



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Pentecost 8

14 July 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.

A MORNING PRAYER

God, please enlighten my mind with truth;
Inflame my heart with love;
Inspire my will with courage;
Enrich my life with service.
Pardon what I have been;
Sanctify what I am;
And order what I shall be.
Amen



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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Pentecost 8

Next Week: Pentecost 9

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19

Psalms 24

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Mark 6: 14-29



2 Samuel 7: 1-14a

Psalms 89: 20-37

Ephesians 2: 11-22

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56



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

The Cost of Silence: From Bonhoeffer to John the Baptist

In the late 1930s, amidst the rising tide of Nazi wickedness, the German pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer stood firm against the growing tyranny. Working at the higher political levels of resistance, Bonhoeffer encouraged the military authorities within the Kreslau Circle to take a stand. His vocal condemnation and active opposition to Herr Hitler's regime led to his early arrest and imprisonment, a fate shared by many Christians who bravely spoke out against the horrors they witnessed.

Bonhoeffer, a man of deep conscience and unwavering faith, did not survive World War II. As American forces closed in on the prison where he was held, Nazi guards, in a desperate act, executed him and others on a "must not survive" list. Their crime? Daring to speak the truth and defy the pervasive evil of the time.

His crime? To use a modern phrase, Bonhoeffer was considered politically incorrect! Why? He, like many Christians, told the truth and was willing to abide by the consequences of condemning the dangers and madness of Hitler and his occultic Black Shirted Strassen Soldaten. The early inmates of the Nazi concentration camps were predominantly Christians, who were soon joined and outnumbered by Jews as the persecution escalated in the mid-forties. People of faith faced harassment, persecution, and ultimately destruction, as the power of the Nazi state sought to crush all dissent at any social cost.

The state branded those who opposed its tyranny as enemies, demonstrating a timeless truth: whenever absolutism rises and demands respect for moral error and heresy, those who stand against it become targets. Bonhoeffer's story, like many others, teaches us that the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to remain silent. His legacy calls us to speak out and act against injustice, no matter the cost.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer's courageous stand against the Nazi regime reminds us of another tragic silence in history: the beheading of John the Baptist. At Herod's lavish party, despite knowing the righteousness of John, no one spoke up to stop the injustice as Herodias' deadly request was granted. The silence of the guests at Herod's feast echoes the complicity seen throughout history when people fail to act against wrongdoing. Both Bonhoeffer and John the Baptist stand as solemn reminders that silence in the face of injustice perpetuates evil, urging us to speak out and act with moral courage in our own time.

ἡ χάρις & — הַשָּׁלוֹם וְהַשָּׁמֶחַ וְהַנְּחִיָּיִם - Grace and Peace,

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Next Week's Gladstone Roster & Church Activities

<u>21 July 2024</u>	
Preaching	Levon Kardashian
Worship Lead-in	Levon Kardashian
Notices & Prayers	Helen Evans
Vestry Elders	F. Clark, J. Parnell
Bible Reader	Helen Evans
Song Selector	Tony Leong
Back Up Singer	Caitlin Price
Piano	Nicky Rippingale
Additional Music	
Data Projector	Nathan Rippingale
Sound System	
Church Steward/Valet	Ian Rippingale
Welcome Host	Linda Rippingale
Count Offering	Ian R, Helper Please
Morning Tea	

<u>Monday 15 July 2024</u>	
9-11am	Little Explorers—In Hall
<u>Tuesday 16 July 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Wednesday 17 July 2024</u>	
<u>Thursday 18 July 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Friday 19 July 2024</u>	
<u>Saturday 20 July 2024</u>	
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
<u>Sunday 21 July 2024</u>	
8.30am	Tannum Worship Service
9am	Gladstone Worship Service


Soup & Trivia Night
Saturday July 20 @ 6pm.
Teams of 6.

Please contact Selena for more information or if you need a lift.



Dates to Note

New Auckland Place 6 August 1pm
Congregational Meeting 14 July
Soup & Trivia 20 July
Car Rally & BBQ 12 October TBC



Congregational Meeting
TODAY 14 July 2024
Directly following worship
Approval of annual budget

<i>Daily Lectionary Readings</i>	
Monday July 15 Psalm 142 Amos 5:1-9 Acts 21:27-39	Tuesday July 16 Psalm 142 Amos 9:1-4 Acts 23:12-35
Wednesday July 17 Psalm 142 Amos 9:11-15 Luke 7:31-35	Thursday July 18 Psalm 23 Jeremiah 10:1-16 Colossians 1:15-23
Friday July 19 Psalm 23 Jeremiah 10:17-25 Acts 17:16-31	Saturday July 20 Psalm 23 Jeremiah 12:1-13 Luke 18:35-43

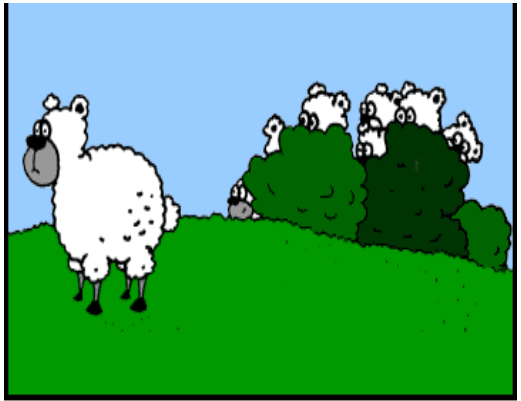
Lord

help me to remember
 that nothing is going to happen
 to me today that you and I
 together can't handle.

Amen



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.



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WAIT, THOUGHT FLUFFY, THE HERD WAS
 JUST HERE ... I KNOW I'M NOT LOST

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

Gladstone Worship Centre

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9.00am—12.00pm

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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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