



# Gladstone Uniting Church

# Interface

Palm Sunday

13 April 2025

## Welcome

**H**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](mailto:gladuca@bigpond.com) if you have any queries or we can be of assistance.

Lord Jesus,  
as we worship you today,  
save us from empty praise;  
save us from superficiality;  
save us from following the crowd;  
save us from being fickle;  
save us from pride;  
save us from ourselves;  
save us NOW, we pray.  
Amen.

For the most up-to-date information on our church please remember  
[www.gladstoneuniting.org.au](http://www.gladstoneuniting.org.au)

### Lectionary Bible Readings

#### This Week: Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-29

Philippians 2: 5-11

Luke 19: 28-40



#### Next Week: Easter Sunday

Isaiah 65: 17-25

Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24

Acts 10: 34-43

Luke 24: 1-12



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

## Singing Stones and Silent Voices

*Based on Luke 19:28–40 – The Pharisees ask Jesus to silence his followers, but he says even the stones would cry out.*

It was the autumn of 1915 when the soldiers arrived in the village. The winds had shifted, bringing with them the faintest smell of smoke and ash, the scent of a world on fire. Hovhannes, no more than eight years old, sat with his mother by the fireplace, their small home crackling with warmth. His mother, Anna, looked out the window with a quiet, distant gaze, as though she already knew what was coming.

“Hovhannes,” she said softly, “take this stone. It will remember us when we are no longer here.” Her hands, trembling from both age and fear, handed him a smooth, dark stone, its surface worn and polished from years of use. She scratched something into it, something Hovhannes couldn’t understand, her sharp movements leaving faint etchings on the stone. Her eyes, though filled with sorrow, held a fierce determination. “Keep it close to you. It will be the only part of us left.”

Before he could ask why, she pressed the stone into his small hand and kissed his forehead. There was no time for more words. The sound of boots marching in the distance grew louder. The soldiers were coming.

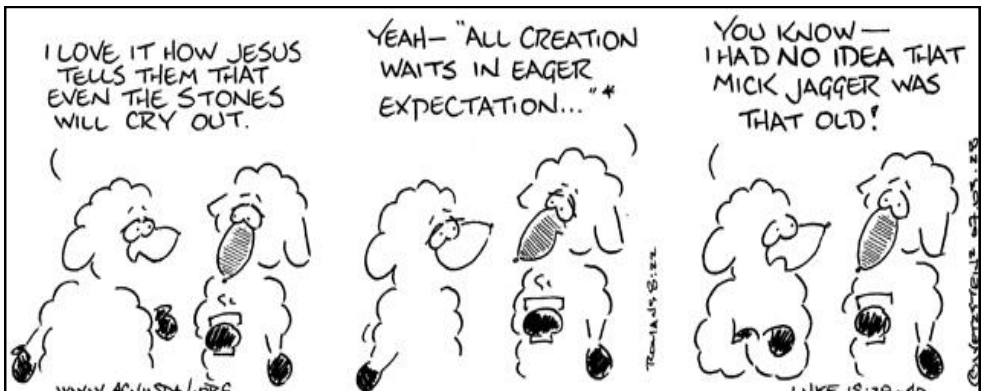
As Hovhannes and his mother were swept into the chaos of forced displacement, the stone was his only possession, a constant reminder of his mother’s love and the home he’d been torn from. He kept it in his pocket, even as he was separated from his family, forced into a camp where children like him were lost to the world.



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Levon

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## *Next Week's Roster & Church Activities*

	<b><u>20 April 2025</u></b>
<b>Preaching</b>	Levon Kardashian
<b>Worship Lead-in</b>	Levon Kardashian
<b>Notices &amp; Prayers</b>	Ros Bambrick
<b>Vestry Elders</b>	D. Bambrick, I. McKay
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Laraine McKay
<b>Song Selector</b>	Ros Bambrick
<b>Back Up Singer</b>	Fiona Binney
<b>Piano</b>	Nicky Rippingale
<b>Additional Music</b>	Craig Binney
<b>Data Projector</b>	Nathan Rippingale
<b>Sound System</b>	
<b>Church Steward/Valet</b>	Geoff Rohde
<b>Welcome Host</b>	
<b>Count Offering</b>	J. Parnell, G. Rohde
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Jill R,

	<b><u>Monday 14 April 2025</u></b>
9-11am	Little Explorers—Holidays
	<b><u>Tuesday 15 April 2025</u></b>
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
	<b><u>Wednesday 16 April 2025</u></b>
	<b><u>Thursday 17 April 2025</u></b>
9am-1pm	Bookshop Open
	<b><u>Friday 18 April 2025</u></b>
	<b><u>Saturday 19 April 2025</u></b>
9am-1pm	Bookshop Closed
	<b><u>Sunday 20 April 2025</u></b>
6am	Sunrise service Canoe Pt
9am	Worship Gladstone

### **Easter Events to Note**

*Maundy Thursday Dinner 6pm*

*Good Friday Service 7.30am*

*Good Friday night Prayer Vigil*

*Midnight–1am*

Please see Gavin with questions



### **Easter Sunday morning services**

**6am Sunrise service with Anglicans and Catholics  
Canoe Point Tannum Sands followed by  
breakfast.**

**9am Worship at Gladstone Worship Centre**

Please note - NO 7.45am Service at TWC on  
Easter Sunday

### **Dates to Note**

**\* New Auckland Place Service**

6 May 1pm

**\* Eden Vale Service**

April 15 10am

**\* Church Council Meeting**

28 April 7:30pm

**High Tea 17 May**

### **Daily Lectionary Readings**

#### **Monday April 14**

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 36:5-11  
Hebrews 9:11-15  
John 12:1-11

#### **Tuesday April 15**

Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 71:1-14  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
John 12:20-36

#### **Wed April 16**

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 70  
Hebrews 12:1-3  
John 13:21-32

#### **Thursday April 17**

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10]  
11-14  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

#### **Friday April 18**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25  
John 18:1-19:42

#### **Saturday April 19**

Isaiah 55:1-11  
Psalm 19  
Romans 6:3-11  
John 20:1-18

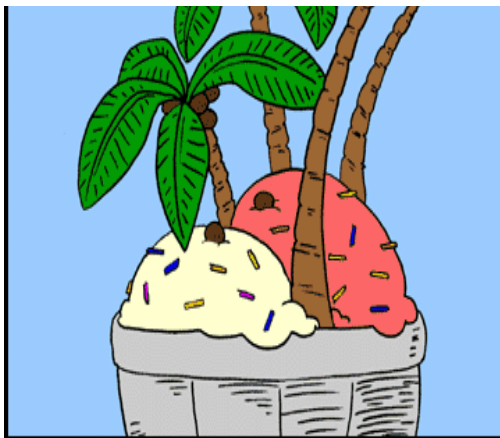
Let light shine in  
the darkness

LENT



# LENT

is a call  
to renew  
a commitment  
grown dull,  
perhaps,  
by a life  
more marked  
by routine than  
by reflection.



Thanks to Dad Hengeveld

04-14-2000

## PALM SUNDAE

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

Cnr Uniting Place & Dixon Dr

### Tannum Worship Centre

12 Silverton Dr

### Gladstone Office Details:

**Open Tues & Thurs**

**9.00am—12.00pm**

**(times subject to change in school holidays)**

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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

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[www.gladstoneuniting.org.au](http://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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FREE**