



The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
25th May 2014
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Hymns: 61, 403, 409, Pewsheet



Introit Hymn

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. *John 14.23*

THE COLLECT

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

I will come into your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows, which my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams;
I will sacrifice oxen and goats./R

Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.
I called out to him with my mouth and his praise was on my tongue.
If I had nursed evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me,/R

But in truth God has heard me;
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his loving mercy from me./R

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3. 8-22

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, 'Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.' Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. 'Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.' But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits – to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolises baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience towards God. It saves you by the resurrection

of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand – with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them..

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14.15-21

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Living and loving God, we give your thanks for your son's victory of love over hatred; we praise you that he stayed true to his chosen path despite the malice and hatred hurled, the repeated taunts, and the very real temptation to step away from your call. Hear now our prayer for the world that he gave his life for - a world so racked by enmity and division and so desperately in need of love.

Lord in your goodness; **may love emerge victorious.**

Living and loving God, we pray for those countries torn apart by conflict, religious extremism, dictatorships, racial hatred and abuse; for the people of Syria, Somalia, Ukraine, Thailand. and we continue our prayer for the kidnapped Nigerian schoolgirls, their families and communities; we pray for the peace talks in South Sudan and for those who have been displaced.

Lord in your goodness; **may love emerge victorious.**

Living and loving God, we pray for Christian Churches and communities everywhere, that they may be faithful witnesses to the Gospel, and for church leaders during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, that they may work together and promote unity among Christians; for our Diocese and our Bishop John and all the clergy, for our parish that we may be known by the hallmarks and nail marks of love.

Lord in your goodness; **may love emerge victorious.**

Living and loving God, we pray for our country and society at large where hated masquerades under a variety of guises, prejudice, greed, selfishness, intolerance, ignorance, so much that denies divides and destroys. We pray the power of your love to bring comfort and liberty to those trapped by poverty, homelessness, sickness or need; for those in any kind of trouble that all may experience your transforming love; especially we pray for those we know in need of prayer and those we name this day.....

Request for prayer from: *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Lyn Ryan, Alex Impols, May McCormack, Dawn McCormack, Carol Boase, Cathy Moseley, Seth Gunther, 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, Roland Nicholson and Monica Nicholson...*

Lord in your goodness; **may love emerge victorious.**

Living and loving God, we give you thanks that you prepare a dwelling place for all who love you and offer your children hope of eternal life. We remember your servants of every age, and we pray for the recently departed and those whose years mind occurs this week.

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

Lord in your goodness; **may love emerge victorious.**

O God, your Son remained with his disciples after his resurrection, teaching them to love all people as neighbours; as his disciples in this age, hear us as we pray for ourselves ; open our hearts to your power moving around us and between us and within us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may may your grace receive 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 at this time: 25th Ian Marryatt; 26th Linda Lowden. Pearl Watts; 27th Ada White, Shirley Holmes; 28th Doris Hughes; 29th Cameron Hiscock, Vera Buckingham; 31st Alci Johnson, Mary Adamson.

Offertory Hymn

Prayer over the Gifts

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name.

Prayer after Communion

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of our risen Christ the Lord.

Hymn Jesus the Revealer [Tune TiS 240]

1. In Jesus Christ, the un-named God is known / In human form, in common flesh and bone. / God is revealed in ways we understand; / Divine and human, shown as hand-in-hand.
2. Not only as our mentor, but as Friend, / Christ shows us love; so hard to comprehend; / God so revealed, we do not need to fear / The one who loves, who holds us very dear.
3. God, shown by Christ, is forceful, firm and strong / Confronts the fakes who try to hide their wrong. / Exposes pride and shallow piety, / The worthlessness of false humility.
4. Christ, in his life, displays what we can be; / He demonstrates our true humanity. / With joy, compassion, kindness, strength and grace, / He shows us all the beauty of our race.
5. Christ is a human picture of our God. / He's not removed. He treads where we have trod. / Christ is a godly picture for us all; / Inspiring us to answer to God's call.

Reflections on the Readings

After last week's reassurance the readings continue to comfort by emphasising God's nearness and God's strengthening of those who struggle. In Athens Paul speaks to the people of the city about a God who can be known and "in whom we live, move and have our being." He invites them to recognise that God is very near to all people whether they are aware of God or not. The Psalmist reflects on God's presence even during times of 'testing' and gives thanks for God's rescue

and forgiveness, and celebrates that God does indeed hear the prayers of God's people. In Peter's letter the apostle continues to offer comfort to a persecuted church assuring them that they are following in Christ's nail-scarred footsteps, and that in Christ they are saved. And, in John's Gospel, Jesus offers the promise of the Spirit, assuring his disciples that by the Spirit they will always know that God is with them and in them, and they will enjoy the love relationship that Jesus has given them. The wonderful, challenging and comforting message of this week is that God is intimately available to us, and that God's presence and resources are accessible to us as we face the challenges and struggles of following Christ and living fully. This does not remove responsibility for the decisions and actions and the consequences in our lives, rather the inevitable question is whether we are willing to embrace God's presence, and rest in God's strength even as we wrestle with the injustices in our community and the big crises facing our world.

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Notices

Church4Kids 5pm this evening @ Christ Church Fun times with stories, songs, activities BBQ Ages 4-14

Warden's meeting /dinner 6pm Monday at Rectory

Cancer Council Biggest Afternoon Tea - 1.30pm Tuesday Gavan Hall \$5; Speaker, Raffles, Door Prizws, Afternoon Tea St Matthew's Friendship Group.

Emergency Appeal for South Sudan - ongoing disaster in South Sudan is ongoing and worsening. ABM target is to raise \$50,000 to assist the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan in providing food, shelter and medicines for thousands of displaced persons. Bishop John urges our prayers and financial support for the people of South Sudan and the Episcopal Church in that region. Donations can be by way of retiring collection for the Easter season and by direct donation - information sheets on the notice board.

Donations for Hymn Books for Pyalong - 12 TiS are required for Church of the Transfiguration - your donation appreciated.

Anglican Women of Australia Rally - 10am Wednesday 18th June, 2014 - Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta. Guest Speaker: Helen Murray.

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

Third week of May

- Monday 26th [*Augustine of Canterbury, missionary and bishop (d. 605)*]
- Tuesday 27th 2.00pm St Matthews Biggest Afternoon Tea - Gavan Hall
- Wednesday 28th 10.00am Eucharist Christ Church, Seymour
- Thursday 29th **[Ascension Day]**
10.00am Eucharist St Matthews
10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade
4.00pm Eucharist Dianella
- Friday 30th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop Church House
- Saturday 31st [The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth]
10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday: 1st June 2014 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1. 6-14; Ps 68.1-10,32-35; 1 Peter 5; John 17.1-11

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

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