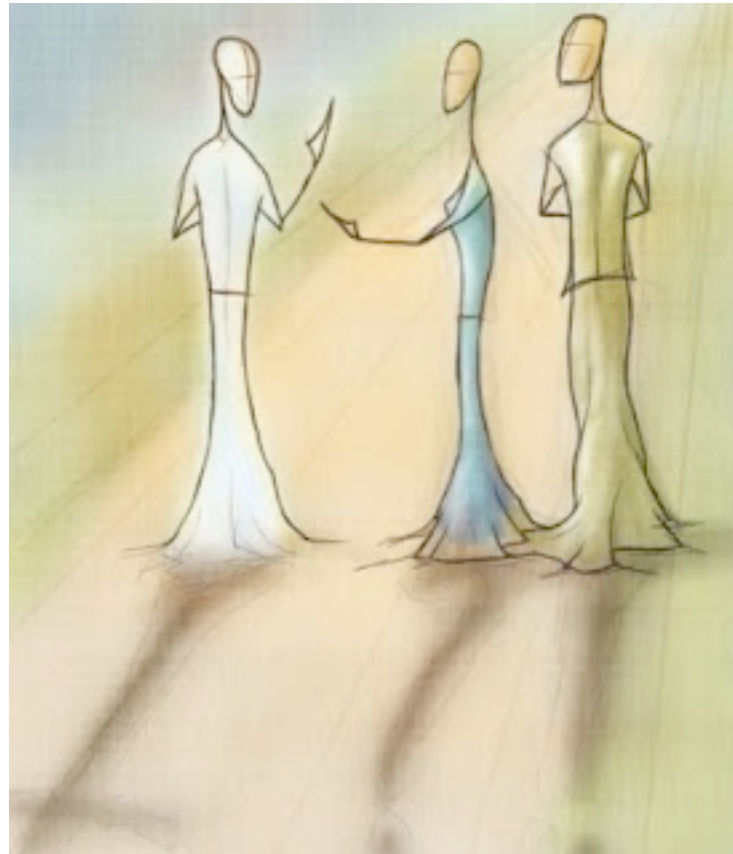


The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
4th May 2014
Third Sunday of Easter

Hymns: 372, 246, 650, 380



*This intriguing image is Road to Emmaus, by artist, Adam Howie. Notice the different shadows created by each of the figures (a cross, question mark, exclamation mark).
<http://www.redbubble.com/people/lurchkimded/collections/1106-spiritual-and-religious>*

Introit Hymn

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2.38–39.

THE COLLECT

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 2.14a, 36-41

A reading from the book of Acts

Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and addressed the crowd: ‘Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ‘Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.’ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’ Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.’ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116.1-4, 11-18

**Response: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living,
the land of the living.**

Response Colin Mawby

v. 8 I will walk be - fore the Lord in the land of the
liv - ing, the land of the liv - ing.

I love the Lord, because he heard the voice of my supplication;
Because he inclined his ear to me: in the day that I called to him.
The cords of death encompassed me,
the snares of the grave took hold on me:
I was in anguish and sorrow./R

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
'O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me !'
How shall I repay the Lord: for all his benefits to me?
I will take up the cup of salvation:
and call upon the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people./R

Grievous in the sight of the Lord: is the death of his faithful ones.
O Lord, I am your servant,
your servant and the child of your handmaid:
you have unloosed my bonds.
I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and call upon the name of the Lord./R

I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the Lord:
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord./R

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1.13-25

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.' Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, 'All people are like grass, and all their

glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures for ever.’ And this is the word that was preached to you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Our hearts | burn within us
while you open to | us the scriptures

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24.13-35

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they

recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Baptism - see booklet

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Risen Lord, we also keep company with the travellers on the Emmaus road who felt the strange burning of the truth and hope and love weaving into the sadness that consumed them on their walk. We find ourselves in the eternal movement between fear and faith, doubt and conviction, wonder and worry, and we trust in your presence with us to be our guide.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, when you broke the bread the disciples knew you; we pray for all who are hungry or starving throughout the world. Bless all who work to provide food for people everywhere, and lead all those who are given the responsibility to distribute food to do so honestly and fairly. We thank you for blessing us with your bountiful goodness, and help us all to share willingly of all which you have first given to us.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, you came giving your peace so that your people may be free; we pray for all suffering the atrocities of war and violence, for those fleeing in desperation, for refugees and asylum seekers and those trapped by situation and circumstance; for those abused and trafficked and all who struggle to keep their children safe. We pray especially for the peoples of Syria and Korea at this time in their travail.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, as you opened the scriptures to your companions on the road, we pray for those who hunger for understanding; bless and sustain all who reveal your word; for your Church and all pastors and preachers, priests and Bishops; for John our Bishop, our parish clergy and lay ministers so that eyes may be opened in faith and your truth proclaimed. With joy and thanksgiving we

welcome into this community of faith Jackson Harvey and pray blessing on him and parents Craig and Jennifer, and godparents Allison and Marlies.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless and be present to all people in need, for those living with anxiety and fear, the homeless and the unemployed; hear our prayer for the sick and the dying especially those known to us and those who have requested prayer...

Request for prayer from: *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Lyn Ryan, Alex Impols, May McCormack, Dawn McCormack, Carol Boase, Cathy Moseley, Seth Gunter, David Parsons, Cliff & Gwen Stomann, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Adrian Walsh, Tom Scrivens, Dianne Mitsakis, Bruce Mitchell, Evette, Mark Bennetts, Suresh Jain, Barry Watts.....*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Father, in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you have swallowed up death for ever, and opened up the way for all people to sit with you at the feast of eternal life; we pray for the recently departed and those whose death occurs at this time.

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

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Elusive God, our companion on the way, you walk behind, beside, beyond; you catch us unawares. Break through the disillusionment and despair that can cloud our vision; hear us as we pray for ourselves so that, with wide-eyed wonder, we too may find our way and journey on as messengers of your good news.

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

Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: 4th Joyce Jones; 5th Raymond Pitman, Evelyn Carboon; 6th Mabel Fullard; 10th Rodney Heppell.

Saint's Days and Holy Days: 6th John, Apostle and Evangelist; 8th Julian of Norwich (d.1417).

Reflections on the Readings

The Emmaus Road is a compelling story. It is a curious way for Jesus to reveal himself to these two disciples, but it is also a moment that called them to a response. It is all too easy for faith to become an academic exercise or a “thing we do” on Sundays which has little connection with everyday life. But if the resurrection is to be known and lived, we cannot just have ideas about it. We must respond to it – not just once, as to a once-off event, but in every moment, as to something that is a constant reality in the universe. It is this challenge that makes this week of the Easter Season both meaningful and pregnant with possibility. God’s life and grace, and the gift of resurrection, are wonderful things to know about, but they mean very little in real terms without a response from us. While God’s grace and love are always available, it is as we respond that we are able to appropriate and benefit from them. The power of Peter’s sermon was only realised by his hearers when they responded to what he had said. The psalmist recognises that God’s gracious rescue is made real when he responds with gratitude, praise and commitment. Peter invites the believers who have come to faith in Christ and received God’s life to respond by living lives of love toward one another, which of course, is how God’s life is experienced. Finally, the two disciples on the Emmaus Road have heard about Jesus’ resurrection, but it is only when they recognise him at the meal as he breaks bread that the reality of the resurrection hits home to them and they experience it for themselves. It is not that God needs our response in order to love us, forgive us, or save us, but that for us to know, experience and live out of the life and grace of God, we need to appropriate what God has given us and respond to the realities that we encounter. This call for response is a powerful and hopeful part of the Gospel we preach, and is the gift we are invited to share in worship this week.

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Notices

Welcome to the Swift family especially young Jackson as he is baptised today. Craig and Jennifer have invited any who would wish to join them for lunch at their home 34 Sports Ave, Kilmore.

Property Committee Meeting - this month’s meeting has been cancelled - next meeting 4th June.

Parish BBQ - the next BBQ was scheduled for next Sunday which happens to be Mother’s Day and it have been seriously suggested that the date be changed. To date there have been no offers to host the event. Therefore the next Parish BBQ will be 12.30pm Sunday 8th June and hosts are being sought for that day.

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

Parish Diary

1st Wed of the month: Building and Maintenance Committee Meeting 7.30pm
(venue TBA)

2nd Sun of the month: Parish BBQ - 12.30pm. See Notices for details

3rd Tues of the month: St Matthew's Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm
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

4th Sunday of month: Church 4 Kids 5-6.30pm @ Christ Church

Parish life this week

First week of May

Wednesday 7th 7.30pm Property Committee Christ Church - *Cancelled*

Thursday 8th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews

10.30am Eucharist Willowmeade

2.30pm Eucharist Caladenia

4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 9th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 10th 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday: 11th May 2014 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.42-47; Ps 23; 1 Peter 2.1-10; John 10. 1-10

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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