



4 MAY, 2025

Welcome

Welcome to worship, we hope you enjoy being with us.
A special welcome to Paul Cohen from Celebrate Messiah, who will be sharing about Jesus and the Passover.

Lectionary Readings

This week 4 May, 2025

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Next week 11 May, 2025

Acts 9:3-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

Hands & Feet This Week

This week we have 4 students from Holroyd High School joining the Hands & Feet team for a few hours.

All volunteers are reminded that this means that only volunteers with current Working With Children Checks will be able to attend before 11.30am.

Child Care Centre Farewell

Our Child Care Centre is hosting a Farewell Party on Friday 16 May from 5pm-6.15pm. A sausage sizzle will be provided, please RSVP to Sue for catering purposes by Sunday 11 May.

Everyone who has been part of the Centre in any way over the last 52 years is invited to join us.



Greystanes Uniting Church
Child Care and B & A

Child Care Centre Thanksgiving Service Sunday 18 May

On Sunday 18 May we will be having a Thanksgiving Service for the Child Care Centre and remembering all those who have been part of the Centre over the last 52 years, whether as staff, children, Management Board Members or volunteers.

Please extend an invitation to anyone you know who has been part of the Centre who would like to join us in celebrating all the Centre has done for our community in that time.



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Jesus: the Lamb like Lion and Lion like Lamb.

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honour and glory and blessing!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might
forever and ever!”

Above is an amazing revelation from John of Patmos. Imagine beholding billions of living creatures praising the One who is alone worthy. John describes Jesus Christ as the Lamb that was slain. This is a very unusual image for a victorious, glorious king, someone who is receiving praise from every single creature. So what is going on here?

At the beginning of this Revelation 5 John describes Jesus as the Lion of Judah, harking back to the gospel account of Jesus being a direct descendant of the Tribe of Judah. The Lion of Judah sounds much more king- like, proud, fierce, courageous and powerful power, but a tiny lamb? At first glance this makes no sense. In Revelation, John describes Jesus as two things at the same time, both Lion and Lamb. William Loader describes this scene as “an extraordinary violation of the norms of power and dignity”.¹ Our Lord Jesus, turns the ways of the world and its assumptions upside down.

With that in mind, who do you see as powerful in the world today? Do they also have lamb-like qualities, gentleness, purity, meekness and humility? A Jesus like leader is a rare thing indeed! May those who exercise political power over this nation, also bear the wisdom, grace and compassion of our Servant King, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

¹ <https://billloader.com/CEpEaster3.htm>