



The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
3rd August 2014
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Hymns: 61, 691, 538, 495



Introit Hymn

Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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

The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry, and saves them. *Psalm 145.18-19*

THE COLLECT

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

FIRST READING

Genesis 32. 22-31

A reading from the book of Genesis

Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, 'Let me go, for it is daybreak.' But Jacob replied, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.' The man asked him, 'What is your name?' 'Jacob,' he answered. Then the man said, 'Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.' Jacob said, 'Please tell me your name.' But he replied, 'Why do you ask my name?' Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.' The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 17. 1-7, 16

Response: Incline your ear to me, O Lord, and listen to my words.

Colin Mawby

Response

cf. v. 6 In - cline your ear to me, O Lord, and lis - ten to my words.



Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider my complaint;
listen to my prayer, which comes not from lying lips.
Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes behold what is right./R

Weigh my heart, examine me by night,
refine me, and you will find no impurity in me.
My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards;
I have heeded the words of your lips./R

My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your commandments;
my feet have not stumbled in your paths.
I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me, and listen to my words./R

Show me your marvellous loving-kindness,
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.
As for me, I shall see your face in righteousness;
when I awake and behold your likeness, I shall be satisfied./R

SECOND READING

Romans 9. 1-16

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Paul continues, ‘I speak the truth in Christ – I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit – I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, for ever praised! Amen. It is not as though God’s word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham’s children. On the contrary, ‘It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.’ In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring. For this was how the promise was stated: ‘At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son.’ Not only that, but Rebekah’s children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad – in order that God’s purpose in election might stand: not by works but by him who calls – she was told, ‘The older will serve the younger.’ Just as it is written: ‘Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.’ What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! For he says to Moses, ‘I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.’ It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God’s mercy.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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One does not live by | bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the | mouth of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14. 13-21

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When Jesus heard of the beheading of John the Baptist he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Glorious God, beyond all seeing and knowing, we meet you in the night of change and crisis, and wrestle with you in the darkness of doubt, yet your generosity floods the world with goodness and you shower creation with abundance; awaken in us a hunger for food to satisfy both body and heart, that in the miracle of being fed we may be empowered to feed the hungry in Jesus' name.

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

Glorious God, Lord of the Church, we pray for unity among your people throughout the world; forgive the anger, prejudice and lack of love which has caused such terrible divisions among us; for those persecuted and churches destroyed; for John our Bishop and for our parish that your Spirit of peace will fill us with renewed commitment to work for unity that we may speak with one voice to a world longing to hear the Good News.

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

Glorious God, Lord of all nations, we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation in all places of conflict in our world; for the peoples of Israel and Gaza that violence may cease and a resolution to decades of conflict; for the peoples of Syria, Iraq, and Ukraine impacted by war; for those West African nations affected by the Ebola outbreak. We give thanks for all those who work behind the scenes to bring about an end to war and oppression, poverty and disease; we pray that

your Spirit of peace will fill those in authority with a new resolve to use their power and authority for the good of all people.

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

Glorious God, Lord of our lives, we pray for our own communities: our neighbours, our colleagues, our friends and our families; for the grace and humility we need to bring love and understanding into broken relationships; for all those who are at risk in homes where there is violence and abuse; for the unemployed and the homeless especially children living on the streets; we pray that your Spirit of peace will protect the vulnerable, restrain the angry and bring comfort and new insight into the lives of those who feel trapped and alone.

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

Glorious God, Lord of all comfort, your son Jesus Christ healed the sick and fed the hungry, hear us as we pray for all in need, the sad and the lonely, the sick and suffering and those with special needs; for the dying and those who care for them; we give thanks for those small moments of healing and grace; and we pray for all who have requested our prayer ...

Request for prayer from: *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Lyn Ryan, Alex Impols, May McCormack, Dawn McCormack, 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 ...*

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

Glorious God, Lord of the eternal, we remember those who have passed through death to eternal life, the faithful people of this parish, and the recently departed, and those years mind that occurs at this time.

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

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

Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: 3rd Leslie Hungerford, Joyce Glanville, Donald Dowson; 4th Maureen Hoban, William Mooney; 5th Fred Ambler; 6th Roma Nicols; 7th Percival Ryan, Val Wilson, Ronald Brown, Vilma Payne; 8th Stanley Cooper, Erling Larsen, John Innes; 9th Thomas Chapman, Robyn Papworth.

Glorious God, Lord of the banquet, hear us as we pray for ourselves...; help us to follow our Lord Jesus Christ, that our small gifts may be turned into abundance in your hands and be used to feed your hungry people.

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

Glorious God, Lord of all, you have promised to hear us when we ask in faith receive the prayers we offer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...**Our Father in heaven...** [pg 124]

Reflections on the Readings

The readings today pose challenges for us as a community, as individuals and as a gathered community of faith. Firstly, our God is a 'covenant God', meaning there is a relationship between God and the people of God and the covenant behoves the people of God to act. The issue is highlighted in the reading from Matthew, then as now - people need feeding. There is enough food being produced to feed all the people in our world. The problem is not with the food, it is with people not having money or opportunity to get the food they need. The story of the feeding is a prophetic word challenging us to work for ways to provide for the needs of everyone. This may mean working against unfair farming subsidies, or unjust trade laws, or it may mean ensuring that the way we buy and use our food is supportive of just practices. These are complex issues, but eating simply, minimising waste, and buying from producers and distributors that pay a fair wage and engage in just practices is a relatively easy first step. The readings extend beyond just this one issue. God's gracious covenant with humanity challenges us to recognise the dignity and humanity of all people, and to ensure that our attitudes, ethics and worship are free from exclusionary or diminishing language and practices, from dominance and power abuses, and from compliance with any system that unfairly oppresses or disadvantages some in favour of others. Essentially, we are called to become the people of God, welcomed at God's table, and living as global citizens with a world-centric perspective and a God-inspired longing for healing, justice, peace and inclusion of all. It's a dream, perhaps, but one worth striving for. Jesus' words to the disciples ring through the centuries to us: "You feed them". This means that we cannot avoid the responsibility of learning to care for and seek to serve those in our neighbourhoods, churches and even our own families. It means that we cannot hoard what we have, but must be willing to live simply and share what we have, inviting others to sit at the table with us. It means that we must be willing to become God's provision, God's welcome, God's commitment and God's service to others. Inevitably, we will find ourselves wrestling with God over these challenges, because it is never easy to be called by God. And inevitably we will find our hearts broken, our souls and bodies wounded by the grief and need we will find ourselves facing as we seek to serve others. But, in spite of this, we will also know the joy and 'reward' that comes when we know we are being used by God, and we are growing the community that knows and shares God's feast.

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Notices

Property Committee meeting this Wednesday 7.30pm @ Gavan Hall.

Building works - please exercise caution in moving around the Christ Church precinct over the next few weeks.

Many thanks to all who joined with the Working Bee to repair Church House veranda yesterday.

Monthly Parish BBQ 10 August. This was intended to be the Centenary Celebrations but as this has been postponed (see notice below) hosts are needed for the BBQ for next Sunday 12.30pm. Please advise Fr Kim or Caroline Burge. Also if you have friends or guests please invite them as well - all are welcome and we can always do a loaves and fishes.

Church of the Transfiguration, Pyalong, Centenary Celebrations 2pm 17 August Parish Eucharist with Bishop John as preacher and celebrant. There will be only one other service of Holy Communion at 8am Christ Church Kilmore on this day. The parish is catering this event and makers of fine foods are requested to bring quiches, sandwiches, sausage rolls, pastries, and cakes and slices for the reception. Please inform Fr Kim what you might be able to provide.

Faith Enhancement Study Group will next meet 7pm Friday 15 August at 13 The Parade, Broadford. All welcome to explore and deepen their faith in a safe space.

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

Request for Meals on Wheels Volunteers Nexus Primary Health is seeking volunteers for Kilmore and Broadford to assist with delivery of meals. Enquiries to Michelle Gibbs on 1300 7733 52. Training provided.

CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME
due to circumstances beyond our control the
Centenary Celebrations
for the Church of the Transfiguration, Pyalong
are now
2pm Sunday 17th August 2014
RSVP 30th July Glen McKenzie gwork@mac.com
Fr Kim Benton rector@anglicankilmore.org.au

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 August

- Tuesday 5th 11.00am Deanery Meeting, Euroa
Wednesday 6th 10.00am Eucharist Christ Church, Seymour
7.30pm Property Committee meeting @ Gavan Hall
Thursday 7th 10.00am Eucharist, St Matthews
10.00am Eucharist, Willowmeade
4.00pm Eucharist, Dianella
Friday 8th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House
Saturday 9th 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop, Church House
5.30pm - Vigil Mass, Nagambie

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 10th August 2014 – Pentecost IX

Genesis 37. 1-4, 12-28; Ps 105.1-6,16-22; Romans 10.4-15; Matthew 14. 22-36

Christ Church	9am	Holy Eucharist & Baptism
St Matthews	11am	Morning Prayer
St Stephens	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	No service this day

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