

# St John the Baptist Bulimba.

7.30am and 9.00am

Palm Sunday

24 March 2024

## READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR PALM SUNDAY

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*Both services this day begin outside the church building. We hear the Palm Sunday Gospel and process before entering the church building.*

### **First Hymn (9.00am only)**

*'Make way, make way for Christ the King' (Graham Kendrick Easter Collection 25)*

*In the chorus the men sing first and the women respond with the echo (in brackets) and all join in the last line.*

**Make way, make way, for Christ the King  
In splendour arrives  
Fling wide the gates and welcome Him  
into your lives**

*Make way! (Make way!) Make way! (Make way!)  
For the King of kings (For the King of kings)  
Make way! (Make way!) Make way! (Make way!)  
And let His kingdom in.*

**He comes the broken hearts to heal  
The prisoners to free  
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance  
The blind shall see  
*Make way! (Make way!) ...***

**And those who mourn with heavy hearts  
Who weep and sigh  
With laughter, joy and royal crown  
He'll beautify  
*Make way! (Make way!) ...***

**We call you now to worship Him  
As Lord of all  
To have no gods before Him  
Their thrones must fall!  
*Make way! (Make way!) ...***

*Words and Music: Graham Kendrick 1950-*

**Second Hymn (9.00am only)**

*'Hosanna' (All Together Everybody 211)*

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest  
Lord we lift up Your name  
With hearts full of praise  
Be exalted, oh Lord my God  
Hosanna in the highest**

**Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings  
Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings  
Lord we lift up Your name  
With hearts full of praise  
Be exalted, oh Lord my God  
Glory to the King of kings.**

*Words and Music: Carl Tuttle© 1985 Mercy Publishing / Thankyou Music*

### **Third Hymn (9.00am only)**

*'Majesty' (Mission Praise 454)*

**Majesty, worship his majesty:  
Unto Jesus be all glory, honour, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority,  
Flow from his throne, unto his own, his anthem raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.**

**Majesty, worship his majesty:  
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.  
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King  
Majesty, worship his majesty,  
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.**

*Words and Music: Jack Hayford*

### **Processional Hymn (both services)**

*'Ride on, ride on in majesty' (Together In Song 348)*

**Ride on, ride on, in majesty;  
hark, all the tribes hosanna cry!  
O Saviour, meek, pursue your road  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on, in majesty,  
in lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, your triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on, in majesty;  
the wingèd squadrons of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on, in majesty;  
your last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
the Father, on his sapphire throne,  
awaits his own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on, in majesty;  
in lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow your meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, your power, and reign.**

*Words: Henry Hart Milman 1791-1868 alt  
Music: WINCHESTER NEW. Melody adapted by William Henry Havergal 1793-1870  
from a chorale in the 'Musikalisches Hand-Buch' Hamburg, 1690.*

**SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:**

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2.10–11*

**THE COLLECT FOR PALM SUNDAY:**

God of all, you gave your only-begotten Son to take the form of a servant, and to be obedient even to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL MARK 11:1-11**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them,

‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.”’ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*Notes on Mark 11:1-11.*

*What an entrance! If Jesus wanted to draw attention and make a statement then this was certainly a dramatic way to do that! The symbolism would have been obvious in many ways. The people would have seen echoes of David in Jesus' entry. On the opposite side of Jerusalem, at the same time, Herod was entering, surrounded by the Roman soldiers, on horseback, greeted by (usually) sullen and silent crowds. The words of praise and blessing for Jesus from the crowds drew even more attention. Immediately opposite the path down from the Mount of Olives was the gate of the temple through which it was believed that the Messiah would enter (though it is not clear whether Jesus entered there). Jesus looked around ... then left and went back the same way. This was not the day for the final step. But the journey had taken a dramatic new step.*

*Questions to take into Holy Week:*

- 1. If someone came to you and asked your assistance 'because God needs your help', what would you answer? Why?*
- 2. Have you ever been so excited to see someone that you have done something dramatic? That might have been at a concert. It might have been at an airport. It might have been in private or in public. How do you show your joy?*
- 3. Have you ever begun something then realised the time was not quite right, yet? The time would (or will) come. How do you hold a vision of something important until the 'right time'?*

**READING AT 9.00AM ONLY. MARK 14:3-9**

<sup>3</sup>While Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. <sup>4</sup>But some were there who said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.' And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. <sup>9</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

*Notes on Mark 14:3-9.*

*What that woman, unnamed, offered, was an act of love, a gift given in response to all the blessings she had received. We tell her story still, as Jesus said we would. This week is punctuated with love and confrontation, misunderstanding and hope ... all woven together!*

*Questions to take into Holy Week:*

- 1. Have you ever given a gift worth almost a year's wages? Would you? Under what circumstances?*
- 2. Have you ever been offended or disturbed by the way what someone else has shown their love, judging them for some perceived extravagant excess? Why?*
- 3. How would you like to be remembered? For which of the 'acts' of your life would you hope that people will hold your memory?*

**FIRST READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11 .**

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<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, [~~though he was~~] *being* in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Notes on Philippians 2:5-11.*

*It is widely suggested that this passage was an early hymn, sung during some of the earliest Christian gatherings for worship. The alteration in verse 6 is important. The Greek can be interpreted either to mean the words in the square brackets OR the word in italics. The italicised alternative emphasises that humility and self-giving IS in the very nature of God.*

*Questions to take into Holy Week:*

- 1. When you pray, have you ever asked to think as God thinks, to see as God sees, to act as God acts? What effect might that approach have on your prayer and on your living?*

2. *How comfortable are you adopting humility, living with a focus on others, serving? How does that show?*
3. *When your 'tongue' is loosened and you tell others about Jesus, what do you say? How is his humility and self-giving a part of the invitation you share?*

*Psalm 31:9-18 (7.30am only)* ANN WINFIELD

<sup>9</sup> Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:

my eye wastes away for grief, my throat also and my inward parts.

<sup>10</sup> **For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with sighing:**

**my strength fails me in my affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup> I am become the scorn of all my enemies:

and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

<sup>12</sup> **I am a thing of horror to my friends:**

**and those that see me in the street shrink from me.**

<sup>13</sup> I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:

I have become like a broken vessel.

<sup>14</sup> **For I hear the whispering of many:**

**and fear is on every side;**

<sup>15</sup> While they plot together against me:

and scheme to take away my life.

<sup>16</sup> **But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:**

**I have said 'You are my God.'**

<sup>17</sup> All my days are in your hand:

O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.

<sup>18</sup> **Make your face to shine upon your servant:**

**and save me for your mercy's sake.**

*Notes on Psalm 31:9-18*

*This psalm, as we read it today, looks into the week ahead. It prefigures the experience of Jesus, yet that is not why it was originally written. It was a psalm about the response which often comes when we are faithful to God, and we are criticised and ridiculed. It happens still.*

*Questions to take into Holy Week:*

- 1. Have you ever felt that abandoned? What sustained you?*
- 2. Have you ever felt backlash from family, friends, colleagues or others because you have maintained your integrity? How did you respond?*
- 3. How do you express in your life that your trust is in God?*

**GOSPEL: MARK 14:12-16** **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>12</sup>On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, ‘Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?’ <sup>13</sup>So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, <sup>14</sup>and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, “The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?”’ <sup>15</sup>He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.’ <sup>16</sup>So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Notes on Mark 14:12-16.*

*Just as Jesus instructed disciples to prepare ‘transport’ (the donkey), here Jesus instructs his followers to prepare for the next step on the journey, the meal at which the immediate and long term future would be laid bare, where ways of connecting would be initiated which we use still.*

*Questions to take into Holy Week:*

- 1. When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, when we share Holy Communion, have you ever pondered in awe that we are sharing a meal in a particular way which draws meaning both from events 2000 years ago AND from 3500 years ago? How might that shape your preparations for being here in community sharing that meal?*
- 2. What would you say about the Holy Communion to someone wanting to explore worshipping with us?*
- 3. How important is it to prepare. Spontaneity can be refreshing, but rich experiences require preparation. How do you contribute to the preparations for our shared times of worship?*



## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### In The World: - ...

- The Church of the Province of West Africa
- The Diocese of Tasmania: †Richard Condie;  
Assistant Bishop - †Chris Jones; Clergy and People

#### In The Diocese:

- The Parish of Jimboomba: Lindsay Howie - Locum, Ken Spreadborough, Maurice Collins, Jillian Crawford, David Lunniss, Ian Turnbull
- Anglicare SQ West Community Care, Thomson House Overnight Respite (Longreach)
- Anglican Schools Australia Management Committee and Member Schools:  
President - Peter Laurence

### Those who have died recently.

*Geraldine Ann Baynes.*

*Geraldine's funeral will be held at St John's on Monday 25 March at 11am.*

*Yvonne, June Parker's sister. Her funeral will be held at Bribie Island.*

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

### In Memory. 25<sup>th</sup> March—31<sup>st</sup> March

*Florence Hilda May Fletcher (1991) Ivy Agatha Penny (1988) Sandy Muir (2008)*

*Ailsa Gwendolin Cannon (2019) Louisa Greaver (1996)*

### Pray for those in need:

Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Douglas, Helena, Roy, Williamson Family, Helen, Rev Paul Bland, Joan, Pam, Dorothy, Gary, Rev Karen, Samantha, Ian, Brian, Karen S., Robyn, Lionel.

*To add names to this list please contact Sarah in the Parish Office. Names will be kept for two months unless requested to continue. Please let us know of changes in situation for those who we hold in prayer.*

*Please take and use this list in your prayers throughout the week.*

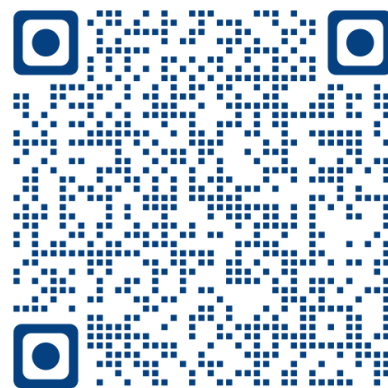
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<b>THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH</b>			
<b>MONDAY, WEDNESDAY</b> <b>THURSDAY AND FRIDAY</b>		8.30AM	MORNING PRAYER
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	28th	6.00pm	Agape Meal and Vigil
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	29th	10.00am 3.00pm	Solemn Prayers Stations of the Cross (and afternoon tea/Hot Cross Buns)
<b>EASTER EVE</b>	30th	7.30pm	Lighting of the New Fire and Sung Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows. Bring Bells! 
<b>EASTER DAY</b>	31st	6.00am 7.30am 9.00am	Ecumenical Prayers (at Riverside Park) Sung Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows. <b>Bring Bells!</b>   Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism and Renewal of Baptismal Vows. <b>Bring Bells!</b>
<i>Advance notice</i>			
<b>NO MORNING PRAYER MONDAY 1 APRIL UNTIL WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL</b>			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	3rd	7.00pm	Parish Council (Maheno Room)

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES FOR GOOD FRIDAY 29/03</b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	
<b>MUSIC</b>	Howard Greaver	
<b>READERS</b>	Linda Phillips/Linda Brook	
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	Linda Mitchell	
<b>MORNING TEA</b>		
<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Laurie Thomson	
<b>AUDIO VISUAL</b>	TBC	
<b>ROSTERED DUTIES FOR EASTER DAY 31/03</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'s</b>	Allan Thomson and Tony Rigby	Sarah Davies and Roland Sowerby

<b>MUSIC</b>	Howard Greaver	Howard Greaver
<b>READERS</b>	Vanessa Hanlon / Tony Rigby	Linda Phillips / Roland Sowerby
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	Allana Wales	Sarah Davies
<b>MORNING TEA</b>		
<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Laurie Thomson	Chris and Linda Phillips
<b>AUDIO VISUAL</b>	TBC	Donovan Sparks
<b>FLOWERS</b> ...	<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> Sue/Kym	

Please pray for Noah and Elle who will be baptised  
at the 9.00am service on Easter Day.

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**CAKE STALL AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

Our Election Day Sausage Sizzle and Cake stall were a huge success: the Cake Stall raised \$1366.75 and the Sausage Sizzle \$1049.70, so a total of \$2416.45. Thank you to all our stalwart volunteers who worked so hard on the day.

## Notices

### GOODIES FOR GOODNA

Goodna Anglican Welfare Ministry (GAWM) has requested that we continue to donate toiletry items (which are not able to be purchased with their funding) and here is their current list:

Shampoo; Conditioner; Deodorants (men's and women's); Sanitary pads and tampons; Tissues; Kids Snacks; Toothpaste; Toothbrushes; Shaving Cream.

They have adequate supplies of toilet paper and nappies but will let me know if needs change. They are also putting together packs of school supplies (pencils, pens, school stationery; exercise books; pencil cases and backpacks) and this will be an ongoing need for children starting or changing schools.

### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are desperately in need of volunteers for the following ministries within our church. Contact the Parish Office to volunteer

- AV operators during the 7.30am Sunday service
- Morning Tea volunteers after the 9.00am service for the third Sunday (you need to put on the urn beforehand and provide milk and biscuits). Nothing fancy needed. Serving from the Maheno Room and washing up afterwards.
- Cleaning our church, can be done on a weekday or Saturday. Dusting and vacuuming about once every 6 weeks, if there are a few more people on roster.

### FOR YOUR DIARY. CONCERT ON 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 7.00pm

We are planning a concert of music and song in the church from our wonderful parishioners Sebastian Maclaine and Ashleigh Crane who are both trained and experienced opera singers. This concert will be in aid of the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza, which was built by ABM (Anglican Board of Mission) in 1882 and is still supported by ABM. It has suffered severe damage but continues to care for the injured. Tickets will be \$40 and will be available via Eventbrite shortly.

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