

# **Peel Valley Congregation**

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Hebrews 5:5-10 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

"You are my Son;

today I have become your Father."

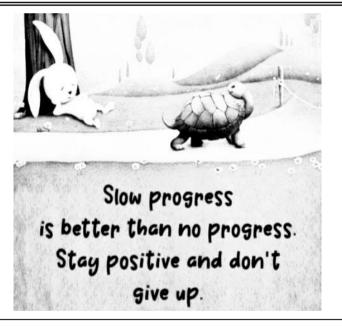
<sup>6</sup> And he says in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

in the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup> During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

<sup>8</sup> Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered <sup>9</sup> and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him <sup>10</sup> and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.



When God gives you a new beginning, it starts with an ending. Be thankful for closed doors. They often guide us to the right one.

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16



# **John 12:20-33** (NIV)

#### **Jesus Predicts His Death**

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival.

<sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus."

<sup>22</sup> Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

<sup>24</sup> Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

<sup>25</sup> Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

<sup>27</sup> "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

<sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."

The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine.

<sup>31</sup> Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

<sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

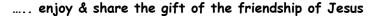
<sup>33</sup> He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

When you are enthusiastic about what you do, you feel this positive energy. It's very simple. ~ Paulo Coelho

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

28 March 8.30am 28 March 11 am

Gowrie ~ Meg Mangan West ~ Meg Mangan





#### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Georgie, who is facing some problems in her life.
- We continue to pray for Judy's sister, Kay.
- We pray for the people of Papua New Guinea, where a Covid19 outbreak is prevalent.
- We give thanks for each and every member of our congregation.
- ➤ We pray for the children who will receive an Operation Christmas Child box this year.

#### Meg's Musings

As we travel around at the moment, everything looks lush and green. Things haven't been so green for several years, and it is a delight to see plants flourishing. If we look a little more closely, we realise that not everything which is flourishing is quite so good.

There are weeds in among the grass, lawns, garden beds, and pasture.

The khaki grass and cat-heads have enjoyed the rain and wonderful conditions, just as much as the plants which we are happy to see thrive. There are places where the weeds seem to have overtaken everything else. The same is true in life.

Good habits and bad habits co-exist in our lives. It is a matter of real vigilance to weed out the bad habits, and ensure that they don't take over our lives.

It can't be done in our own strength. It is something which requires God's help - not just once, but again, and again, and again.... just as weeding needs to be done regularly. Isn't it great that God is always happy to be invited into our lives, and is ready to make a difference!

Blessings from Meg

#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Suggestions include: toys, hygiene items, school supplies, small clothing items and fun gifts.



DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS On April 4 2021 at 3.00AM Put your clock back 1 hour

"Fabulous Finds" ~ ~ Op-Shop at Hallsville. Our op shop opening soon.

#### 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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# Prayer for Good Humor

by St. Thomas More

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.

Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humor to maintain it.

Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil.

but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

Give me a soul that knows not boredom. grumblings, sighs and laments,

nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I."

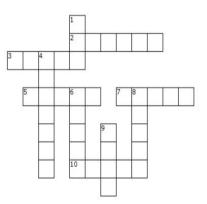
Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy,

and to be able to share it with others.

### The Power of His Love

"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." John 12:32 (NIV)





#### **ACROSS**

- 2. To be raised up
- 3. A heavenly servant of God, often pictured as a human with wings
- 5. What we humans use to speak or
- 7. The Son of God
- 10. The end of life

- 1. Everyone and everything
- 4. To bring praise and honor to God
- 6. A large group of people
- 8. The land surface of the world
- 9. To attract someone or something

The story of life is quicker than the wink of an eye. ~ Jimi Hendrix