



# Gladstone Uniting Church

# Interface

Pentecost 3

29 June 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.

God be with our family,  
From the youngest to the oldest,  
Lighting up our relationships,  
Sowing grace into our troubles.

God be with our family,  
Weaving love into our work,  
Our rest, and our play.

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: Pentecost 3

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14

Psalms 77: 1-2, 11-20

Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

Luke 9: 51-62



#### Next Week: Pentecost 4

2 Kings 5: 1-14

Psalms 30

Galatians 6: (1-6) 7-16

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20



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

## Red Sea Regrets: A Survivor's Guilt Trip (Now with 50% more trauma)

*Based on Psalm 77 & Exodus overlay – Told through the imagined voice of an Egyptian soldier at the Red Sea*

I still dream about the water. Not the drowning. Not even the shouting. Just the moment it stood still—like it was listening. That's the part that haunts me.

You want to hear it again? The story? You've heard it before, but all right. Sit closer. The fire's warm, and the wind is up. Nights like this, I remember more than I forget.

I was a foot soldier back then. Just another name in the list, armour too big, orders too fast. Pharaoh had changed his mind—again. He said the Hebrews had tricked us. Said they were escaping with stolen gods or stolen honour. Doesn't matter. When Pharaoh says chase, you chase.

We marched hard across the dust, sweat pouring, sand clinging. I thought they would be running in panic. But when we caught up to them near the sea, they were just standing there. Thousands of them, backs to the water, not even holding weapons. I remember thinking—what kind of madness is this?

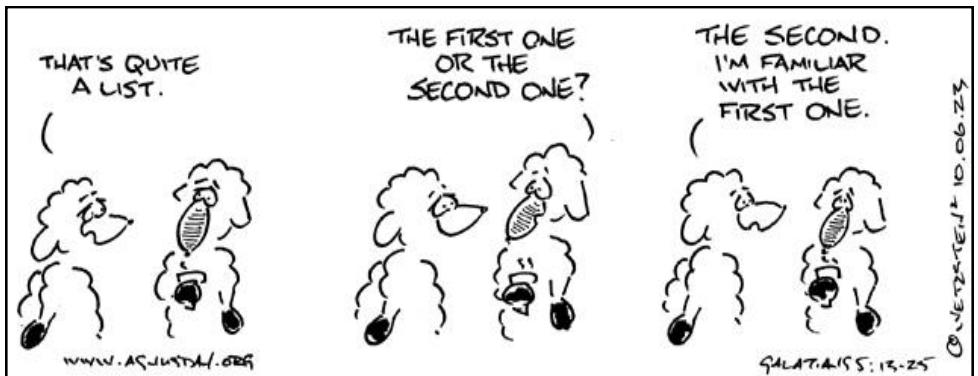
But they weren't mad. They were waiting.

Then it happened. You hear people talk about it like it was thunder and wind and trumpets. It wasn't. Not at first. It was quiet. Too quiet. The kind of quiet that makes your heart forget how to beat. The sea didn't crash—it *opened*. Like a curtain pulled back. A wall of water on one side. A wall of water on the other. And dry ground—dry!—right through the middle.



χάρις & εἰρήνη - Հնորիք եւ Խաղաղութիւն - Grace and Peace  
*Levon*

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

### 6 July 2025

<b>Preaching</b>	Levon Kardashian
<b>Worship Lead-in</b>	Delwyn Bambrick
<b>Notices &amp; Prayers</b>	Delwyn Bambrick
<b>Vestry Elders</b>	L. McKay, D. Bambrick
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Dulcie van W
<b>Song Selector</b>	Ros Bambrick
<b>Back Up Singer</b>	Ian McKay
<b>Piano</b>	Selena Anderson
<b>Additional Music</b>	
<b>Data Projector</b>	Ian Anderson
<b>Sound System</b>	
<b>Church Steward/Valet</b>	Ian Rippingale
<b>Welcome Host</b>	
<b>Count Offering</b>	John Parnell, Helper pls
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Helper please

### **Congregational Meeting TODAY**

Please stay after worship for a Congregational Meeting. Business will include approve the budget; the future of children's ministry including playgroup and the time of Gladstone worship.



### Monday 30 June 2025

9-11am Little Explorers—Holidays

### Tuesday 1 July 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

1pm New Auckland Place

### Wednesday 2 July 2025

### Thursday 3 July 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

### Friday 4 July 2025

### Saturday 5 July 2025

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

### Sunday 6 July 2025

7:45am Tannum Worship

9am Worship Gladstone

### *Dates to Note*

#### \* New Auckland Place Service

1 July 1pm

#### \* Eden Vale Service

15 July 10am

#### \* Congregation Meeting

Sunday 29 June 10.30am

#### \* Soup and Trivia Night

Saturday 16 August 6pm

## *Daily Lectionary Readings*

### **Monday June 30**

Psalm 75  
2 Kings 2:15-22  
1 John 2:7-11

### **Tuesday July 1**

Psalm 75  
2 kings 3:4-20  
Ephesians 5:6-20

### **Wed July 2**

Psalm 75  
2 Kings 4:1-7  
Matthew 10:16-25

### **Thursday July 3**

Psalm 30  
2 Kings 4:8-17  
Romans 7:14-25

### **Friday July 4**

Psalm 30  
2 Kings 4:18-31  
2 Corinthians 8:1-7

### **Saturday July 5**

Psalm 30  
2 Kings 4:32-37  
Luke 9:1-6

*Anyone who wishes to donate non-perishable food items or hygiene items for Uniting Care to distribute, there is a collection point in the Narthex. There are paper shopping bags in the kitchen for donations.*

***TODAY we will bless what has been donated to date and it will be given to Uniting Care this week.***

### **Save the Date**

Saturday 26 July QLD Community Alliance Gladstone will be hosting a "Table Talk" at the Gladstone Uniting Church. Watch this space for more information.

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 Sharon in California (See Revelation 3:20) 03-22-2005

HOW LONG DO YOU SUPPOSE HE WILL KEEP KNOCKING?

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 Silvertown Dr

#### Gladstone Office Details:

Open Tues & Thurs

9.00am—12.00pm

(times subject to change in school holidays)

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Sermon ideas and story:

<https://theoblog.org.au/reflections/>

#### 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**