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<u>Rev Maile Molitika – Minister's Message</u> <u>Getting Ready for Lent</u>

As we are getting closer to the Lent Season of 2025, we are reminded of the importance of our journey as people of God. There are times when we realize that we are so busy with other things and forget to come to God with prayer for our needs. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. This is a special time for the Body of Christ to remember the life and ministry of Christ, and renew our commitment to serve Him as our Lord and Saviour.

Today, I remember King Solomon when he ascended the throne and the one most important sacrifice he offered the Lord in Gibeon. The king went to Gibeon - a high place - God appeared to Solomon and said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you." Solomon asks for wisdom only. God was pleased with this special request and indeed gave King Solomon what he asked for. Solomon could have had anything he wanted from God: wealth, power and fame. But he knew what was important, that he be a good governor for God's people and he knew what he needed to do a good job. He asked God for understanding and for the ability to discern between good and evil. It is not an accident that the wealth, power and fame Solomon did not ask for came to him as well as the result of his wisdom.

As we move towards Lent we are to learn to come to God with our prayers. We need to discipline ourselves, and to remind us that we need to pray for the things that last. Solomon knew that wisdom is far more important than any other thing on earth. When he had the wisdom of God, he was able to rule God's people because of God's wisdom. We need to discern what is best for us and pray to God for his direction. The season of Lent is a season of preparation. We prepare ourselves by repenting of our sins. We prepare ourselves by reconciliation with others. We prepare ourselves by praying for guidance. So when we come to Easter, we are in a better position with our God. Jesus tells the crowds gathered around him: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Strive first for the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things and these things will be given to you as well." As we climb the mountain of prayer, we should take time to consider what we need, what is most necessary and what is God's will. Grace & Peace, Rev Maile

Lent

Wednesday 5 Mar 2025 – Thursday 17 Apr 2025

Adapted from https://www.christianity.com/wiki/holidays/what-is-the-purpose-of-lent.html

There were 40 days and nights that followed Christ's baptism, when Jesus went into the wilderness without food and water, and was tempted by Satan himself.

During that time, Christ did what we do today when we fast: **wrestle with temptation**.



This was not the first fast; biblical figures often fasted when petitioning God for something important. **"So we fasted and implored our God ..., and he listened to our entreaty"** (Ezra 8:23). The Israelites **"mourned and wept and fasted till evening for Saul and his son Jonathan, and for the army of the LORD and for the nation of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword"** (<u>2 Samuel 1:12</u>).

Before going to her husband to intercede for the Jews, Esther told Mordecai, **"Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do"** (<u>Esther 4:16</u>). Jews and Christians have historically fasted to show repentance, to grieve particularly difficult trials, and to "<u>seek God's favour</u>."

The origins of Lent seem to be rooted in Christians giving up food, money or something else in order to emulate Christ's obedience to the Father.

Community fasting provided accountability and support but also led to pressure and judgment. Today, "some still observe fasts that restrict quantity and types of food," but "many view Lent as a time in which to give up a particular vice, bad habit, or a pleasurable thing."

Lenten fasting for some has consisted of abstaining from all animal products, but for others, fish and/or poultry were allowed. Certain societies have permitted only bread for a time.

There were full-day fasts, half-day fasts, and the potential to pay money to be excused from participating as well.

The Christian meaning of Lent revolves around preparation, reflection, and penance. During the season of Lent, Christians can engage in practices such as fasting, prayer, and almsgiving as a way to deepen their connection with God and to reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. The fasting process during Lent typically involves abstaining from certain foods or luxuries as a form of self-discipline and solidarity with the sufferings of Christ.

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The primary purpose of Lent is meant to be a time of repentance. This is not a feeling of shame but an awareness that sin separates us from God and what Christ endured to save us from sin, death, and the devil. Shame has its place, but feeling shame over sin is not the same thing as repentance from sin because our tempter can take our obedience to God and turn it into a source of pride.

Repentant sinners "seek ... cleansing from sin, but also freedom from shame." True repentance leads to a "180-degree change of ... direction" and requires "true brokenness," but repentance starts with "a regretful acknowledgment of sin with a commitment to change."

THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

There is a wonderful light in the word **GRACE**:

G: Give up (Psalm 6)

We begin by emptying ourselves so the Lord can shine a light on our hearts and we can be more aware of our need.

R: Repent (Psalms 32, 38)

Next in true sorrow, we throw ourselves on God's mercy and love and **repent** of our sin.

A: Adore (Psalms 51, 102)

Then we **adore** God, as we long for his purity and our end in heaven.

C: Confidence (Psalm 130)

We grow in **confidence** as we confirm our trust in the divine mercy.

E: Exult (Psalm 143)

Having returned to the Lord, having been received with love and forgiven, we **exult** in joy!

The **NeXus** between our mission and our spiritual power is the gathered congregation. While God comes to us by His Spirit thus transforming us by his grace, we are drawn into precious fellowship with each other. As a congregation gathers for worship, it is being strengthened, then sent out again for a missional purpose. In times such as these, this copy of **Nambour NeXus** is provided so that you may have resources to assist you in your personal or household worship of God, to assist you in growing your faith, and to encourage your concern and prayers for others.

Reflection 50: 2025 A Year of Jubilee



Photo see note 1

It was truly a joyous occasion for Jeanette and myself when we celebrated a jubilee, our 50th wedding anniversary with a Thanksgiving Service on 19th November, 2016. For us, it was a double blessing. First, it was the anniversary of my commissioning into Christian ministry (18th), and second, a celebration of 50 years of marriage (19th). As we gathered to give thanks for 50 years of service and marriage (see note 2) it was most appropriate that we sang "Lord, for the years your hand has led and guided!" Indeed we had much to celebrate as we gave grateful thanks to God.

The Oxford Dictionary defines "Jubilee" as a time of rejoicing (from the Latin jubilare, to exult and rejoice). Our English word jubilation is another derivative. The underlying Hebrew word yobel means to blow the ram's horn. The word first appears in Leviticus where the year following "seven weeks of years" (7x7=49), making the 50th the Year of Jubilee (Lev. 25:11-12). It was to be a year of joyful shouting!

Set in an agricultural economy, Jubilee was created as a year of restoration and emancipation, generating great celebration and thanksgiving. It was in fact meant to be a resetting of the whole socio-cultural structure . The proclamation was radical: all debts were to be written off, no land was to be sold or purchased, all "sins" were to be forgiven and all slaves were to be set free! Furthermore, even the land itself was to remain fallow and be given rest for a whole year. The people were required to live off what the land had previously produced. Jubilee was intended to be a radical resetting of the whole economy by means of a year of remission and restoration. The Jewish Jubilee was so radical that it appears never to have been celebrated! Certainly, it is hard to find any record of it in Scripture or history.

<u>notes</u>

1 50th Anniversary flower arrangement by Daphne Heaton, Nambour Uniting Church, 19.11.2016 2 At the time of writing we are heading for our 59th!

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The closest reference we can find occurs in the words of the Prophet Isaiah (61:1-2), where the prophet announced that the coming Messiah will bind up the broken, bring liberation to captives, freedom to prisoners and "proclaim the acceptable Year of the Lord" (most likely, that means to bring the Year of Jubilee into fulfilment). Significantly, Jesus referred to this scripture in announcing his agenda for ministry (as recorded in Luke 4:16-21 where he quotes verbatim from Isaiah 61.

The crucial comment, however, is found in verse 21 where he says, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled!" In other words, Christ came to bring freedom, equality and release for all who are downtrodden and suffering bondage. This is what the kingdom of God is all about! (see note 3)

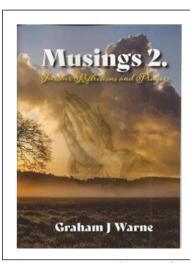
So where does this leave us? Surprisingly, the current Catholic Pope Francis Has proclaimed 2025 as a Year of Jubilee! He has declared 2025 to be a year of forgiveness and reconciliation, a sacred year for the restoration of broken relationships. His desire is a year of hope for victims of war, a year of rest for the environment and climate and the restoration for all that is "out of sync" (my words) with our lives and society (see note 4). Now, wouldn't that be something! For Australia 2025 represents 50 years since the dismissal of our Prime Minister by the then Governor General, John Kerr (1975). Can you imagine what our politics would be like if we laid aside all past grudges, practised forgiveness and worked for bi-partisanship in our decision making?

Jubilee is all about restoration of balance and harmony both in our relationships and in the environment. What a blessed vision to have! Francis' call is matched by the dream of Martin Luther King, both echoing Jesus' manifesto to restore a broken world to its proper harmony.

Is it possible? Can we do it? It is possible only through the power of the liberating Christ! May His Spirit inspire that same vision in us as we work toward making Jubilee a reality! Rev Graham Warne

notes 3 I can't help but think of the revolutionary French slogan: **Liberte**, **Egalite**, **Fraternite**.

4 See Year of Jubilee websites.



Rev Graham Warne has copies of his latest Musings 2 available on request. *Musings 2* contains Reflections which have appeared in the Nexus journal, as well as selected prayers. Please see Graham if you would like a copy.

SEVEN DAILY PRAYERS FOR SEVEN DAYS

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2025 Prayers to our loving God for our humble service for others

Daily prayers for every living being that are full of full of love and hope. May we all be prayerfully humble to our Creator God, may our devotions be from the heart for the mercy and grace of Jesus Christ!

Pray aloud at any time, or with a soft voice, in the morning, and at dinner time, the Lord will answer each prayer, one at a time.

Day 1 Sunday I/we pray this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Creator. Jesus, you have tried to teach us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. My prayer asks for mercy to be shown to all who are trying to become your disciples in life; help us to act in good Christian faith to offer our service and support to others who desperately need it. Guide me in the correct way to show love where it is needed.

Dear Lord have mercy on me, Amen.

Day 2 Monday I/we pray this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Creator. Please send your Spirit to every one of us with its anointing love, so that this year be a year of jubilee and grace from the Lord, let us be renewed with enthusiasm to offer God's full mercy to the oppressed and the broken-hearted.

Dear Lord have mercy on me, Amen.

Day 3 Tuesday I/we pray this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Creator. Please send your blessings of mercy and grace to those who seek your love and knowledge of a Christian life. Teach those who listen to you to be humble, praising your great name sharing with others the blessings you have stored up for us.

Dear Lord have mercy on me, Amen.

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Day 4 Wednesday I/we pray this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Creator. God, your mercy pours forth from you and fills the whole world. It was by your mercy that we were created, and by your mercy you sent your Son that you redeemed us. Your mercy is light, your mercy is love, your mercy can be found everywhere, even in the depths of hellish despair you have offered to forgive our tortured souls. Please guide us in making amends.

Dear Lord have mercy on me, Amen.

Day 5 Thursday I/we pray this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Creator. Lord God, your justice is constantly tempered with loving mercy, giving all a second chance (sometimes multiple chances) as you never give up on us, nurturing us as children, giving us the sympathetic love to turn us around to the glorious truth. May our repayment to you, Lord, be worthy.

Dear Lord have mercy on me, Amen.

Day 6 Friday I/we pray this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Creator. Please teach me, Lord, to be thankful for your mercies, to be kind to others and show my love outwardly for all to see that this love is truly your love - my God's love. I pray to walk in your grace, mercy and compassion, let this be so please Lord, if it is your will.

Dear Lord have mercy on me, Amen.

Day 7 Saturday I/we pray this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Creator. **Psalm 100 For giving grateful praise.** ¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. ²Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. ³ Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. ⁵For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Dear Lord have mercy on me, Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE

This land on which we live and worship is God's land and God's Spirit dwells here. We acknowledge the Kabi Kabi people, traditional custodians under God of the Sunshine Coast and its hinterland. We pay our respects and pray for their elders and all their descendants. We are thankful that we can share with them in our community and nation. We reaffirm our commitment to care for the land and participate in the reconciling journey, for God requires this of us.

God's Grace

Grace is <u>the basis for the Christian faith</u>. We believe we are <u>saved by faith</u> through grace. God's grace can be defined as undeserved favour. Grace cannot be earned; it is something that is freely given. We can count on God's grace and the bridge he built in our relationship with him.

Bible verses about grace abound. From the foundation of the Old Testament, we know that grace is a part of <u>God's character</u>. He is a loving and gracious God. And, in the New Testament, we learn about the role of grace in our faith and salvation.

As we experience God's grace in our lives and seek to be more like Jesus, we can have more grace with others. Having grace-filled hearts and grace-filled lives prompt us to share God's love.

Grace in God's Character

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

— Hebrews 4:16, NIV

"<u>The LORD bless you and keep you</u>; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

— Numbers 6:24-26, NIV

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

— Psalm 103:8, NIV

God's Grace in Our Lives

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all.

— Acts 4:33, NIV

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them — yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

— 1 Corinthians 15:10, NIV

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

— 2 Corinthians 12:9, NIV

Saving Grace

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved.

- Ephesians 2:4-5, NIV

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

— Romans 3:23-24, NIV

For it is by grace you have been saved, <u>through faith</u> — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast.

— Ephesians 2:8-9, NIV

Lifestyle of Grace

"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."

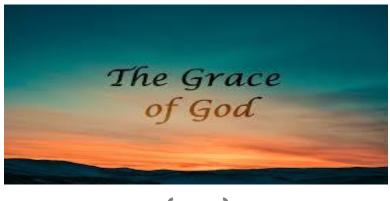
— Matthew 6:14, NIV

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— 2 Corinthians 12:9, NIV

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

- Romans 12:3, NIV



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