



The Diocese of Wangaratta
**The Anglican Parish of
Kilmore**

with Broadford, Pyalong &
Tallarook

**1st December 2013
First Sunday of Advent**



*A warm welcome to our visitors
please stay for coffee after the service*

Hymns: 271 (Tune 619), 265 vs1 (candle), 279, 497, 272



Introit Hymn

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

First Sunday of Advent

Leader

The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ, and then the Christ Candle at Christmas. It is significant that the church has always used that language - the *coming* of Christ - because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ *is* coming. Christ is *always* coming, *always* entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so as we light the first candle, the candle of hope; we dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

[The first candle, the Candle of Hope is lit]

[All sing]

*O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

[The people are invited to join in the dialogue responses.]



Loving God, as we enter this Advent season;
**we open all the dark places in our lives and memories
to the healing light of Christ.**

May the candle of hope burning in our lives;
reveal the creative power of hope.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you;
that we may walk in the light of Christ.

For the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.

**We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder,
and set aside time to offer quiet thanks.**

The good news of Advent is this; Christ is coming!

Christ is always coming!

We welcome Christ into our hearts;

Come Lord Jesus, come!

The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book

SENTENCE

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. *Isaiah 2.3a*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Silence may be kept

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2. 1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: in the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.' The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more. Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 122

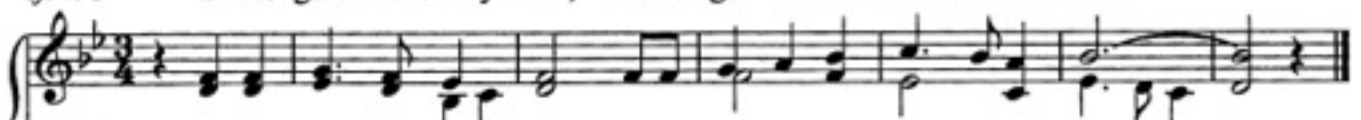
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Response

Andrew Wright

cf. v. 1

I was glad when they said, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'



I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem;/R

Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself.
Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
For there are set the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David./R

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May they prosper who love you.
'Peace be within your walls
and tranquillity within your palaces.'/R

For my kindred and companions' sake,
I will pray that peace be with you.
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good./R

SECOND READING

Romans 13.9-14

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not covet,' and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law. And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Show us your steadfast | love, O Lord,
and grant us | your salvation.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 24. 36-44

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of

the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Arouse us, O God, and prepare us for your coming into the world, that we may cooperate willingly in your work of healing and reconciliation, as we pray:

Let your Spirit awaken us; **let us walk in the light of Christ.**

Gracious and loving One, grant your Church the gift of peace, that glad people may go to the house of God where you will teach us your ways, bless our Diocese, John our Bishop, and all who minister in your name.

Let your Spirit awaken us; **that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Almighty One, judge between the nations and mediate for all peoples suffering conflict and war; that all in authority will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, so that nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Let your Spirit awaken us; **that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Creator God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the sacred touch and spark that vitalises all living things. Be with us in our celebration of life and help us to be good custodians of your creation, and to be mindful stewards of your resources. On this World AIDS Day we pray for the 35 million people worldwide living with HIV and AIDS and those who care for them; we pray for all who suffer indignity and injustice in the world.

Let your Spirit awaken us; **that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Compassionate One, inspire us to respond to the needs of our community and grant us your grace so that none of your people shall feel unwanted or unloved.

Let your Spirit awaken us; **that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Wounded Healer, come; bind up all broken bodies and wounded spirits, that the sick and the sorrowing may be comforted and restored. Hear our prayer for those known to us and those who have requested prayer;

Request for prayer from: *Heather Turnbull, Chris Schafer, David Flower, Glen Turnbull, Tom Scrivens, Darren Winfield, Norma Hedley, Justin Quigg, Kelly Quigg, Karen Goodger, Michael Farrell, David Parsons, Matthen, Nicole, Alex Impols, May McCormack, Dawn McCormack, Carol Boase, Lyn Ryan, Linda, Bruce Mitchell, Fr Michael Nelson, Mark Bennetts, Mandy, Seth Gunther, Adrian Walsh, Cliff & Glenda Stomann, Tom, Sandra & Bianca Davidson, Peter Cannon.*

Eternal One, bring into the fullness of your light those who have died, and those whose years mind occurs at this time.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord; **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Come to us in judgment and grace, O God, hear us as we pray for ourselves...., and arouse us to your purpose, that we may be instruments of your peace, ready to meet the Son of Man at an unexpected hour, in the power of your Spirit.

Let your Spirit awaken us; **that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,
Our Father ...[pg. 124]

Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: 1st Dec Paul Sutton; 2nd Lillian Evans; 3rd Esma Woods, Albert Boyd; 4th Hilda Maher, Nell Pearce; 5th Angus Cooper; 6th Joan McLean, Edward Kennard; 7th Edith Whittingslow.

Saint's Days and Holy Days: 2nd Dec Francis Perry, Founder of Royal Women's Hospital Melbourne (d. 1892); 3rd Francis Xavier, priest & missionary (1506-1552); 4th Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, man of prayer (d. 1673); 6th Nicholas of Myra, bishop & philanthropist (d.c. 342); 7th Ambrose of Milan, bishop & teacher (d.938).

Notices

Retiring Collection for Philippines Disaster

Please support the ABM Philippines Emergency Appeal - a retiring collection for the next few Sundays to be sent through the Diocese or you can donate to the Philippines Emergency Appeal through ABM on 1300 302 663, email info@abm.asn.au or at www.abmission.org/philippines-emergency.

Retiring Collection for Bishop's NSW Bushfire Appeal - please give generously - funds will be sent to Diocese of Sydney to help those in need.

Confirmation Brunch - NEXT SUNDAY 9am Alison McKenzie and Claire McKenzie will be confirmed by Bishop John - a significant event for them and for the parish. Following the Confirmation we will celebrate with a bring and share 'brunch'. Please bring a plate of sandwiches, savouries, cakes, cheese platters, soup (in a slow cooker to keep warm), or finger foods etc, plus a bottle of wine, soft drink or juice. As well as our Bishop, we will also be welcoming and offering hospitality to visitors to church on this day. There is only one service in the parish next Sunday so it will be lovely time for all four centres of the parish to be together to relax and enjoy hospitality with the Bishop and each other.

Saint Matthew's Christmas Street Raffle, selling tickets on Friday 13th December, drawn Saturday 21 December.

Wanted! Christmas Tree Decorator!

One or two volunteers are needed to decorate the Christmas tree at Christ Church on Sunday 22nd December. This needs to be done AFTER the 9.00am Mass on Advent IV, and BEFORE the 6.30pm Festival of Carols. Christmas decorations are provided. Please see Fr Kim or one of the wardens if you can help.

Festival of Carols at Christ Church

On Sunday evening 22nd of December is our annual Festival of Carols at Christ Church. This year we will be involving our children from Church 4 Kids, who will be dressing up and assisting with the nativity and singing. The Service starts at 6.30pm and will be preceded by a BBQ at 5.00pm. Meat will be provided but please bring salads to share. Please mark this date in your diaries now, and come along and support our children, as well as welcoming all visitors from the community who will be there. Invite your families, neighbours and friends to sing Carols and hear again the Christmas story. Families with children involved in the service need to at the church by 5.30pm to get costumes and instruments. It would be lovely to involve as many parishioners as possible on this evening, so if you would like to sing with the singing group, read, give out books, cook the BBQ or help dress the children please see Fr Kim or Caroline.

Singing Group Practice

In preparation for the Festival of Carols there will be a practice for the singing group this Tuesday 3rd at 6.00pm in the Church. If you haven't volunteered your talents, please consider this. There will only be a few practices between now and Christmas. Please contact Caroline if you would like to assist.

Direct Debit Offerings - Parish Account details: CBA Account Name 'Kilmore Anglican Parish'. BSB 063-698. Account Number 1018 4649.

Parish life this week

First week of December

Tuesday 3rd	6.00pm	Singing group preparation for Festival of Carols
Wednesday 4th	12.00pm	Anglicare meeting Wangaratta
	7.30pm	Building & Property Meeting @ Christ Church
Thursday 5th	10.00am	Eucharist St Matthews
	10.00am	Eucharist Willowmeade
	2.30pm	Eucharist Caladenia
	4.00pm	Eucharist Dianella
Friday 6th	10.00am – 4.00pm	Op Shop Church House
	6.00pm	St Matthew's Village Meeting @ Gavan Hall
Saturday 24th	10.00am – 12noon	Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday: 8th December 2103: Second Sunday of Advent / Confirmation		
Isaiah 11.1-10; Ps 72.1-7, 18-21; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3. 1-12		
Christ Church	9am	Sung Eucharist with Brunch
St Matthews	11am	No service this day
St Stephens	11am	No service this day
Transfiguration	4pm	No Service this Day

Parish Diary

- 1st Wed of the month:** Building and Maintenance Committee Meeting
7.30pm Christ Church (unless otherwise notified)
- 3rd Tues of the month:** St Matthew's Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm
fellowship & afternoon tea; contact Edie Simpson ph.
5784 1246 for details.
- 3rd Wed of the month:** Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm venue TBA
- 4th Thurs of month:** Christ Church Friendship Group 7.30pm contact Beris
Hannam ph. 5723 9737 for program details
- 3rd Friday of month:** Parish BBQ - 6.30pm. See Notices for details
- 4th Sunday of month:** Church 4 Kids 5-6.30pm @ Christ Church

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