



The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
26th January 2014
Third Sunday after Epiphany

Hymns: 447, Pewsheet, 583, 571



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

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. *Matthew 4.23*

THE COLLECT

Loving God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that serve you: help us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may faithfully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9. 1-4

A reading from the book of prophet Isaiah

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan – The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 40. 1-14

Response: The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell./R

Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid,
and though there rise up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek his will in his temple./R

For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter;
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me
and set me high upon a rock.

And now shall he lift up my head above my enemies round about me
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord./R

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy upon me and answer me.
My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' Your face, Lord, will I seek./R

SECOND READING

Corinthians 1. 10-18

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: one of you says, 'I follow Paul'; another, 'I follow Apollos'; another, 'I follow Cephas'; still another, 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? I thank God that I did not baptise any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptised in my name. (Yes, I also baptised the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptised anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel – not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the | Word was life,
and the life was the light | of all people.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 4. 12-25

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he

called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord Jesus you who were revealed as a light to the nations, so shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. Give us courage and conviction that we may joyfully turn and follow you into new adventures of faithful service, led by the light that shines through the one Jesus Christ our liberator.

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

God of all peoples. we pray for the world in which we live, for places of war and unrest for the people and governments of South Sudan, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Egypt, Ukraine and Thailand; for those who suffer from famine and disease. Draw us to the radiance of your light, that we may set aside cruelty, aggression and exploitation to find just and peaceable ways to live together on this earth. We give thanks and pray for the success of the Syrian talks.

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

God of all providence, we pray for our own land of Australia on this Australia Day, and we give thanks for beaches and reefs, rain forests and mountains, wilderness and desert; for our unique and marvellous ecology; for the freedoms we enjoy and for its peoples; those here since the ancient dreaming; those who have come in recent times; for refugees and those requesting asylum, and all who seek to find a home amongst us; for all held in detention in Australia, Nauru and Manus Island. We give thanks for the richness of our multicultural society; draw us to the radiance of your light, that we may set aside prejudice, bitterness and greed to care for one another and the treasures you entrust to us.

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion and hope, hear our prayer for everyone in those communities suffering loss through the bush fires and for all firefighters, medical crews, and those providing assistance and relief.

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

God who summons those to serve in your Church: we pray for those of all traditions baptised in the name of Christ, and for all who search for and long to

know you; for the National Council of Churches and for the clergy of our Diocese; for John our Bishop, and for the people of this parish that we may with common purpose proclaim your gospel in the world.

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the all in need: for the lonely and the broken-hearted; for those abandoned or without hope for the future; for the sick and those in pain; for those living with terminal disease and those close to death; for all who bring love and care to those who suffer, may our prayer bring comfort for those in distress, hope for those who despair and peace for those reaching their life's end; in particular we pray 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, Matthew, 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 & Gwenda Stomann, Tom, Sandra & Bianca Davidson, Peter Cannon, Alma Smith, Suresh Jain.*

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we pray for the recently departed, and who have entered your nearer presence; for those whose years mind occurs at this time. Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord; **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give you thanks for your faithful people of every age; for Andrew, Peter, James and John and for your disciples in every generation who have heard your call, left all, and followed you; may we too be drawn to the radiance of your light as we pray for ourselves hear us as we 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: 26th Jessie Smith; 27th Digger Forwood; 29th Pam Rhue; 30th Harold Napper; 31st Olive Hutchinson; 1 Feb John Kirkpatrick, Diane Robins.

Saint's Days and Holy Days: 27th John Chrysostom, bishop of Constantinople, teacher (d.407); 28th Thomas Aquinas, theologian (d.124); 30th Charles, King of England (d. 1649).

Reflections on the Readings

There are two responses that must be made to the readings this week. Following last week's invitation of Jesus to come and see, there is a dramatic shift to the call to the task of bringing in God's kingdom. As we seek to serve the most vulnerable in our communities, that meeting their physical and justice needs is only part of the work. We must also invite those we encounter into an experience of God's reign themselves; for if we do not allow them to discover, or deepen, a

relationship with the Living God, we are little more than a social service organisation. The poverty of soul, the violence of feeling abandoned by God, the oppression of being at the mercy of this world's systems with no awareness of another reality – these are also justice issues to address. The second response and even more fundamental is for each called to be a Christ follower to ensure that we, personally and collectively, nurture our own relationship with God. Without a constant, vibrant and empowering experience of God's grace and presence, we all too easily grow despondent, cynical and even destructive. The power to live from the reality of God's reign, to work to change the world and bring justice, flows from knowing God's light and presence. Ultimately our first calling is simply to know Jesus, to follow Christ and invite others to do the same. Changing the world, then, is not our task – it is God's. We simply get to participate sometimes.

Adapted from John van de Laar (2014) www.sacredise.com

Hymn: Will you come and follow me [Tune 679 Kelvin Grove]

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Notices

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

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

Parish Australia Day BBQ - TODAY 12.30pm 'bring and share' BBQ at Caroline's house (20 Chrystobel Way, Kilmore) BYO meat, salads, desserts and something to drink to share. All very welcome!

Parish Directory: The latest version (yellow cover) of the Parish Directory was distributed last Sunday. This will be a draft copy only as there are a couple of omissions (apologies to those affected). If your name and contact details aren't in the directory, or need to be corrected, please contact Caroline in the next few weeks.

Parish Photos and Articles: To cover the whole parish on our Website, Facebook page and articles for the Advocate, it would be lovely to have someone from each centre to take photos and write articles (or give information) about any newsworthy occasion. If you would like to help out with this or want further information or clarification, please see Caroline.

Annual Reports - For the Parish AGM 9th March 2014 - the Annual Reports of groups and organisations need to be provided to Caroline by next Sunday to allow for preparing of the annual report. The reports can be emailed (preferred) or typed or hand-written. Please give this your urgent attention.

Request for prayer list - the list is to be reviewed and names will be removed unless requests are received to keep names on the list. A person must have given consent for any name to be listed. Please inform Fr Kim or the Wardens.

A must see Gavan Hall Broadford: Underwater Photography Exhibition from the tropical waters around Indonesia and the Philippines.- Friday 31 Jan. 7.30pm. Opening with champagne and canapes. \$5. Saturday 1 Feb. 10am to 3pm. Gold coin donation.

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

Parish life this week

Fourth week of January

Thursday 22nd 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews
 10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade
 2.30pm Eucharist Caladenia
 4.00pm Eucharist Dianella
Friday 23rd 10am - 4pm Op Shop Church House
Saturday 24th 10am-12.30pm Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday: 2nd February Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Malachi 3.1-4; Ps 84; Hebrews 2. 14-18; Luke 2. 22-40

Christ Church	9am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephens	11am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration	4pm	Holy Eucharist

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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