



The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
5th January 2014
The Feast of the Epiphany

Hymns: 314, 291, 675, 207



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.

The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book

SENTENCE

We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him Matthew 2.2.

THE COLLECT

Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60. 1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

‘Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ‘Lift up your eyes and look about you: all assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14

Response: May all nations be blest in him.

Give the king your judgements, O God,
and your righteousness to the son of a king.
Then shall he judge your people righteously
and your poor with justice.
May the mountains bring forth peace,
and the little hills righteousness for the people./R

May he defend the poor among the people,
deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.
May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another./R

May he come down like rain upon the mown grass,
like the showers that water the earth.
In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more./R

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute;
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.
All kings shall fall down before him;
all nations shall do him service./R

For he shall deliver the poor that cry out,
the needy and those who have no helper.
He shall have pity on the weak and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight./R

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3. 1-12

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed a | mong the nations,
and believed in through | out the world.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 2. 1-12

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written: "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."' Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.' After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Radiant Morning Star, you are both guidance and mystery, visit our rest with disturbing dreams, and our journeys with strange companions. Grace us with the hospitality to open our hearts and homes to visitors filled with unfamiliar wisdom bearing profound and unusual gifts. Like the magi of long ago, may we be drawn to you and offer you such gifts as we are able.

God of signs and wonders; **hear our prayer.**

God of wonder and delight you reveal yourself to the world, and kings bow in adoration; open our eyes to find you today in the weak and vulnerable people of the world and in all who choose to set aside pomp and privilege for the sake of others.

God of signs and wonders; **hear our prayer.**

God of wonder and delight you reveal yourself to the world, and a tyrant is filled with fear; open our eyes to find you in those who suffer at the hands of tyrants and in all who challenge harsh and corrupt regimes; we pray for those persecuted for their religion especially Christians in the Middle East; and for Syria, South Sudan and other places where people are threatened with violence and war.

God of signs and wonders; **hear our prayer.**

God of wonder and delight you reveal yourself to the world, and the Gentiles become heirs to your mystery; we pray for your church and all who break down

barriers that exclude people from your grace; we pray for our Bishop John, our priest, and our parish, as we seek to show your love to the world.

God of signs and wonders; **hear our prayer.**

God of wonder and delight you reveal yourself to the world and the sick are healed, the sad are comforted; we pray for those in need; for those who suffer on body, mind or spirit, for the dying and those who care for them; especially we pray for those who have requested prayer.

Request for prayer from: *Heather Turnbull, Chris Schafer, David Flower, Tom Scrivens, Glen Turnbull, 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, Alma Smith, Suresh Jain.*

God of signs and wonders; **hear our prayer.**

God of wonder and delight you reveal yourself to the world, and we share in the promise of your glory; we pray for the recently departed and those whose years mind occurs at this time.

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

God of signs and wonders; **hear our prayer.**

God of wonder and delight, your light has come, and the birth of Jesus has overwhelmed us with joy, hear us as we pray for ourselves and those we love; may all be safe in this holiday time; we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who 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: 7th Patty James; 8th Irene Anderson; 9th Ernest Shin; 11th Alma Fleming, Terrence Guinelly, Joan Scale.

Saint's Days and Holy Days: 10th William Laud, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr (d. 1645).

Reflections on the readings

Epiphany embodies two journeys as much as if did for the mystical Magi. The first is the new vision that the Gospels present of God's grace and love being extended to all people, and not just those descended from Abraham, indicated by these magicians from the feared East - more than just Gentile. This inclusivity is radical, scandalous and exciting, and offers a wonderful opportunity for celebration and welcome in our communities. The second journey is that of going deeper into our understanding of Christ – an opening to the epiphany (the insight, the revelation) of who this Christ child is that we have welcomed to our world in the Christmas season. Of course, both journeys are really one, and both offer us an awesome reason for worship and devotion to Jesus.

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Notices

Your attention is drawn to the Pastoral letter from Bishop John posted on the notice board.

The Rector on Leave - Fr Kim is on leave and back on 18th January. We welcome Fr John Young as our locum for Sunday services. For pastoral issues please contact one of the Wardens.

Annual Reports – The Parish Annual General Meeting will be held on 9th March 2014. Annual reports need to be prepared and given to Caroline as soon as possible, but by the end of January (email is preferred, but typed or hand-written acceptable!)

Retiring Collections & Appeals - Please continue to support the Bishop's NSW Bushfire Appeal & the ABM Philippines Appeal.

Parish Australia Day BBQ – There will be a 'bring and share' Parish Australia Day BBQ at Caroline's house (20 Chrystobel Way, Kilmore) on Sunday 26th January from 12.30pm. Please bring meat, salads, desserts and something to drink to share. All very welcome – mark this in your diaries now!

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

Parish life this week

No week day services this week

Friday 10th 10am - 4pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 11th 10am-12.30pm Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday: 12th January THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Isaiah 42.1-9; Ps 29; Acts 10. 34-43; Matthew 3. 13-17

Christ Church	9am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Morning Prayer
St Stephens	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	No service this day

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