



The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
12th January 2014
The Baptism of the Lord

Hymns: 275, 250, 457, 207



Baptism of Jesus *Gustave Doré, 1866.*

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.

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SENTENCE

A voice came from heaven, saying, “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.” *Matthew 3.17*

THE COLLECT

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be our daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42. 1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

‘Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.’ This is what God the Lord says – the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: ‘I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. ‘I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 29

Response: May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness./R

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice./R

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox./R

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh./R

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare;
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'/R

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace./R

SECOND READING

Acts 10. 34-43

A reading from the Acts of Apostles

Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. 'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, | the Beloved,
with whom I | am well pleased."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 3. 13-17

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Creator God, our soul's delight, your Spirit moved over the waters, liberating the future from the past. In the Spirit's power and through the waters of rebirth, you declared Jesus as your blessed and beloved Son, and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by the same Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the gospel by acts of love in your name.

God of grace and glory; **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for the governments and leaders of nations, including our own, grant them wisdom and compassion as they work for peace and justice in the world; we pray for peace and reconciliation in Syria and South Sudan.

God of grace and glory **hear our prayer.**

Ever-living Lord, pour out your Spirit of renewal upon the Church as it seeks to fulfil your mission in the world; we pray for all who proclaim your love; may your Spirit dwell upon John our Bishop, and our parish, as we remember our baptismal covenant, that you have claimed us as your daughters and sons and are well pleased with us as we faithfully follow the way of Jesus by loving you and our neighbour.

God of grace and glory; **hear our prayer.**

Christ our healer, we pray for all who are sick, hospitalised, shut-in, lonely, depressed, for those suffering pain and distress; for the dying and those in bereavement; for those in need; and for those who have requested prayer.

Request for prayer from: *Heather Turnbull, Chris Schafer, 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 grace and glory; **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the heavens and the earth you call us into a covenant of baptism and empower us with your spirit, hear us as we pray for ourselves may we be enlivened once more in the power of the Spirit; and hear us as pray as our Lord has taught us; **Our Father ...[pg. 124]**

Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: 12th William Harrington; 13th Vera Brereton, John James; 14th George Glover, Mildred Ollett, Sydney Edge; 15th Laurel Kennard, William Begley, Bruce Insley, 16th Olive Pont; 17th Yen Schneider.

Recently Departed: Carolyn Gaunt.

Saint's Days and Holy Days: 13th Hilary of Poitiers, bishop and teacher, (d. 367); 14th Sava, first archbishop of Serbian Church (d. 1235); 17th Antony of Egypt, abbot (d. 356).

Reflections on the Readings

The twin themes of proclamation and justice run through the readings this week. Isaiah prophecies the servant who fulfils God's previously proclaimed promise and who brings justice by proclamation without raising his voice, in word and action. The voice of God, which causes strong responses in creation, is praised in Psalm 29. In Acts, Peter's proclamation of the Gospel is the focus, and he points people to Jesus' own message, proclaimed and demonstrated in words and acts of compassion and justice. In the encounter with John, Jesus proclaims that what they do is in fulfilment of righteousness (what God requires) and then God proclaims Christ to be God's well-beloved son, in whom God delights. The beautiful challenge of these readings is that justice, God's reign, God's presence and God's salvation in Christ, must be proclaimed, and be seen to be proclaimed, to have impact and influence on us and in our world. However, as Isaiah indicates, and Peter preaches, the proclamation is quiet, without a raised voice, and is shown to God's "hand-picked" witnesses who must then carry the message further. The Baptism of Christ, then, is for us a listening to God's proclamation of who Christ is, and what Christ has come to do. We are the witnesses to Christ. And then, it is also a call for us to be proclaimers, messengers, carrying what we have seen and experienced into the world in quiet, but significant, words and deeds.

SOUTH SUDAN CONFLICT EMERGENCY APPEAL

On 15 December 2013, fighting broke out between soldiers loyal to both sides in the capital Juba after President Salva Kiir accused the ex-vice President Riek Machar of attempting a coup which he denies. Mr Kiir is from the Dinka community and Mr Machar from the Nuer which has caused the political crisis to take on ethnic undertones. There have been over 1,000 deaths with an estimated 194,000 Internally Displaced People, many seeking refuge in UN camps and also in church compounds.

ABM works closely with its Church Partner in South Sudan, the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan (ECSSS). The Most Revd Dr Daniel Deng Bul Yak, Archbishop of the ECSSS, has written to the Archbishop of Canterbury appealing to him and others around the Communion for assistance both in the church's response to internally displaced and injured persons, and to advocate for successful peace talks in Addis Ababa.

He wrote, "We still don't know how the situation may evolve in the next twenty four hours, days, weeks and months ahead of us. Also do appeal to some charitable organisations and agencies to please help alleviate the affected people as some of them are now dying of hunger, diseases such as diarrhoea and malaria particularly the children ..."

ABM has been supporting the Relief and Development arm of the Episcopal Church - Sudan Development Relief and Advocacy (SUDRA) - to respond to several resource and conflict-caused emergencies over the past two years since the country voted to be independent of Sudan in January 2011. We are seeking your support to raise \$50,000 to assist the church to meet urgent needs of displaced and injured people, particularly in Bor Town and nearby areas.

SOUTH SUDAN CONFLICT EMERGENCY APPEAL 2013

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Donations may also be made by EFT to BSB 032880 and Acc# 130754. Please put your SURNAME and SSUDAN in the message in order for us to identify your contribution.

Note: Please email your details to finance.officer@abm.asn.au so we can issue a receipt if you donate by using EFT.

Notices

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

The Rector on Leave - Fr Kim is on leave and back for next Sunday. We thank Fr John Young for being locum for our Sunday services. Any pastoral issues please contact one of the Wardens.

Annual Reports - The Parish AGM 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 at the latest (email is preferred, but typed or hand-written acceptable!)

Parish Directory - The new updated Parish Directory is now available (yellow cover). Please take a copy. If you omitted to give your permission to be included in the Directory and wish to be in future copies, please contact Caroline.

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: 19th January Second Sunday after Epiphany		
Isaiah 49.1-7; Ps 40.1-14; I Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42		
Christ Church	9am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephens	11am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration	4pm	No service this day

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