



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta

The Parish of Kilmore

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

7th September 2014

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HYMNS: 477, 640, 648, 626

Welcome to everyone and especially any visitors to our worship.

Please stay and enjoy coffee with us after the service.



The heart shaped open padlock and the charm of divine grace is what the church is called to embody and offer. It signifies the action of loving-kindness and the hope of loving-kindness. [visualtheology.com]

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

‘Where two or three are gathered in my name,’ says the Lord, ‘I am there among them.’ *Matthew 18.20.*

THE COLLECT

Go before us, O Lord, and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 12.1-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ‘This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbour, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the door-frames of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire – with the head, legs and internal organs. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord’s Passover. ‘On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.’ This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord – a lasting ordinance.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 149

Response: Sing, O sing to the Lord a new song: sing his praise.

John McCann

Response
cf. v. 1 Sing, O sing to the Lord a new song: sing his praise.



O praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song:
O praise him in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king./R

Let them praise him in the dance:
let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp.
For the Lord takes delight in his people:
he adorns the meek with his salvation./R

Let his faithful ones exult in his glory:
let them sing for joy upon their beds.
Let the high praises of God be in their mouths:
and a two-edged sword in their hands,/R

To execute vengeance on the nations:
and chastisement upon the peoples,
To bind their kings in chains:
and their nobles with fetters of iron,
To visit upon them the judgement that is decreed:
such honour belongs to all his faithful servants./R

SECOND READING

Romans 13.1-10

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Paul urges his readers, 'Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give to everyone what

you owe them: if you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honour, then honour. Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not covet,' and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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In Christ God was reconciling the world | to himself,
entrusting the message of reconcilia- | tion to us.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16.21-28

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, 'See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. 'What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish. 'If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that "every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses." If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. 'Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 'Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Holy God our Sustainer and source of our being, you have promised that whenever two or three are gathered in your name, you are among us: Hear us as we pray:

Lord of the world: **hear our prayer.**

Gracious One, you have gathered your Church under Christ's command that we are to love one another: free us from all that divides and bind us with the ties of mutual regard for the sake of your Son Jesus. We commend to you those who offer ministry in your name; for priests and deacons, pastors and preachers; chaplains and bishops; for John our Bishop; the clergy of the Diocese and our parish that we may be loving agents of grace in your world.

Lord of the Church; **hear our prayer.**

Living God, we commend to you the many millions in the world who cry out in the midst of death and destruction, poverty and disease; we open our hearts in prayer to the peoples of Iraq, Syria and Ukraine impacted by war; those in West Africa ravaged by Ebola; for the leaders of the world; give them courage and compassion to mediate your peace and love.

Lord of the fearful and oppressed; **hear our prayer.**

Uniting God, you call us to reconciliation and peace within our community; may your graciousness dwell in us and in this country and community, that we may live honourably and generously, sharing with the justice the resources of the earth; we give thanks for those who have been father to us and we pray for all fathers everywhere; we pray for the hungry and the homeless; the lost and the lonely and those who live with abusive and dysfunctional relationships; for refugees and asylum seekers and those held in detention.

Lord of peace; **hear our prayer.**

Lord of Compassion and Care, you invite us and our neighbours into the circle of your divine love: Hear our prayers for the sick and the suffering; those who grieve and are in despair; for those disturbed of body or mind; for the dying and those who wait with them; 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, & Melissa & family, Seth Gunther, David Parsons, Cliff & Gwen Stomann, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Tom Scrivens, Dianne Mitsakis, Bruce Mitchell, Evette, Mark Bennetts, Barry Watts, Roland Nicholson, Monica Nicholson.*

We sing our songs of thanksgiving to you for all the blessings of this life that we have received and for those who have known healing and wholeness.

Lord of joy; **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the heavenly banquet, we remember before you those who have found their rest in you, for the recently departed and those whose anniversary we remember at this time.

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

Lord of all welcome; **hear our prayer.**

Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: 7th Elizabeth Walsh; 10th Robert Horwood; 11th May Taylor; 12th Ronald Ritchie, Dulcie Busch; 13th Leslie Boak.

Lord who redeems and sustains, visit us your people and hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may hurry to make you welcome not only in our concern for others, but in love serving them generously and faithfully in your name.

Almighty God you have promised to hear our prayers;
grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reflections on the Readings

Overcoming evil with good – the good of love – is a seemingly naïve approach to injustice in our world, yet there are so many powerful examples of people who did exactly this. Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu, Mother Teresa – the list is long and challenging. There is much evil to be confronted in our world – this goes without saying – and it takes strength and boldness to stand against it. But, as Henri Nouwen said, “If, in order to overcome the beast, we in turn become the beast, the beast has won.” Herein lies the problem of Christians who take on a dominating and aggressive view of Christian influence in the world – seeking to overcome terrorism through war, violence and “shock and awe” tactics, seeking to overcome the structures of wealth and power that lead to poverty and oppression through argument, slander, corporate warfare and public attack, seeking to stop abortion by killing those who practice it, or seeking to “protect” heterosexual marriage by attacking gay marriage. In all of these situations, our actions are not those of love, or of Christlike goodness, but are those of the very systems we seek to change. We cannot bring peace by declaring war, we cannot heal poverty by destroying the rich, or empower the weak by disempowering the strong. We cannot protect our children by killing adults, or bring security to our nation by embracing violence against the violent. We cannot protect “our” relationships by undermining those of others (irrespective of how we may feel about the morality of those relationships). No, as we seek to bring peace, justice, community, equality and responsibility into our world, we must embody the principles we preach, by loving those we oppose and seeking their well-being as well as our own and that of those we defend. And, lest we fall prey to “us and them” thinking, let us heed the challenge of Jesus to face the conflicts and

disagreements we have in the Church with grace, love and compassion, even as we stand strongly against the evil that lives within us and within our brothers and sisters. It is not an easy task, nor, usually, a pleasant one, but the Gospel's call is both an invitation and a confrontation, and our journey into Christ-likeness is about learning to embrace and proclaim both of these elements even as Jesus did.

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Notices

Parish BBQ next Sunday 12.30pm hosts are Len & Robyn Whitehouse, 4 Kurkurac Court, High Camp, Kilmore. Please check for directions today.

Urgent Parish Fete 25th October- A coordinator or a small group to work on coordination is desperately needed. Please contact the Wardens if you can assist.

Faith Enhancement Study Group will meet again next Friday 12th September 7pm at 13 The Parade, Broadford. All welcome to explore our faith in a safe space.

Volunteers for mowing of Christ Church lawns - thank you to those who have volunteered; others are required to fill the roster and spread the work load. Please see Church Warden Eric Javor if you can help. Training provided.

Forthcoming Bunnings BBQ Saturday 27th September, 8am-4pm. Assistance required for two hour shifts. Please contact Sharner Mitchell or Fr Kim of your time slot.

Op Shop requests donations of clothing and cloths, fabrics of all types for a new enterprise. Bagged and labelled would help considerably.

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: Property Committee Meeting 7.30pm (venue TBA)

1st Fri of the month: Faith Enhancement Study 7.00pm 13 The Parade, Broadford.

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

3rd Fri of the month: Faith Enhancement Study 7.00pm 13 The Parade, Broadford

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

Forthcoming events

St Matthew's Patronal 21 Sept
Bunnings BBQ Sat 27th Sept
Stewardship Campaign starts 5 Oct
Graduation celebration 12 October
Commitment Sunday 19th October
Parish Fete Christ Church Sat 25th Oct
All Saints Day 2nd November

Christ Church Feast of Title 23rd Nov
High Tea Kilmore & concert 30 Nov
St Matthew's Christmas Raffle 12-13 Dec
Parish Council Christmas 17 Dec
Christ Church Festival of Carols 14th Dec TBC
St Stephens Carols 21st Dec TBC

Parish life this week

Second week of September

Wednesday 10th 10.00am Holy Eucharist - Christ Church Seymour

Thursday 11th 10.00am Eucharist, St Matthews

4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

2.30pm Eucharist Caladenia

Friday 12th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House

2.00pm Funeral Christ Church

7.00pm Faith Enhancement Study Group 13 The Parade Broadford

Saturday 13th 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop, Church House

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 14th September 2014

PENTECOST XIV (24)

Christ Church	9am 2pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Baptism
St Matthews	11am	Morning prayer
St Stephens	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	No service this day

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