



Gladstone Uniting Church Interface

Lent 5

22 March 2026

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 office@gladstoneuniting.org.au if you have any queries or we can be of assistance.



God of life, help us ever to remember that Jesus' journey to the cross was to save a world in need.

When you call us to take up our cross, you invite us into that mission.

Give us ready hands and hearts filled with compassion that we are always ready to serve those in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

Lectionary Bible Readings

This Week: Lent 5

Next Week: Palm Sunday

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8: 6-11

John 11: 1-45



Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-29

Philippians 2: 5-11

Matthew 21: 1-11



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

Too Late for Rescue

Based on John 11:1-45 – Jesus delays coming to Lazarus, allowing death to occur before acting.

Disclaimer: This story is based on the trial and death of Socrates as narrated by Plato in Apology. While it follows the historical events, it is presented as an imaginative reconstruction, including created dialogue and reflections to enhance the narrative.



Athens was a democracy that prided itself on freedom. Yet it executed a philosopher for asking difficult questions.

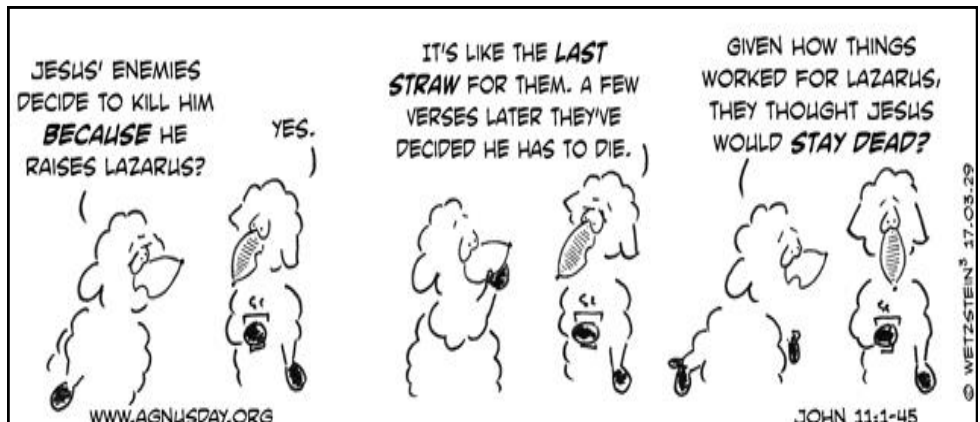
I remember the morning clearly, though many years have passed. The streets of Athens were quieter than usual, as though the city itself wished to pretend nothing unusual was happening. Merchants opened their stalls. Citizens argued in the agora. Children ran through the alleys chasing one another. Life continued with the comfortable rhythm of ordinary days, but a man was about to die. I walked slowly toward the prison, rehearsing arguments in my mind that I had already made many times before. Surely there was still a way. Surely something could be done. My teacher had faced his accusers with calm confidence, but confidence had not saved him from their verdict.

Inside the prison courtyard, a few of us had gathered. We spoke quietly, as though loud voices might disturb something fragile in the air. There was Crito, restless as always, pacing the stone floor. Others sat in silence. No one seemed able to say what needed to be said. Crito turned to me when I arrived. “You must speak to him again,” he whispered. “He will listen to you.” But we had all tried. We had reminded him that the verdict was unjust. We had arranged for guards to look the other way. Friends had offered money, safe houses, and passage to other cities. Everything was prepared. All he needed to do was leave. Yet Socrates would not go.

[Continue reading the full story here.](#)

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Levon



Next Week's Roster & Church Activities

29 March 2026

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| Preaching | Levon Kardashian |
| Worship Lead-in | Levon Kardashian |
| Notices & Prayers | |
| Vestry Elders | Wayne D, Delwyn B |
| Bible Reader | |
| Song Selector | Tony Leong |
| Back Up Singer | |
| Piano | |
| Additional Music | |
| Data Projector | |
| Sound System | |
| Church Steward/Vol | |
| Welcome Host | |
| Count Offering | |
| Morning Tea | |

Tannum Sands

Monday 23 March 2026

Tuesday 24 March 2026

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Wednesday 25 March 2026

Thursday 26 March 2026

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Friday 27 March 2026

Saturday 28 March 2026

9am-1pm Bookshop Open

Sunday 29 March 2026

7:45am Combined Worship

@ Tannum Sands WC



Easter Prayer Vigil 1am –2am
Saturday 4 April Auckland Hill
Prayer points—Easter Activities.
People's safety and Christian
outreach opportunities.
 Please contact Gavin with queries.

Dates to Note

* **New Auckland Place Service**

7 April 1pm

* **Eden Vale Service**

21 April 10am

Sunday 19 April 30th Anniversary GUC

Maundy Thursday Bring & Share

We will be having a Bring and Share **Lamb roast** dinner on Maundy Thursday 2 April starting at 6pm. This will include a Communion Service. There are sheets in the Narthex for you to indicate if you are coming and what you might be able to contribute to the dinner.

Linda Rippingale has agreed to once again co-ordinate the meal so please speak to her if you have any queries.



Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday March 23

Psalm 143
 1 Kings 17:17-24
 Acts 20:7-12

Tuesday March 24

Psalm 143
 2 Kings 4:18-37
 Ephesians 2:1-10

Wed March 25

Psalm 143
 Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41
 Matthew 22:23-33

Thursday March 26

Psalm 31:9-16
 1 Samuel 16:11-13
 Philippians 1:1-11

Friday March 27

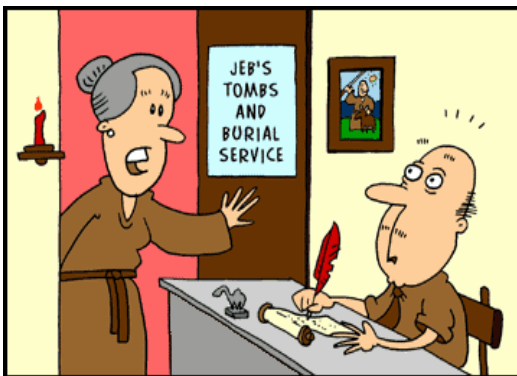
Psalm 31:9-16
 Job 13:13-19
 Philippians 1:21-30

Saturday March 28

Psalm 31:9-16
 Lamentations 3:55-66
 Mark 10:32-34

LENT

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



(See John 11:1-45)

08-07-2000

EXCUSE ME SIR, YOU HAVE A MR. LAZARUS
AND HIS FAMILY HERE TO SEE YOU ABOUT
A PROBLEM THAT THEY HAVE WITH YOUR
INVOICE

Dates Levon is Not Preaching at Gladstone

Sunday 1 Feb

Sunday 22 Feb—Staying at Tannum

Sunday 15 March—Presbytery

Sunday 22 March—Staying at Tannum

Sunday 3 May—Sunday 17 May (Inclusive)-

Annual Leave

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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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

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 Free Church. Please do not bring or use peanuts or peanut products.

Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

