

Interface

Transfiguration

23 February 2025

Welcome

ello 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.

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts.

Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Transfiguration

Exodus 34: 29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2

Luke 9: 28-36



Next Week: Lent 1

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16

Romans 10: 8b-13

Luke 4: 1-13



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

The Glory and the Yakka: A Mountain's Secret

It was supposed to be a journey. A quiet retreat away from the buzz of the world. But when Jonah arrived at the base of Mount Orm, he could not shake the feeling that something was wrong. The mountain was shrouded in mist, its towering peaks veiled by the grey sky. He had heard stories about the mountain—rumours of hidden



caves, old artefacts, and even whispers of a long-lost treasure. But Jonah was not here for any of that. He was here to find peace.

At least, that was the plan.

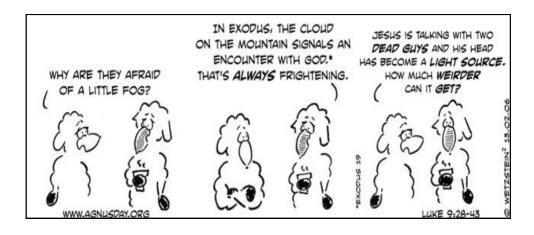
Jonah had recently walked away from a high-powered corporate job, burned out from the constant grind. His mind, his body, his soul—all had been running on empty. He had read about a mysterious mountain retreat, an ancient place where monks practised silent contemplation and connected with the divine. It was just what he needed: serenity, quiet, and an escape from the chaos.

He trekked up steadily, the trail winding up through the dense forest. The further he went, the quieter it became. There were no sounds of animals, no rustle of leaves—just the echo of his own footsteps on the rocky terrain. By the time he reached the summit, the clouds had thickened, obscuring everything below.

Jonah stumbled into the retreat's courtyard, a vast, open area surrounded by stone walls. A single monk, rugged up in deep brown robes, stood by a simple stone altar, his face calm and chilled out. His eyes glowed faintly, almost as if he were a part of the mountain itself.

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Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

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	9 March 2025	Monday 3 March 2025		
Preaching	Levon Kardashian	9-11am	Little Explorers—In Hall	
Worship Lead-in	Dulcie Van W	<u>Tu</u>	esday 4 March 2025	
Notices & Prayers	Dulcie Van W	9am-1pm	Bookshop Open	
Vestry Elders	Ian M, Selena A	Wed	dnesday 5 March 2025	
Bible Reader	Dulcie Van W	<u>Th</u>	ursday 6 March 2025	
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick	9am-1pm	Bookshop Open	
Back Up Singer		F	riday 7 March 2025	
Piano	Emily Field	10am	World Day of Prayer	
Additional Music		Saturday 8 March 2025		
Data Projector	lan Anderson	9am-1pm	Bookshop Open	
Sound System	Wise Kafoa	Sunday 9 March 2025		
Church Steward/Valet	Ian Rippingale	7.45am	Tannum Worship Service	
Welcome Host		9am	Gladstone Worship Service	
Count Offering		4pm	Messy Church @ Canoe Pt	
Morning Tea	Linda R, Helper Please	4piii	iviessy Church @ Cande Pt	

CQ Presbytery Meeting 14-16 March 2025

Gladstone UCA will be hosting the 14-16 March 2025 Presbytery Meeting. Helpers for food serving, preparing Morning and Afternoon teas, hosting billets etc will be required. Please mark on the forms in the Narthex if you are able to host billets and make or serve food. Please speak to Levon for any more information.

World Day of Prayer 2025 Cook Islands



World Day of Prayer Friday 7 March 10am Star of the Sea Catholic Church

For more information please speak to Pam Elliott

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* Eden Vale Service 18 Mar 10am * Church Council Meeting

* Church Council Meeting 17 March 7:30pm

Messy Church 4pm 9 March Canoe Point

High Tea 17 May

Daily Lectionary Readings

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Monday March 3	Tuesday March 4
Psalm 35:11-28	Psalm 35:11-28
Exodus 35:1-29	Ezekiel 1:1-2:1
Acts 10:9-23a	Acts 10:23b-33
Wednesday March 5	Thursday March 6
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Psalm 103:8-14	Exodus 5:10-23
2 Cor 5:20b-6:10	Acts 7:30-34
Matt 6:1-6, 16-21	
Friday March 7	Saturday March 8
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Exodus 6:1-13	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Acts 7:35-42	John 12:27-36

Please note that the exercise class is now at 8am Monday mornings so please make sure to pack up all the tables and chairs after morning tea on Sunday.

At the Church Council AGM the following people were elected:

Chair - Wayne Davidson
Deputy Chair - Nathan Rippingale
Secretary - Selena Anderson
Treasurer - Ian McKay

We thank them for sharing their time and talents.

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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I DIDN'T SMITE YOU ... THIS TIME YOU WERE ONLY GUILTY OF HIKING ON A MOUNTAIN IN THE RAIN WITH A METAL WALKING STICK

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

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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 <u>Nut & Egg Free Church</u>. 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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