we do see humility being expressed. Think of instances where you have seen this perhaps in the news or in personal contacts.
- What is the difference between humility as a moral quality and humility arising out of love?
- If the Palm Sunday ride into Jerusalem was an announcement that Jesus was the long-expected Messiah, what sort of Messiah was he?
- Apart from humility, how else is the Spirit of Christ manifested in a person's life.



Face to Face Worship Service

Palm Sunday

Montville 8:15am: Holy Communion
Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service
Palmwoods: 15:30pm Garden Reflections

RCL Year C Readings

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Psalm 31:9-16, Isaiah 50:4-9a;
Philippians 2:5-11;
Luke 19:28-40, 22:14-23:56

Easter Sunday 17 April 2022

Montville: 7:30 am: Worship Service
Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service
Palmwoods: 9:00am

RCL Year C Readings

Acts 10:34-43; Isaiah 65:17-25,
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26;
John 20:1-18; Luke 24:1-12

Easter Evening

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 114
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

Isaiah 50 vs 4

**The Sovereign LORD has given me
a well-instructed tongue,
to know the word that sustains the weary.
He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.**

Rev Ron Potter

Piula Publications

COMING UP for next weeks– Details below

- Tuesday – Cuppa Craft at Maleny 9:30 **19th April**
- Wednesday – Maleny Meditation at 8:30am
- **Monday 11th April at 9am** Church Council Meeting

Easter 2022 Services

*Why do you look for the living among the dead?
(Luke 24:1-12)*

NOTE: Excitingly, there are new events on this year's Easter calendar. An ecumenical Palm Sunday liturgy on Sunday the 10th April with the Anglicans at **Montville at 7:30 am** and then another in **Maleny at Baptist Church at 6:30pm**. Definitely one for the diary as we unite as church as a witness in Montville, Maleny and along the Range.

And the **Easter Sunrise Service with Salvation Army** band at **Montville at 6am** is always a special event of glory.

Palm Sunday 10 April March

7:30 Palm liturgy with Anglicans
8:15 Montville Holy Communion
9:45 Maleny Family Worship
15:30 Reflection in the garden
18:30 RCLN Palm Sunday March at Baptist Church



Maundy Thursday 14 April

18:00 Tenebrae Service @ Maleny

Good Friday 15 April

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

Easter Sunday 17 April

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

Ladies Friendship outing to Montville UC. for MT and guided tour of the Reflection Gallery and Ron Potter's paintings.

The invitation is extended to men to join the Ladies on **THURSDAY 21st April 9:30am**.

Car pool from Maleny UC car park. Depart 9.30 am (sharp) Please spread the word and bring friends. Please add your names to the list or advise Nancy 0409586601.

AND

LADIES ECUMENICAL MORNING

Saturday 30 April 9.30 am

Donna Turner, the High School Chaplain, is our guest speaker.

Maleny Ladies are hosting this event and your attendance and assistance is requested as we welcome women from other churches. Please advise Nancy if you can be part of the organisation team.

Montville UC: Lent Exhibition: Stations of the Cross

Montville UC's reflection Gallery's will display the late Rev Ron Potter's equally memorable paintings illustrating the stations of the cross from early March to Easter.

Make sure to visit the gallery as part of your Lent Reflections.



CONNECT GROUPS and MORNING TEA

In 2022 the connect groups were asked to be responsible for morning tea on the combined service day as we need more servers. Next combined service is **29 May** so we need another group to offer their service on that day. Contact Dorothy 5494 2486.

UNITING CHURCH NAME BADGES will be ordered again soon. Please contact Jing at the Church Office (5429 6995) or Barbara (5494 2238) if you would like to order a badge. They cost approximately \$8. Alternately, add your name to the list at the back table, Maleny Uniting Church.

Prayer - From Duty to Delight

Upholding one another in prayer...

Prayer is one of the great blessings of our life of faith – both as we pray for others and as we ourselves receive prayer support in our own time of need. Here are three ways in which this is practiced in our faith community

1. **Email prayer group.** There are approximately thirty people who receive this and who have committed to praying about matters raised. There is a weekly update, "Prayer Matters", sent out and as needs arise, an email is sent requesting prayer for more urgent matters. Those who don't use email receive a hard copy of the weekly "Prayer Matters". Confidentiality is important to us and any information shared is kept to those on the prayer chain and not more widely discussed.
2. **Maleny Prayer Group.** The Sunday morning prayer group meets at 9am at the Maleny church before the service when we pray together for any matters raised. This can be a good option for any issues that are of a more private nature.
3. **Personal Prayer.** "When two or three are gathered in my name..." It can be a great blessing to sit with someone and pour out our hearts before God. After the Maleny Sunday morning service, there is someone available each week to pray with anyone with a personal prayer need or who would like to pray about a matter on their heart.

If you would like to be a part of the email prayer group or receive a weekly copy of Prayer Matters; or if you have prayer matters to raise for the chain or prayer group, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact **Helen Uhlmann**...

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The Church Hall Hire

The Calendar of Church hall hire is available to check online <https://ourcommonlife.org.au/calendar-hall-hire/#>

Please check and make a booking via admin@ourcommonlife.org.au or 5429 6995

OFFERING

Kindly remember to continue to give your weekly/monthly offerings. They can be Direct Debited to Blackall Range Uniting Church.

ANZ Bank, BSB 014-507. A/C 3762 29735

King of the Jews,
King of the Jews,
crown without jewels,
heavier to wear as you
hung up there on
a throne made of wood,
not of gold.

King with the heart
of a servant, a shepherd
with strength to match
any lion or thief in
the night.

King with no Queen, or
is she within?
Wisdom the Woman who
danced at creation, threw
open the welcome beyond
gates to the city
of choice.

King undefended, angel-
protected, the Tempter left
empty
handed in the desert.

King of the Jews,
the Christ, our Messiah;
servant, alone, Holy
Three in your heart;
king of hearts, our
hearts, who follow your path
through the desert, who dance
at the banquet
with Wisdom.
Sarah Agnew

<https://praythetory.blogspot.com/2016/11/king-jesus.html>

2 Children's book Events with local authors coming up in the School Holidays



BOOK LAUNCH
TOMORROW LAND
12 April, 9.30 am
Little Book Nook
Palmwoods
Come dressed as a teacher
of the future!



YOU'RE INVITED TO A
BOOK PARTY!
with Children's Author
Alesah Darlison
For her new book:
*Rusty, the Rainbow Bird, a story about
gorgeous Gouldian finches!*



Songs, Storytelling, Games, Activities, Photo Opps,
Giveaways, and Book Signings included!

10am Saturday 16 April
The Little Book Nook
Shop 5, 4-6 Little Main Street
Palmwoods, Sunshine Coast

Meet real Gouldian finches!
Dress in a RAINBOW OUTFIT and bring along your rainbow
teddy or toy!

FREE EVENT but bookings required
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**Blackall Range Uniting Church acknowledges the
first peoples who are the traditional owners of the
land upon which we live and worship.**

Easter at 3 Open Gardens at Montville
Sat 16th and Sunday 17th April 9am to 4 pm
travel to Montville in the Sunshine Coast hinterland

"The Shambles"
85 Western Avenue
Montville

"Lower Woontooba"
238 Western Avenue
Montville

"Wongawilli"
19 Manley Drive
Montville



Visitors will enjoy three fascinating large country gardens, each with a different character in their beautiful borrowed landscapes
Plants STALLS, refreshments "Rising Scone cafe" AT "The Shambles"
Funds raised for Cittaamani Hospice www.cittamanahospice.com.au
Visit beautiful Montville village and the scenic Blackall Range attractions
Entry \$10 to each garden (cash only) children free