



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

24 April 2022

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



Face to Face Worship Service

Easter 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

Easter Sunday 1 May 2022

Montville: 7:30 am: Worship Service

Maleny: 9:45am: Holy Communion

Palmwoods: 10:00am Worship Service

RCL Year C Readings

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Peace be with you!

⁵ "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' ⁶ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you."

Luke 10:1-17

Interpreting the Resurrection

Acts 5:27-32 Revelation 1:4-8

Good Friday and Easter have passed; the community turns to other themes and interests. However, the church does not forget the basic themes of Good Friday and Easter Day. Christ's death remains the great testimony we have to God's love and salvation. In his resurrection, he remains for us the first of those who have been raised from death to live life fully in God's eternal realm.

He is preeminent over all human authorities (Revelation 1:5). How do you understand the resurrection? Many attempts have been made to explain it, but the original, biblical, explanation grew out of the old Jewish understanding that God's messianic king, when he came, would, bring in a new heaven and a new earth, and that the dead would be raised to live life in this kingdom.

When people experienced Jesus alive and with them after his crucifixion, they identified it as this anticipated resurrection happening before their eyes. They did not call him a ghost; they knew that it was Jesus that appeared to them – a real person, although no longer restricted by physical and temporal limits.

This established the kingdom of God as a fact, a present reality. Yet the empires and nations of the world continued to flex their muscles. Evil continued. But everything had changed. The eyes of faith saw Christ holding all authority, the only one who rules by divine right, the one that all human authorities should look to as the ultimate authority. Yet who was this King of kings and Lord of lords?

He was the martyr or witness who died on the cross in an outpouring of God's reconciling love. (The Greek word for martyr is the same as the word for witness) The church has then expressed its situation as living between the time of Christ's death and resurrection and the final consummation of all things which he will bring (Basis of Union para 3).

- What are some of the ways that people have tried to explain Christ's resurrection?
- Luke 24:36-42 specifically says that the risen Christ was not a ghost. Why was this important?
- A witness tells the facts as he or she sees them. What were the facts that Peter and the apostles bore witness to before the council in Jerusalem (Acts 5:27-32)?
- Does a good witness always have to be prepared to be a martyr for the truth?

COMING UP for next weeks– Details below

- Tuesday– Cuppa Craft at Maleny 9:30 3rd & 17th May
- Wednesday – Maleny Meditation at 8:30am
- Friday – Maleny KYB at 1:30pm

Feedback from the Easter Gardens at Montville

Words of appreciation from Kyleigh and Michael Simpson from Montville UC. The Open Gardens of 3 private gardens was a success and \$19,500 was raised for Cittamani Hospice service. A

And from us a BIG THANK you to the Simpsons and others for opening their gardens and sharing their blessings.

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.

MAY 2022 May 2022 is a busy month for us a congregation and communities. Please note these dates carefully:

1 May Sunday Labour Day weekend

8 May Sunday 8:15 & 9:00am, Mothers' Day and Dedication of the Red Bench at Montville Uniting Church

10 May Tuesday 5pm– Candle Light Walk and Vigil in solidarity with persons affected by Domestic and Family Violence in Maleny

13-17 May 36th Synod of UCA Queensland at Alexander Heads

22 May Sunday 3pm Dedication of the Red Bench at Palmwoods Community Garden

29 May Sunday 9:45am Combined Service and AGM at Maleny

5 June Sunday Pentecost. Guest Speaker Pastor Ryan Vallee at Maleny at 9:45

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



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

Make an appointment: Call **13 20 50** or
breastscreen.qld.au



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Easter: *Urbi et orbi*

I was asked recently what the origins of the word Easter are? It is actually not certain and there are various postulations:

The word Easter is probably derived from the Old English term for East being *Eastre* – *Ostern* in German. Some trace the word *Ostern* back to the pagan goddess of spring and fertility named *Eostre/Eostrae*. And also, the Easter bunny as a symbol of fertility is connected to the goddess of fertility.

Others trace it back to the Latin phrase *'in albis'*, meaning dawn and translated in Old German to *Eostarum*, from whence the modern-day Easter. Dawn (*sunrise*) or the *East* have always had great significance in our faith as a symbol of resurrection and new life, new beginnings as has the words *oriens* (Latin for East, whence the word orientation) (and of-course the Christmas song: *we three kings of orient are...*).

In Afrikaans, the word for Easter is Paasfees (a direct translation is Feast of Passover) somewhat less controversial and closer to the Hebrew word *Pesah/Pesach* or *Pascha* in Greek. 😊

Also, with Russian and Ukraine being so much in our minds – the Eastern Orthodox Easter is traditionally celebrated a week later and is in fact today, the 24th April. *Urbi et orbi* – a Latin phrase which means 'from Rome to the world' and is a reference to a special papal blessing – and an *urbi et orbi* was given by Pope Francis this Easter 2022:

"In this terrible night of suffering and death, may a new dawn of hope soon appear! Let there be a decision for peace. May there be an end to the flexing of muscles while people are suffering. Please, please,

let us not get used to war! Let us all commit ourselves to imploring peace, from our balconies and in our streets! Peace! May the leaders of nations hear people's plea for peace."
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/urbi/documents/20220417-urbi-et-orbi-pasqua.html>

I encourage you to read the full message – it has also inspired my message on peace today.

Shalom (Hebrew for peace)
Liena

Stand Up Speak Out



Alinta Energy Community Grants

Grants worth up to \$20 000 are available for projects in Queensland that will have a positive impact on either:

- Social disadvantage (e.g. projects that assist members of the community in need); or
- Environmental sustainability (e.g. projects that restore natural ecosystems, reduce the consumption of natural resources and/or reduce waste).

Applications close soon, **on May 31, 2022**. Apply [Here](#).



ANZ Seeds of Renewal Small Grants

The 2022 grants program will **open in early July**. The ANZ Seeds of Renewal program is focused upon supporting projects that align to one of ANZ's three focus areas:

1. Improving environmental sustainability
2. Improving financial wellbeing within the community
3. Improving access to housing



Grants are awarded across remote, rural and regional Australia. More information is available [here](#)

Investing in Queensland Women Grants

Round 2 of the grants program will **open in July 2022**. The Queensland Government provides these one-off grants for one-off events and projects that address the unique issues faced by women and girls. Funding of up to \$15,000 is available for initiatives with a duration of up to 6 months that align with the purpose of the grant program. More information

is available [here](#).

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