



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

17 April 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



Face to Face Worship Service

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,

Psalms 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

Sunday 24 April 2022

Montville: 8:15 am: Worship Service

Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service

Palmwoods: 15:30pm Reflections in the Garden

RCL Year C Readings

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Luke 24 vs 5-8

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

⁶ He is not here; he has risen!

Remember how he told you,

while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "

⁸ Then they remembered his words.

LECTIONARY THEMES

Life's Authorisation

Acts 10:34-43, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Imagine what would happen if I forced my way into the flight deck of an aircraft, sat myself down in the pilot's seat and announced that I was taking control, that I would fly the plane myself. Yet people do that sort of thing all the time with their lives. They say that they must be in control, but have they read the manufacturer's manual? Have they undergone the training devised for the position? Do they have the authorisation for taking control?

In Jesus, we see someone who flew the aircraft of his life with God's full authorisation. On the other hand, we see people everywhere flying with fake papers of authorisation. They insist that they must be in control and live it for their own self-centred advantage. This is what is called sin – appropriating the authority for themselves, usurping God's position; and sin leads to destruction, death, plane crash.

The world is designed to run in God's way of reality, goodness, peace, justice and compassion – love. Self-centred, control-hungry living is not true to our God-given specifications. Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin, Pilate and the Roman soldiers, like people everywhere, brought matters under their own control and killed the one who knew how to fly the plane properly.

However, in raising him from the dead so that he lives, not just under the limited conditions of mortal life, but now under the conditions of eternal life, God endorsed his life as the true kind of life for all people. If Adam represents sinful, time-bound, mortal life we can say, "As in Adam all die, so in Christ all shall be made alive", that is, in the way that God meant people to be alive.

The human, self-centred, control-hungry, sinful life that put Jesus on the cross was shown to be a dead end. In the resurrection, God opened up the true way of life for all, a life lived in rich, warm relationship with God, respectful and compassionate relationship with other people, caring and concerned relationship with the rest of creation and with a sense of personal value and confidence based on God's gracious acceptance and love.

- Give examples of ways in which people insist on living their lives for their own self-centred advantage.
- If sin is defined as wresting control of life away from God and appropriating it for ourselves, how does this affect your view of sin?
- What was the troublesome situation that confronted the religious/national leaders and the Roman governor over which they sought to exercise their control when Jesus was put to death?
- How does 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 link the resurrection of Jesus with the ultimate aim of seeing all things brought under God's control?

COMING UP for next weeks– Details below

- **Tuesday 19th April** – Cuppa Craft at Maleny 9:30-12
- Wednesday – Maleny Meditation at 8:30am
- **Thursday 21 April 9:30** Ladies Friendship

Ladies Friendship THURSDAY 21st April 9:30am.
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.

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.



Mobile screening service will be at Maleny Hospital
27 April – 18 May 2022

Women aged 50 to 74 are encouraged to have a breast screen every two years.

Women aged 40 years and over can also use this free service

No referrals needed.

Early detection saves lives

Male an appointment: Call **13 20 50** or

breastscreen.qld.gov.au

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

Blackall Range Uniting Church acknowledges the first peoples who are the traditional owners of the land upon which we live and worship.

Uniting Church – Call for Event Volunteers



The Queensland Synod is hosting two events this May - the reconvened 16th Assembly meeting (6 - 9 May 2022) and the 36th Queensland Synod is being held a few days later (13 - 17 May 2022). Both events are being held at Alexandra Park Conference Centre on the Sunshine Coast. Volunteers will be involved in a variety of back-of-house activities each day in both logistics support (food service, catering station management, point of service, cleaning, setting, moving of chairs/tables) and guest support roles (supporting admin office, ushering, car park/traffic assist, supporting guest entry etc)

Available opportunities include:

Friday, 6 May (8.00am–1.00pm and 4.00pm-9.00pm)

Saturday, 7 May (8.00am–1.00pm and 1.00pm-6.00pm)

Sunday, 8 May (8.00am–1.00pm and 1.00pm-6.00pm)

Monday, 9 May (8.00am–1.00pm)

Saturday, 14 May (8.00am–12.30pm and 2.00pm-6.00pm)

Sunday, 15 May (8.00am–12.30pm and 2.00pm-6.00pm)

Monday, 16 May (8.00am–12.30pm and 4.00pm-8.00pm)

The Alexandra Park Conference Centre is located on the Sunshine Coast. Volunteers will be required to arrange their own transport to the event and accommodation is not provided

Volunteers for this event must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, and will be required to provide proof upon arrival, along with all other guests. Volunteers must also be 18 years of age or over for this event. Training and catering will be provided on the day **

If you wish to volunteer – please contact the Qld

Synod Events team on 3377 9775 or

synodinsession@ucaqld.com.au by Friday, 29 April 2022.

Ministry Contacts:

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Easter Sunday

It is true.

Luke 24:1-13

Confession

We don't believe it

It is true!

We don't believe you.

It is true!

We won't listen.

It is true!

We trust our eyes only.

It is true!

And in the truth
of our humanity
flawed and fragile,
beautiful and bombastic.

You came, You come,

You lived, You died,

You live again, You come again

bring us into your truth
of our humanity,
of your Sacred wonder -
draw us into new life!

Grace

Here we are on Easter day,
the day of resurrection:

Believe it,
it is true.

Grace, love, life,
are here for you,
for us all.

Be at peace.

Amen.

Sarah Agnew from Pray the Story