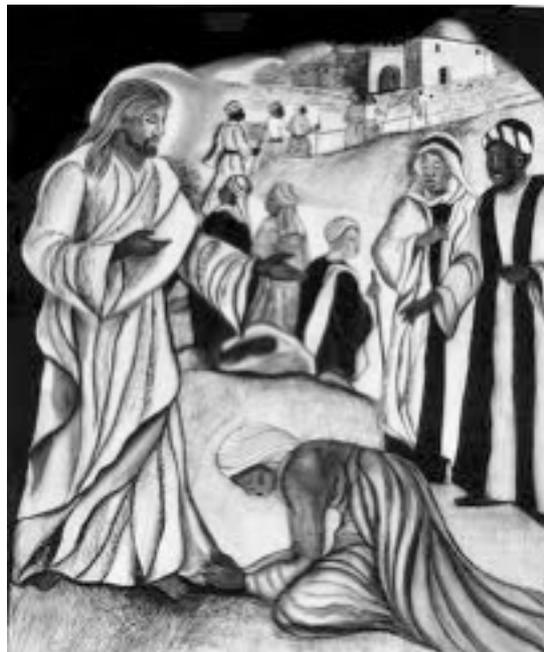


The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
10th August 2014
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Hymns: 227, 589, [491], 674, 138



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

The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book

SENTENCE

They cry out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' *Matthew 14. 26-27*

THE COLLECT

Mighty God and ruler of all creation, give strength to our faith, that we may recognise your presence even when all hope seems lost. Help us to face all trials with serenity as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas of life and come at last to your eternal peace. We ask this 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 37. 1-4, 12-28

A reading from the book of Genesis

Jacob lived in the land of Canaan. It's the land where his father had stayed. Here is the story of Jacob. Joseph was a young man. He was 17 years old. He was taking care of the flocks with some of his brothers. They were the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives. Joseph brought their father a bad report about them. Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons. Joseph had been born to him when he was old. Israel made him a beautiful robe. Joseph's brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them. So they hated Joseph. They couldn't even speak one kind word to him. Joseph's brothers had gone to take care of their father's flocks near Shechem. Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are taking care of the flocks near Shechem. Come. I'm going to send you to them." "All right," Joseph replied. So Israel said to him, "Go to your brothers. See how they are doing. Also see how the flocks are doing. Then come back and tell me." So he sent him away from the Hebron Valley. Joseph arrived at Shechem. A man found him wandering around in the fields. He asked Joseph, "What are you looking for?" He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are taking care of their flocks?" "They've moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went to look for his brothers. He found them near Dothan. But they saw him a long way off. Before he reached them, they made plans to kill him. "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to one another. "Come. Let's kill him. Let's throw him into one of these empty wells. Let's say that a wild animal ate him up. Then we'll see whether his dreams will come true." Reuben heard them. He tried to save Joseph from them. "Let's not take his life," he said. "Let's not spill any blood. Throw him into this empty well here in the desert. But don't harm him yourselves." Reuben said that to save Joseph from them. He was hoping he could take him back to his father. When Joseph came to his brothers, he was wearing his beautiful robe. They took it away from him. And they threw him into the well. The well was empty. There wasn't any water in it. Then they sat down to eat their meal. As they did, they saw some Ishmaelite traders coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, lotion and myrrh. They were on their way to take them down to Egypt. Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and try to cover up what we've done? Come. Let's sell him to these traders. Let's not harm him ourselves. After all, he's our brother. He's our own flesh and blood." Judah's brothers agreed with him. The traders from Midian came by. Joseph's brothers pulled him up out of the well. They sold him to the Ishmaelite traders for eight ounces of silver. Then the traders took him to Egypt.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 105. 1-6,16-22

Response: Make known the deed of the Lord among the peoples.

Response Keith Duke
cf. v. 1 Make known the deeds of the Lord a -
mong the peo - ples.

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises,
and tell of all his marvellous works./R

Rejoice in the praise of his holy name;
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.
Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his face continually./R

Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
O seed of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen./R

Then he called down famine over the land
and broke every staff of bread.
But he had sent a man before them,
Joseph, who was sold as a slave./R

They shackled his feet with fetters;
his neck was ringed with iron.
Until all he foretold came to pass,
the word of the Lord tested him./R

The king sent and released him;
the ruler of peoples set him free.
He appointed him lord of his household
and ruler of all he possessed,
To instruct his princes as he willed
and to teach his counsellors wisdom./R

SECOND READING

Romans 10. 4-15

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Paul writes, ‘Christ has completed the law. So now everyone who believes can be right with God. Moses explained how the law could help a person do what God requires. He said, “The one who does those things will live by them.” But the way to do what God requires must begin by having faith in him. Scripture says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will go up into heaven?’” That means to go up into heaven and bring Christ down. “And do not say, ‘Who will go down into the grave?’” That means to bring Christ up from the dead. But what does it say? “The word is near you. It’s in your mouth and in your heart.” That means the word we are preaching. You must put your faith in it. Say with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord.” Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved. With your heart you believe and are made right with God. With your mouth you say that Jesus is Lord. And so you are saved. Scripture says, “The one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” There is no difference between those who are Jews and those who are not. The same Lord is Lord of all. He richly blesses everyone who calls on him. Scripture says, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How can they call on him unless they believe in him? How can they believe in him unless they hear about him? How can they hear about him unless someone preaches to them? And how can anyone preach without being sent? It is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I wait for | you, O Lord;

in your word | is my hope

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14. 22-36

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the lake, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’ Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’

So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Baptism follows here at Christ Church

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord Jesus, you came long ago to your disciples in the midst of a storm, come now to your people tossed about in tempests and troubles of life and all that disrupts and wounds your world, that we may take heart from your presence.

Holy God: **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you reached out to those floundering in seas of distress and disaster we pray for the peoples of Israel and Gaza and for peace in the Middle East in Syria, and Iraq, and in Ukraine. Pray of the peoples of West Africa affected by the Ebola outbreak and all striving to contain the epidemic.

Holy God: **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we bring to you our prayers for your church throughout the world; be with those facing persecution and exile particularly in Iraq, for all who minister in difficult and dangerous places; for John our Bishop and for our parish that as your people tossed about by the tempests and troubles of life our faith may be strengthened by your presence. We praise you that you have called Lewis William and Luke Alan to baptism and we welcome them into you kingdom and this community of faith; may they be always aware of your presence and love as they grow in faith; we also pray your holy blessing on them, and their parents Thomas and Tania and godparents Lee and Francis.

Holy God: **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we pray for all in our community; for all who live in relationships and families torn asunder by distress and abuse; for those who are alone, unable to care for themselves and those who have no one to pray for them. We pray for the seeking work and the overworked, the homeless and those seeking refuge; we continue our prayer for asylum seekers and refugees and those held in detention.

Holy God; **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you came as healer and bringer of wholeness, give courage to the weak and the lonely, bring healing to those weighed down with grief and sadness, especially all mourning the dead of MH17; we pray for those coping with sickness and those who have chronic pain; for those who suffer and those suffering is known only to you; we pray for all in need, 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, 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 ...* that all may know your peace.

Holy God; **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you welcomed in the kingdom all who have faith and trust in you; we pray for those who have gone before us to your heavenly presence; for the recently departed, and those years mind occurring at this time.

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

Holy God; **hear our prayer.**

Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: 10th Jonathon Schafer, Gary Nesbitt, Gregory Stewart, Colin Buck; 12th Barrie King; 13th Rita Elson, Glen Flanagan, Ken Izod, Violet Smith, Norman Wilkie; 14th Edgar Lettins, Matthew McInnes, Maybel Smith, Philip Mathiesen; 15th Ernest Ashton, Leslie Watts; 16th Frank Punch.

Through the storms of life, O God, you are with your people in the person of Jesus your Son; hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; calm our fears and strengthen our faith that we may never doubt his presence among us but proclaim that he is your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has taught us to pray...

Our Father in heaven... [pg 124].

Reflections on the Readings

Evangelism is not a popular word today. Many Christians shy away from sharing their faith because of all the baggage that has been accumulated over the years. Many people are tired of hearing the traditional evangelical presentation of the Gospel and resent the sense of judgement and exclusivity with which it is presented. But, our faith is public, not private, and as followers of Christ we are called to participate in God's work of saving the world. This week the readings invite us to explore how we might approach this challenging, but exciting call. It is tempting for us to see ourselves as obedient servants of Christ who do not reach people simply because they are resistant to God. However, we would do well to consider whether we may have missed what God is really calling us to do, and whether we have reduced God's message down to only a few parts of the whole. For some of us, the idea of offering God's salvation to others is the cause

of much embarrassment and resistance because we don't want to be associated with certain groups, preachers or ways of evangelising. But, in every community, every neighbourhood and even every family, are those who would be grateful for us to serve them as Christ did, to work on their behalf to change unjust systems, and to help them find practical ways to address their struggles. In every community are those who want to see our message being lived out in practical ways. In every situation are those who wish that the message of God's grace and love was presented with the same grace and love it proclaims. As churches we cannot avoid the call to share the Gospel, but we can be more careful about how we respond to it. In Joseph's case there was no blame placed on Egypt for the famine. There was just grace, love and rescue. In Elijah's case, there was confrontation with corrupt leaders, but solidarity with the poor and oppressed, not judgement. In Paul's letter he instructs believers to avoid getting into judgements of who is going to heaven or to hell, and just to be the "beautiful feet" that bring Christ to those who need Christ. And in the case of Christ, Peter and the disciples are invited to trust Jesus more, and learn to trust his rescue which is always available for them, while learning to recognise who he really is – the only one who can offer them God's eternal life.

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Notices

Monthly Parish BBQ TODAY 12.30pm at Caroline Burge's home 20 Chrystobel Way, Kilmore. BYO meats, salads, deserts and drinks to share.

Baptism next Saturday 3pm at Christ Church, be great if some parishioners could join and welcome young Nate Saunders.

Church of the Transfiguration, Pyalong, Centenary Celebrations 2pm Next Sunday. 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 sandwiches, pastries, cakes and slices for the reception. Please inform Fr Kim what you might be able to provide.

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

Christ Church Friendship Group next meeting Thursday 28th August @ Caroline Burge' home 20 Chrystobel Way, Kilmore

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.

Fete Coordination Group Meeting - people needed to help coordinate the fete. Please contact Fr Kim so we can set up a meeting time.

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

NEXT SUNDAY
2pm Sunday 17th August 2014
Centenary Celebrations
for the Church of the Transfiguration, Pyalong

Parish life this week

Second week of August

Monday 11th *Claire of Assisi (d. 1252); John Henry Newman Cardinal (d.1890)*

Wednesday 13th *Jeremy Taylor, bishop and spiritual writer (d.1667)*

10.00am Eucharist Christ Church, Seymour

Thursday 14th *20th century martyrs incl. Maximillien Kolbe, friar (d. 1941), Maria Skobtsova (d. 1945), Grand Duchess Elizabeth of Russia (d.1918)*

10.00am Eucharist, St Matthews

10.00am Eucharist, Willowmeade

2.30pm Eucharist, Caladenia

4.00pm Eucharist, Dianella

Friday 15th MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD

10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House

Saturday 16th 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop, Church House

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 17th August 2014 - PENTECOST X
CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Christ Church	8am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	No service this day
St Stephens	11am	No service this day
Transfiguration	2pm	Parish Eucharist - Centenary Celebrations

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