



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Pentecost

19 May 2024

Welcome

Hello and welcome all to worship this morning. We extend a special welcome to all visitors to our Church today.

May your time of worship be a blessed one.

If you are a visitor, or newcomer, to our Church, please contact us via email gladuca@bigpond.com if you have any queries or we can be of assistance.

Come, Holy Spirit and make us a Pentecost people.

Let your wisdom and right judgement guide our decisions and temper out impulses.

Let knowledge and understanding increase our capacity for empathy and compassion.

Let reverence and awe fill us with gratitude and respect for all of creation. Give us the courage to witness boldly to our faith in word and deed.

Through and with and in Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen

For the most up-to-date information on our church please remember www.gladstoneuniting.org.au

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Pentecost

Next Week: Trinity Sunday

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Psalms 104: 24-34, 35b

Acts 2: 1-21

John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15



Isaiah 6: 1-8

Psalms 29

Romans 8: 12-17

John 3: 1-17



Our Vision is for the Gladstone Region to be a community where everyone experiences the transforming love of Jesus.

Pentecost: Birth or Mission?

We Christians regard Pentecost as our foundational narrative. It marks the arrival of the Spirit into a room, Peter delivers his inaugural sermon, and the church is born.

Pentecost heralds a transformative moment where the new emerges from the old. If one views Pentecost as a miracle of hearing or communication, distinct from the phenomenon of speaking in tongues, then could the miracle be our very existence? The descent of the Spirit upon the disciples, the conversion of thousands, and the inception of Christ's church—does this encapsulate the essence of Pentecost? Yet, if Pentecost is solely about us, the church, perhaps we have misinterpreted its significance. By commencing Pentecost's narrative, akin to Peter, with the words of the Prophet Joel, we find fulfilment in the realisation of his prophecy. Likewise, beginning with Jesus leads us to the fulfilment of his promises. I propose we commence the Pentecost narrative with the story of creation.

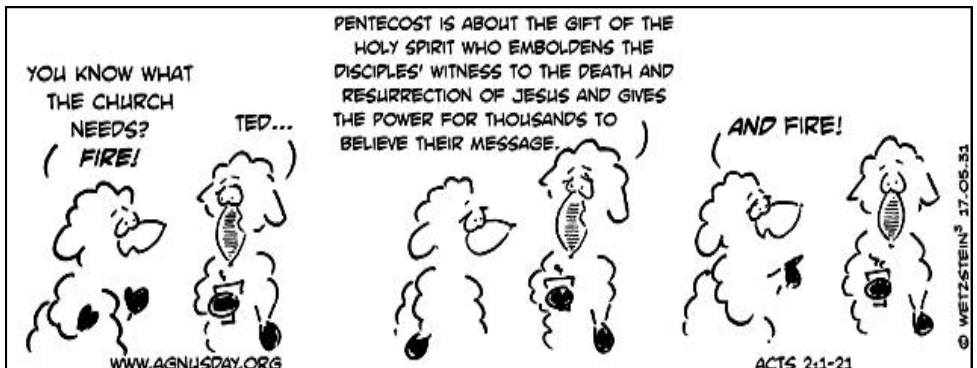


The act of creation by God is not random. It is purposeful and driven by God's mission. Genesis 1:2 attests to the Spirit's presence as God embarks on this mission. Throughout biblical accounts, the Spirit's influence is evident. The Spirit's presence on Pentecost is not a one-time event. It is a significant step in the ongoing divine mission. With each manifestation of the Spirit, God's mission progresses. On Pentecost, this mission takes another step forward, inviting the church to actively participate.

Pentecost stands as a pivotal event that extends beyond the mere establishment of the church. It serves as a profound symbol of the ongoing mission of God, a divine endeavour spanning eternity. Within this cosmic narrative, Pentecost represents God's dynamic presence and movement in the world, inviting all creation into the transformative journey of redemption and renewal. As the Spirit descends, it ignites the fire of God's purpose, calling humanity to active engagement in the realisation of God's Fellowship on earth. Thus, Pentecost beckons not just the church but all of creation to participate in God's mission.

χάρις & εἰρήνη— Ἐὐοχηθῆτε ἐν ἡμετέρῳ - Grace and Peace,

Levon



Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

<u>26 May 2024</u>	
Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Worship Lead-in	Levon Kardashian
Notices & Prayers	Pam Elliott
Vestry Elders	H. Holmes, J. Parnell
Bible Reader	Pam Elliott
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Back Up Singer	Caitlin Price
Piano	Nicky Rippingale
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Nathan Rippingale
Sound System	
Church Steward/Valet	
Welcome Host	Kerry Price
Count Offering	G. Price, Helper Pls
Morning Tea	H. Versic, J. Broome

<u>Monday 20 May 2024</u>	
9-11am	Little Explorers—In Hall
<u>Tuesday 21 May 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 22 May 2024</u>	
<u>Thursday 23 May 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Friday 24 May 2024</u>	
<u>Saturday 25 May 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 26 May 2024</u>	
9am	Worship Service

Worship Training Session

For all those who already participate in, or who would like to participate in worship, Levon is hosting a worship training session on Saturday 25 May 9am at the Church. Please bring a plate of Morning Tea to share.

RSVP to the Office by Tuesday 21 May.



Dates to Note

New Auckland Place 4 June 1pm

**Church Council Meeting
Monday 27 May 7:30pm**

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday May 20 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Joel 2:18-29 1 Corinthians 12:4-11	Tuesday May 21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Genesis 11:1-9 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
Wednesday May 22 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Ezekiel 37:1-14 John 20:19-23	Thursday May 23 Psalm 29 Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20 Romans 8:1-8
Friday May 24 Psalm 29 Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 8:9-11	Saturday May 25 Psalm 29 Isaiah 5:15-24 John 15:18-20, 26-27

Combined Churches

Ecumenical Pentecost Service

Sunday evening May 19

6pm

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Offering collected will be used help school children grow in faith.

COME
HOLY SPIRIT
 FILL THE HEARTS
 OF YOUR FAITHFUL
 AND KINDLE IN THEM
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.
 SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT
 AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED
AND YOU SHALL RENEW
 THE FACE OF THE
 EARTH.



Thanks to Peter Mason

03-12-2007

THESE "ON-FIRE CHRISTIANS" SURE COME
 IN HANDY AT THESE BARBECUES

Only God can turn
 a **MESS** into a
 message, a **TEST** into a
 testimony, a **TRIAL** into
 a triumph, a **VICTIM**
 into a victory.

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Direct EFT Giving

This is an option for those who like the convenience of setting up a Direct Transfer from your own bank account to the church each week/month for your offering. Please use 'Tithing' as the reference for regular offerings and 'Spec Offering' for a once off.

BSB: 014010 A/C: 192134483

Account Name: UCA Gladstone Congregation

Interface

Back copies of the weekly Interface are available on request. Remember also that these can also be downloaded from the Gladstone UC website at:

www.gladstoneuniting.org.au and are published on our Facebook page.



ALLERGY ALERT

Please be aware when preparing any food for Morning Tea, or possibly bringing snacks for yourself or your children, that the Gladstone Uniting Church is a Nut & Egg Free Church. Please note that Egg as an ingredient in cakes or biscuits is fine. Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

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