

The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
29th June 2014
Third Sunday after Pentecost



Introit Hymn

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 6.23*

THE COLLECT

O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our hearts to the needs of your children, and in all things make us obedient to your will, so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift, eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 22. 1-14

A reading from the book of Genesis

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' 'Here I am,' he replied. Then God said, 'Take your son, your only son, whom you love – Isaac – and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain that I will show you.' Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, 'Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, 'Father?' 'Yes, my son?' Abraham replied. 'The fire and wood are here,' Isaac said, 'but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?' Abraham answered, 'God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.' And the two of them went on together. When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, 'Abraham! Abraham!' 'Here I am,' he replied. 'Do not lay a hand on the boy,' he said. 'Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.' Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord Will Provide'. And to this day it is said, 'On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

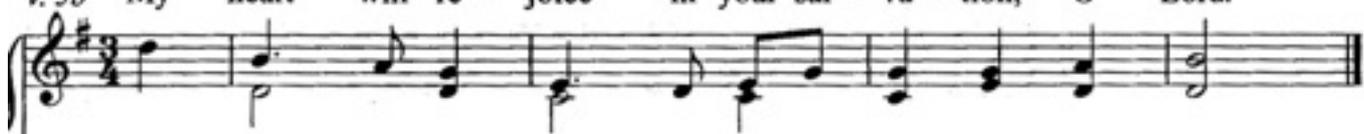
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 13

Response: My heart will rejoice in your salvation, O Lord.

Response Andrew Moore

v. 5b My heart will re - joice in your sal - va - tion, O Lord.



How long will you forget me, O Lord; for ever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long shall I have anguish in my soul
and grief in my heart, day after day?
How long shall my enemy triumph over me?/R

Look upon me and answer, O Lord my God;
lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
Lest my enemy say, 'I have prevailed against him,'
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen./R

But I put my trust in your steadfast love;
my heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord,
for he has dealt so bountifully with me./R

SECOND READING

Romans 6. 12-23

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey – whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a | holy nation,
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called
you out of darkness into his | marvellous light.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 10. 40-42

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Faithful God, your love stands firm from generation to generation, your mercy is always abundant, and your covenant binds us to each other. Give us open and understanding hearts, that having heard your word, we may seek Christ's presence in all whom we meet and to give expression to the same covenant that Jesus secured for us as the body of Christ.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Generous God we pray for your world, giving thanks for the beauty of creation and the riches of earth; for the nations of the world; for end to war and for peaceable solutions to conflicts in Syria, Iraq, Ukraine; for the kidnapped women and girls in Nigeria; for all refugees and asylum seekers and those held in refugee and detention camps.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, we pray for your church, for visionary leadership and for faithful discipleship; for all ministers of your word and sacraments, for those who offer grace and forgiveness and show compassionate service; for our Bishop John and for our parish that we may faithfully serve in your name.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, your son embraced the outcast and the marginalised and showed God's love for all; we pray for our community, for the loving nurture of children and care for the vulnerable, respect for individuals and concern for the well being of all; for hospitality to strangers and newcomers; for the homeless, the destitute and those with no work; for those suffering trauma of abuse and those who abuse others; may all know your love and welcome.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we bring to you those in need or distress, for comfort for those who grieve or suffer loss, hope for the despairing, companionship for the lonely and relief for those in pain of body or mind; for those who long for a comforting touch or kindly work, for those starved of love and affection especially your children; help us to care for them and help us to receive the care of others. We pray for 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 Gunther, David Parsons, Cliff & Gwen Stomann, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Tom Scrivens, Dianne Mitsakis, Bruce Mitchell, Evette, Mark Bennetts, Suresh Jain, Barry Watts, Roland Nicholson, Monica Nicholson, Franca Caia.*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all who have died in faith; for all good and holy people and for those who accepted your forgiveness and welcome; we pray for the recently departed, for Leonard James Elson, and for those whose years mind 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.**

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers; hear us as we pray for ourselves ... open our hearts in compassion and empower us to follow you in all we do and are.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your word is a lamp for our feet, and your sacrament food for our journey; in darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray: **Our Father in heaven..... [Pg 124]**

Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: 29th Joseph Milburn, Belle Minney; 30th Billie Hill; 1st July Nancy Diamond; 2nd Jack Byrne, Hilda Kirby, Ian Robertson, Margaret Burns,

Robert Lang; 3rd John Williamson, Charles Hutchison; 4th Thomas Pearce, Jean Creusot; 5th Sydney Bennett, Jack Dress, Ron Margeson, Claudine Tuttle.

Reflections on the Readings

There are so many seemingly disparate themes that emerge from the readings this week; the role and test of a prophet (and the reward for receiving a prophet), the faithfulness and willingness of Abraham to sacrifice Isaac; Paul's call for believers to turn from evil and embrace righteousness; and the Psalmist's celebration of God's unfailing love. What seems to emerge as a common thread, however, is that God's concern and care, presence and protection are always available to God's people. The word 'hospitality' may be a simple summary of this week's theme – God's hospitality for us, and ours for one another in God's name, which is the 'definition' of righteousness. On a global scale, hospitality hardly makes sense. In what ways can hospitality be exercised across borders, or to whole nations? Yet, the readings this week offer some fascinating insights that can help us to live as globally hospitable Christ-followers. First, there is the challenge of intervening on behalf of those who, like Isaac, are sacrificed on the altars of ignorance, legalism and fear-based religion. People of faith have allowed too much rhetoric which denounces other religions on the basis of a few extremists. This applies to all of the major religions. Secondly, there is the call to speak truth to those who would proclaim that the world as it is is fine, and we will all be fine with no need for change. It is a tough hospitality to call attention to the realities that threaten us; issues such as climate change, the gap between the rich and poor, and the need to make the poor and marginalised part of the conversation. Finally, there is the simple hospitality of receiving – accepting, serving and including – all people; an ethic with immediate relevancy to us here in Australia. While we may never meet some of those we are called to receive, we offer hospitality simply by refusing to stereotype, to pre-judge and to reject others in our words and attitudes. We offer hospitality by refusing to harbour any belief in our own exceptionalism, or to embrace any sense of being better than others. We offer hospitality by always being willing to listen, understand and welcome the stranger. When each of does this in our attitudes toward people in other countries, other religions, and other race groups, the righteousness (right-standing) of us with one another, and with God is fostered, and the holiness of hospitality is spread across the earth. In the end, this hospitality will offer us both healing and connection, and will enable us to know the life that God longs for us all to share in Christ.

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Notices

Parish BBQ Sunday 13th July, hosts needed - please contact Fr Kim.

Christ Church building works - parishioners are advised that construction works on the toilet block are commencing. Please exercise caution around the construction site.

Gavan Hall Dinner Friday 25th July, contact John Patterson 5784 3284 for bookings.

Faith Enhancement Study Groups- this is about learning and discovering more about our Christian faith and how it relates to our lives today. If you would like to attend or to host a group in your home please contact Fr Kim. Each group will need between 6-10 people to work well - beginning week of 13 July.

Confirmation 2014/15 - please contact Fr Kim for more details.

Parish Strategic Planning - over the next few months there will be opportunity for everyone to participate in developing the strategic plan. You are invited to arrange for an interview, complete the interview on line [visit the website], or to participate in various small groups - these will be announced soon.

Rector on leave 7-11 July - please contact the Wardens

Giving Envelopes

Giving Envelopes are now available to start July, please take a box today to make your offering a weekly amount. You can also make your weekly offering by EFT or direct debit see below:

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

If you have any questions, please contact Fr Kim or one of the Wardens.

Parish Diary

1st Wed of the month: Property 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 July

Tuesday 1st [COMING OF THE LIGHT - first missionaries to Torres Strait (1871)

Wednesday 2nd 10.00am Eucharist Christ Church, Seymour

7.30pm Property Committee Meeting Church House

Thursday 3rd [THOMAS]

10.00am Eucharist St Matthews

10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade

2.00pm Eucharist Caladenia

4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 4th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 5th 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday: 6th July 2014 – Pentecost IV

Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Ps 45.10-17; Romans 7.14-25;
Matthew 11. 15-30

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

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