



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta

The Parish of Kilmore

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

16th November 2014

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

HYMNS: 561, 537, 674, 627

*Welcome to any guests to our worship
please stay and enjoy coffee and conversation with us after the service.*



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

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11

THE COLLECT

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Judges 4.1-10

A reading from the book of Judges

The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, now that Ehud was dead. So the Lord sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the Lord for help. Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided. She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, ‘The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: “Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin’s army, with his chariots and his troops to the River Kishon and give him into your hands.”’ Barak said to her, ‘If you go with me, I will go; but if you don’t go with me, I won’t go.’ ‘Certainly I will go with you,’ said Deborah. ‘But because of the course you are taking, the honour will not be yours, for the Lord will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman.’ So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh. There Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali, and ten thousand men went up under his command. Deborah also went up with him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 78.1-7

Response: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy.

Response
v. 4a Have mer-cy up - on us, O Lord, have mer - cy.

Keith Duke



To, you I lift up my eyes,
to you that are enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
or the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God,
until he have mercy upon us./R

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of the arrogant,
and of the contempt of the proud./R

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11

A reading from the first letter Paul to the Thessalonians

Paul writes, 'Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'Peace and safety', destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Abide in me as I a- | bide in you;
those who abide in me | bear much fruit.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25.1-13

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, "The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord God - we give you thanks for all your gifts to us, for daily food, for health, for each breath we take, for the gifts and talents bequeathed to us, for freedom to choose, and for the gifts of your word, your power, and your love all entrusted to us your people. May we be worthy of that trust, may we be a people who are unafraid to live as fully and as richly as you want us to live.

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

We pray, O God, for your church in every place and those who lead; for bishops and priests and ministers especially John our Bishop and for our parish; may we be encouraged to discover, develop, and use all our gifts those of nature and those of grace in your service and for your glory.

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

We pray O God for your world; that the talents and skills of leaders, and diplomats, we pray for all attending the G20 Brisbane Summit, for wisdom and discernment as they debate and make decision affecting all the world. We pray for those regions still under threat of terror or Ebola and all those who strive for peace; for all who have been made homeless; for all refugees and those seeking asylum.

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

We pray O God, for those who are poor in body or in spirit; for those who are oppressed and heavy laden; the lost and the lonely, and those who mourn; for those who are sick or in despair; for all in need, and those who have requested our prayer.

Request for prayer from: *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Alex Impols, Cathy Moseley, & Melissa & family, Seth Gunther, David Parsons, Cliff & Gwen Stomann, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Tom Scrivens, Dianne Mitsakis, Gavin Linard, Rose & Paige Linard, and Anna & Keith Linard, Mark Bennetts, Barry Watts, Charlie Emmett, Doreen Gammaidoni, Lidia, Abraham & Anne Formosa.*

We give thanks for healing blessings where ever they are received.

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

We pray O God and commend to your gracious keeping the recently departed, those known to us and those who have no one to pray for them; and for those whose years mind occurs at this time;

Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: *17th Eugenie Tomlinson, Johan Sleep; 19th James Patton, Aaron Ray, Sammy Marshall; 20th Elsie Bardella; 21st Salvatore Xvereb; 22nd Reg Walter, Frank Stevenson.*

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

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

We give thanks O God, that one of the greatest gifts is the gift of prayer; hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; touch our lives and the situations of all we have prayed for with your healing love. Give each a sense of your powerful presence; flood our lives with hope and give us peace. Help each one of us to use our talents to be workers for you and in the doing be richly blessed.

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

Loving God, we await your coming; accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray; **Our Father in heaven ...** [pg 124].

Reflections on the Readings

This week we are still reflecting on the coming of God's reign through Christ. In the letter to the Thessalonians, the believers are encouraged to stay alert and live Christ-like lives in order to know union with God both now and in eternity. In the Gospel, the parable of the talents is a difficult challenge for us to reflect on how we are making a contribution to the coming of God's reign into the world. In the Old Testament readings this call to alertness and to utilising the resources God has given is emphasised still further by Deborah story in which she challenges Barak to be the military commander Israel needs, and in which (in Zephaniah) the wealthy and powerful are challenged not to trust in their wealth and power to save them from the coming of God's reign. Finally in the Psalm, faith and devotion go along with the recognition of our human frailty and the need for us to use our time and our lives wisely and that we are at God's mercy. The word to us this week, then, is for us to use our resources – time, talents and treasures – mindfully in service of God's purpose in order to share in the coming of God's reign into our world. It is always easier to make ourselves small in the face of global challenges, and to claim that we are powerless to make a difference because we are “just one person.” This week, though, the readings do not allow us this refuge. Rather, we are called to be alert to what God is doing in the world. As we remain mindful of global shifts and events such as those at the G20 Summit, we are able to assess them in the light of God's reign, and decide how to respond. Then, we are called to assess the resources that we do have – the gifts and abilities that we have been given – and how they can best be used in service of God's liberating, saving activity in our world. What is clear is that, whether it's using our wealth, our influence, our voice, our creativity or just our presence as part of a movement, we all have a role to play and a contribution to make, and as we all obey the call, we do make a difference because we become, together, agents of change. In this way we are participants in bringing God's reign – God's coming – into manifestation in our world. This is a “realised eschatology” that does not wait for some other-worldly kingdom in the future, but rather begins to live the truths of the Gospel and the reality of God's principles and purpose right now in the world we find ourselves in. Whatever the coming of Christ may mean for eternity we can only imagine. But, what the coming of Christ means for us now is clear – we cannot hide our contribution and just wait for the end of the age or of our lives. We have work to do, and we've been given the resources to do it. Now, we just have to choose to act. It is also not hard to know where or how to act, because if we just look around us, we will discover opportunities at every turn.

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each
others
Enjoy
talents
and
be grateful
for
your
own.

Notices

Faith Enhancement Study Group meets again Friday 21st November @ 13 The Parade, Broadford.

Christ Church Feast of Title 9am Next Sunday 23rd November - one service in the Parish morning tea to follow. Christ Church will host this Parish Eucharist - please bring a plate for the morning tea.

Church4Kids 5.00pm next Sunday at Christ Church - preparation for Christmas.

ABM Iraqi Christian Crisis Appeal - following the wonderful Cup Day fundraiser we are getting close to the \$200 mark; still time to put your donation in the basket at the back of the church or give to Fr Kim.

Festival of Carols Music Group: The annual Festival of Carols will be held on Sunday December 21st at Christ Church. Anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument in a music group please see Fr Kim or Caroline. It is hoped that we can get together for a few practices before hand with rehearsal dates to be decided by those taking part.

Stamps for Mission - Incredible but your postage stamps still have value and the Diocese is collecting stamps for ABM. Keep your Christmas card stamps and leave in the boxes at the back of the church.

Monster Picnic Rally - Hume and Hovell Monument, Monument Road Kilmore 1pm Saturday 13 December - Hosts Kilmore Mechanics Institute.

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 & 3rd 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

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 November

- Monday 17th [*Hilda of Whitby, abbess (d. 680)*]
Tuesday 18th 1.30pm St Matthew's Friendship Group Gavan Hall
5.00pm Bishop in Council - Aged Care AGM
Wednesday 19th [*Elizabeth of Hungary (d. 123)*]
10.00am Holy Eucharist - Christ Church Seymour
7.30pm Parish Council Meeting - Gavan Hall
Thursday 20th 10.00am Eucharist, St Matthews
10.00am Eucharist, Willowmeade
2.30pm Eucharist, Caladenia
4.00pm Eucharist, Dianella
Friday 21st 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House
4.00pm Wedding, Kilbaha, Kilmore
7.0pm Faith Enhancement Study Group - Broadford
Saturday 22nd 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop, Church House

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 23rd November 2014
LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (34)
CHRIST THE KING

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Ps 100; Ephesians 1. 15-23; Matthew 25. 21-46

Christ Church	9am	Parish Eucharist - Feast of Title
St Matthews	11am	No service this day
St Stephens	11am	No service this day
Christ Church	5pm	Church4Kids

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