



## Peel Valley Congregation

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### Luke 19:28-40 (NLT)

#### Jesus' Triumphant Entry

<sup>28</sup> After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples.

<sup>29</sup> As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead.

<sup>30</sup> "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here."

<sup>31</sup> If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

<sup>32</sup> So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said.

<sup>33</sup> And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?"

<sup>34</sup> And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it."

<sup>35</sup> So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on.

<sup>36</sup> As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him.

<sup>37</sup> When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen.

<sup>38</sup> "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the LORD!

Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup> But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!"

<sup>40</sup> He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!"

### Philippians 2:5-11 (NLT)

<sup>5</sup> You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

<sup>6</sup> Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

<sup>7</sup> Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honour and gave him the name above all other names,

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Other Lectionary Readings: Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29



### CHURCH SERVICES

**17 April MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7pm Southside

**18 April GOOD FRIDAY**

9.30am Tamworth City

**20 April EASTER SUNDAY**

9.30am Southside

11.15am Tamworth City

**27 April 11am West Jennifer Battle**



Jesus picked a symbol that emphasized humility and lowliness instead of military strength.

Every step Jesus took toward Jerusalem was a step towards love incarnate. ~ Algift

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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks for glorious autumn weather.
- We pray for everyone whose health is suffering at the moment.
- We pray for peace-of-mind, as well as military peace throughout our world.
- We pray for people travelling over Easter.
- We give thanks to God for the people we love.

### Meg's Musings

Last Saturday afternoon we had a relaxing time. Extra family members and a friend were with us. We sat around the table and chatted, played some games of Scattergories, laughed, and chatted some more.

It was relaxing and fun.

So often, people are told that they need to jet off to a resort to have "fun".

But I feel that what matters is who is around the table with you.... rather than what's on the table, or where the table is.

Jesus chose to spend his last hours of freedom sharing around the table with his friends, and then washing their feet.

Let's choose to reach out to the one's we love, and to share with them whenever, and however we can.

*Blessing from Meg*



**4th Sunday Monthly Hallsville Markets**  
7:30am **27 April**



**Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville**  
**Open 9:30 to 1:00pm Friday & Saturday**  
**NB: Closed Good Friday, Easter Saturday & Anzac Day.**  
Cuppa & chat always available.



### 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."

Minister: **Rev Geoff Flynn 0421 338 202**

Pastoral Care: **Meg Mangan 0476 375 989**

Elders: Margaret Crowell Daryl Lush



### Minister's Weekly Reflection

This week we join the crowds waving palm branches and shouting together 'Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna'. Imagine the feet of Christ passing through the world today. What if every footstep gave a little of the life of Christ to whatever it touched?

Maybe the poor would sing with gratitude as they are fed by that life, the excluded and lonely might feel loved for the first time? What if those feet walked through our church – what would be given new life among us and within us?

Maybe as Christ's feet touch the earth of the planet, the stones would indeed shout a welcome in anticipation of its renewal and greater respect and care?

If we only ever have a glimpse of the true passing of Christ through our lives and the lives of the world, we would shout out with joy and the hope of new possibilities, even if we know that betrayals will follow.

*Reverend Sam*



### Beatitudes for Aging

Blessed are they who understand  
my faltering steps and palsied hand.

Blessed are they who know my ears today  
must strain to catch the words they say.

Blessed are they who see that my eyes  
are dim and my wits are slow.

Blessed are they who looked away  
when I spilt my cup of tea today.

Blessed are they with a cherry smile  
who stop to chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say,  
"You've told that story twice today."

Blessed are they who know the ways  
to bring back memories of yesterdays.

Blessed are they who make it known  
that I'm loved, respected and not alone.

Blesses are they who know I'm at a loss  
to find the strength to carry my cross.

Blessed are they who ease the days  
on my journey Home in loving ways.

*~ Author Unknown*

## "The Servant Song"

- 1 Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey;  
we're together on this road.  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.
- 6 Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.



True selflessness is a rarity in today's world, but this teacher from rural Kenya embodies it every single day. He donates most of his salary to ensure that children in his community receive the education they deserve, even when resources are limited. His passion for teaching and belief in the potential of every student has led him to be crowned the world's best teacher. And while the \$1 million prize he won is an incredible recognition, it's his unwavering dedication that makes him truly extraordinary.

Selflessness is not just about giving what we can afford, but about giving what we truly value. This teacher shows us that the act of serving others, especially the most vulnerable, is the greatest form of leadership. His story reminds us that success is not measured by the accolades we collect but by the lives we touch and the impact we leave behind.

How are you using your gifts to serve others today? Let's reflect on the ways we can show up for the world with love and selflessness. ~ PEa



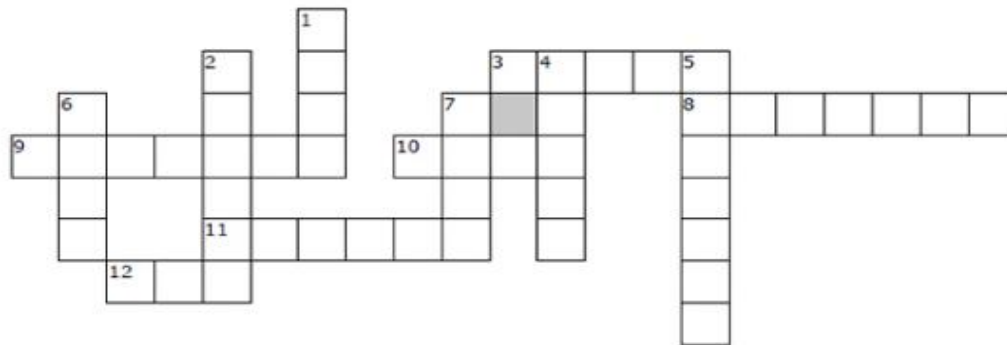
**A science teacher from rural Kenya who donates most of his salary to help poorer students has been crowned the world's best teacher and awarded a \$1m prize, beating 10,000 nominations from 179 countries.**

**TRUE SELFLESSNESS,  
TRUE INSPIRATION**

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# The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"  
Luke 19:38 (NIV)



## ACROSS

3. The Son of God
8. A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
9. A small town
10. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year
11. To stretch out over a large area
12. To secure with a piece of rope

## DOWN

1. What a person is called
2. To express admiration or approval of something or someone
4. To go into a place
5. Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
6. A male ruler of a country
7. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

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• Sermons 4 Kids

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