



Weekly Church Services

Batemans Bay

Sunday:

8.00AM Holy Communion

10.00AM Holy Communion

2.30pm 2 EAR FM

6.30pm Worship

Thursday: 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

Psalm 24 (Page 436)

Revelation 21:1-6 (Page 1007)

John 11:32-44 (Page 874)

Readings:

Monday: Psalm 131; Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday: Psalm 22:26-32; Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday: Psalm 27:11-14; Luke 14:25-33

Thursday: Psalm 105:1-7; Luke 15:1-10

Friday: Psalm 122; Luke 16:1-8

Saturday: Psalm 112; Luke 16:9-15

Sunday: Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:19-28;

Mark 12:38-44

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love: grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, who ceaselessly proclaim your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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2024: Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

HOUSEKEEPING: Books are available for worship –they remain in the back of the pews. The Common Cup is available for our Communion Worship. We offer individual cups for those who do not wish to use the Common Cup. COVID and Flu– please sanitize your hands and be mindful of each other’s space.

NOTICES:

- **BECET PRAYER MEETING:** Monday 4th November at 5pm in the Church Hall. All welcome.
- **LADIES MORNING TEA:** Monday 4th November at Maloney’s Beach Café at 10.30am. This will be the last one at Maloney’s Beach as the Café is closing down. Will inform you about December’s morning tea at a later date.
- **GLEAN:** Recommences Wednesday 06th November at 1.30 in the hall.

PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER: For support ring Elizabeth Dean 44724330.

Please take time to read our prayer list and ask God for one or two people on it to pray for, not necessarily people you know: Phillipa Shepherd, Veronica Newson, Dora Coma, Harry Lewis, Wendy and Chris Berger, Jay Stewart, Helen Plumb, Marina Vander-Burgh, Iain Ritchie, Rodney Hay, Susan Dean, Robin Hay, Rebecca Coughran, Bob Day, Annette Stewart, Judy Stewart, Tommy King, Jonathon and Leticia, Lisa Brookes, Chris Black, Ruby Brown, Jane Wilkinson, Susan Bateman, Richard Austin, Eric Strachan, John Wilkinson, Marjorie Duns, Ken Ormston, Katrina Nicolls, Kerry-Lee Smith, Judy and Jane Chapman, Amanda Lloyd, Matais Harpley, Alisha & Jess, Ken Griffiths, Dennis Hughes, Harold.

Bible Study Answers: Read John 11: 17 -34. Jesus allows Lazarus to die and be buried for four days when he could have come earlier and healed him. Why is this miracle (Jesus last sign) significant and what does it precipitate? It is significant because it is public and very close to Jerusalem, it cannot be ignored by the chief priest and scribes whose authority Jesus undermines – they must act. They act to accuse Jesus of blasphemy, to try him and because they cannot kill him themselves they pass him on to Pilate for judgement and will coerce Pilate into executing Jesus. The Son of Man must die as a ransom for many.

What does this public act reveal about who Jesus is? How does Jesus challenge Martha’s faith and what does Jesus promise Martha (and us)? Who can raise the dead on command – only a serious prophet or as Jesus claims to be , the Son of Man, the Messiah. After Jesus multitude of miracles in Galilee this miracle is powerful because it defeats death itself, a charismatic would call this a prophetic act – Jesus is demonstrating with one man (and temporarily at that) what God will do through Jesus for all humanity, once and forever. Martha has a deep but standard faith (as do those who call Jesus Lord) that God will raise us up on the last (Judgement) day - nothing wrong with this - but Jesus is not asking her what God will do he is asking her who she believes he is and what he can do – and he responds with verse 25 I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me will live even though they die and whoever lives and believes in me will never die – and then he invites her to believe and receive eternal life. This is also an invitation to us.

Watch The Chosen – extract raising Lazarus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTo6O3SSe7c> Does this visual portrayal of the scene help you? The interaction with Thomas refers to a loss of a person close to Thomas who Jesus did not raise from the dead – here Thomas asks the question we all ask, why not me. The woman waiting at the end of the scene is Mary Magdalene. What might be the deeper purpose of the disciples, especially Mary Magdalene, witnessing Lazarus come out of the tomb? The raising of Lazarus gives power and weight to Jesus words to Martha and to the disciples who hear them. The example of raising Lazarus from the dead shows them what God can do – and it prepares them for what they will experience at Easter. It is easier to hope and believe for a miracle if you have already experienced a similar miracle i.e. it is

easier to pray for and believe for healing of the sick if you have previously seen the sick healed or even better experienced a divine healing yourself- it sharpens our faith and our prayers.

Sunday 3 November

And a great multitude, from every nation and tribe and people and language, cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb.

Traditional: [For All the Saints \(hymn w/ lyrics\) \(youtube.com\)](#)

Contemporary: [Raise a Hallelujah-Bethel Music-Lyrics \(youtube.com\)](#)

Reading John 11: ³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days." ⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Thoughts: Jesus has previously raised Jairus's daughter – but that was kept secret. Prophets, like Elijah, had raised the dead – but that was long ago and could then be treated as a myth or a legend. But this time it is very public with many witnesses and right outside of Jerusalem – it cannot be ignored; it must have consequences. For those who believe that Jesus is the promised Messiah (even if they are unsure of exactly what a Messiah will do) it is confirmation; for those who do not believe that the Messiah can come out of Nazareth or that what Jesus is proclaiming is how a Messiah should be then this is incredibly confronting and must be dealt with quickly and decisively. Because Lazarus is raised from the dead (Jesus last public miracle) they will move quickly to have him arrested and killed (it is better that one man should die for the nation). In this story we see that challenge of faith – what can we believe in – can we believe that the dead can indeed be raised to life in this world or is it only Jesus that can do that? What limits does our modern sensibility put on God's movement and if we limit God in this what else do we not have faith to believe God can do? The raising of Lazarus is significant for the disciples, especially Mary Magdalene who will come first to that empty tomb on Easter Sunday - at first she will not understand but when she sees the empty grave clothes she has a point of reference in this story to allow her hope and belief in what the angel tells her. He is risen!

Prayers: For this reason, we bow our knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. we pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that we may be strengthened in our inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, as we are being rooted and grounded in love. We pray that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. Pray as you are led for those you love, for our community, for our state and nation and for God's world. We give thanks for the love, faith and witness of: Hazel Morgan, Grant Miles, Ian Oliver, Annie Hallett, Joyce Trevenar, Heimo Petzl and Wilma McKewon. We thank you God for the stories they have left us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Traditional: The Holy City <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZqrI5Q71do>

Contemporary: My Lighthouse <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFBZJGSgyVQ>

Blessing The peace of God which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord, and may the blessing of God the father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you now and forever. **Shalom**

Bible Study: Read Mark 12: 38 – 13:2. Where does this happen and what are they doing? What comparison is Jesus making with this story? What does the kingdom value? What does the world value?

How tangible and longstanding is the world? What does God ask of us? What are you prepared to give? Consider, reflect and share on the changes you have seen in your lifetime? In the last 10 years? How does that relate to this story?



DEAR GOD, TODAY WE REJOICE
IN THE HOLY MEN AND WOMEN
OF EVERY TIME AND PLACE.
MAY THEIR PRAYERS BRING US
YOUR FORGIVENESS AND LOVE.
WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF
JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

AMEN