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Psalm 8 (NIV)

¹ LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.

- ²Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies.
 - to silence the foe and the avenger.
- ³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars. which you have set in place.
- ⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?
- ⁵ You have made them a little lower than the angels
 - and crowned them with glory and honour.
- ⁶ You made them rulers over the works of your
- you put everything under their feet: ⁷ all flocks and herds,
- and the animals of the wild,
- ⁸ the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.
- ⁹LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV) **The Great Commission**

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a Corinthians 13:11-13



The tomorrow I worried about is better that the yesterday. ~ Dale Carnegie

Psalm 8 Is a beautiful Psalm.

It is written by someone who feels at peace with God, with the earth, and with other people. The writer also has respect for God, the earth and his fellow human beings.

This week we have seen shocking images on our TV's and in the other media of unrest in the United States.

That unrest has been stirred up by many things, including the impact of Covid19, the inflammatory statements made by the president, and the horrific death of George Floyd.

But underlying those triggers is some deepseated anger at the way in which many Black people are treated in the United States.

Many Black people feel that they have fewer opportunities in life, and that they are treated differently to White people. It is more difficult for them to get, and to keep, a job. It is more difficult for them to "get ahead" in life. It is more difficult for them to escape poverty, and existence in the slums of major cities. They do not feel respected. When people don't feel respected because of the colour of their skin, it becomes far more difficult for them to be at peace with life.....with God, with the earth, and with other people.

Sometimes we don't feel respected because we aren't "tech savvy", and can't use all of the latest devices and technology. That can make us feel a bit down. But the impact isn't nearly as great as the feeling that we, and our family and Black friends are doomed to a life of second-best.

Black people in the United States do not feel that their "heads have

been crowned with glory and honour", and that they are "master over all that God has made". Maybe one of our tasks in life is to ensure that the people around us know that they are loved by God, and respected by those around them. That, in turn, helps people to know, and to respect, God.

Love For All, Hatred For None. ~ Khalifatul Masih III





- We have two members in hospital at the moment. Marg Crowell is in Tamara, and Phyll Bylund is at Tamworth Base Hospital.
- We give thanks for the dedication and competence of our medical professionals.
- We pray for the executives of congregations as they work through the NSW Synod procedures which must be completed before congregations can recommence worship.
- We pray for the many people throughout the United States who are fearful of the violence occurring around them.
- Our prayers for rain continue.

Meg's Musings

As we travel through life, there are lots of milestones along the way. Some we blithely ignore, whilst others feel as though they are of major importance.

For me, about the only birthday which seemed significant was my 21st. Laurie and I married on the following Saturday!

Now I am about to turn 70. It didn't seem like a big deal until Covid19 happened along. Suddenly there were special rules and considerations for "the elderly".... people over 70.

Six months and I could not have predicted that turning 70.

Six months ago, I could not have predicted that turning 70 would be a big deal. Now it is.

Over the past year, family members had asked how I planned to celebrate this milestone birthday. Now that it is here, there are few ways available to celebrate, and the number of people whom I can celebrate with is severely restricted. Sometimes our plans and predictions are turned upside down.

One thing never changes. God will be with me when I turn 70, just as He has always been.

Blessings from Meg

6 June **Meg Mangan**



Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Red, and yellow, black, and white,
They are precious in His sight
Jesus loves the little children of the
world. ~ unknown

HAPPY BBIRTHDAY

7 June ~ Simon Hansford

PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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God's Promise to You

In life's daily walk there are drops of rain. In life's ever flowing journey there is often some pain.

But, my friend, we need not fear, for your loving saviour is always near.

He gives us grace to bear the problems that pass our way. Yes, even on that very rainy day.

Sometimes when the rain of life comes to each of us, we feel for a moment we cannot see the sun.

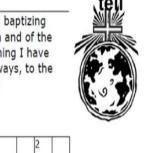
But God's promise to you is look up and see the love he shares with both you and me.

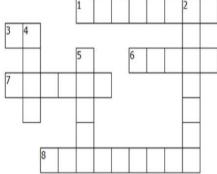
For my friend, a rainbow will appear after the storm clouds of life have cleared. ~ Donna Larkin

The Great Commission

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Based on Matthew 28:18-20





ACROSS

- Giving instructions to a group of students
- 3. The opposite of stop
- 6. The planet on which we live
- 7. The place where God lives
- 8. Followers of Jesus

DOWN

- 2. Groups of people living in a certain area; countries
- To follow the commands, rules, or guidance
- 5. The Son of God

"In the central place of every heart there is a recording chamber; so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, and courage, so long are you young.

When the wires are all down and your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, and then only, are you grown old." ~ Douglas MacArthur