

The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta

The Parish of Kilmore

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

8th March 2015

Third Sunday in Lent

Harvest Festival



HYMNS: 137, 179, 665, 591.

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



Introit hymn

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,

Whose mercy endures for ever.

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 with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace

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SENTENCE

God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.' *Exodus 20.1*

The Triasgion

Cantor:
Ho - ly God,

All:
Ho - ly and migh-ty, Ho - ly and im-mor-tal, Have mer-cy on us.

THE COLLECT

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 20.1-17

[God gives the Ten Commandments to the people of Israel, instructing them how they should live as God's people.]

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words: 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 'You shall have no other gods before me. 'You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. 'Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. 'Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. 'You shall not murder. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not give false testimony against

your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.'

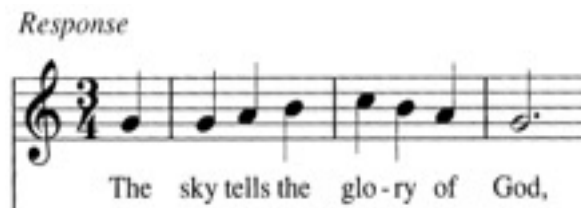
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22.24-32

[A psalm that celebrates how creation reveals God's glory and wisdom and how God's commands and teachings are more valuable than anything, making those who follow them wise. Then a call for God to forgive hidden sins follows the song of praise.]



Response: The sky tells the glory of God.

The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
One day tells it to another: and night to night communicates knowledge./R

There is no speech or language: nor are their voices heard;
Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth.

There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course./R

Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.
The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes./R

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb./R

Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
O cleanse me from my secret faults./R

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the mastery over me:
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.
May the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight:
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer./R

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1.18-25

[God's wisdom is far wiser than human wisdom, although it appears like foolishness and weakness to human beings. God's wisdom and strength is Christ crucified which offends those who seek human strength and wisdom, but saves those who are willing to believe and embrace it.]

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Paul writes, 'For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.' Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal Glory.

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We proclaim Christ | crucified,
the power of God and the wis- | dom of God.

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GOSPEL

John 2.13-22

[Jesus drives out the animal sellers and the money changers from the temple. Then when the religious leaders ask for a sign to prove he has the authority to do this, he tells them that if they destroy the temple, he will rebuild it in three days – to which they respond with incredulity. The disciples, however, after he is raised, realise that he was referring to his body.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the

temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, ‘Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!’ His disciples remembered that it is written: ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’ The Jews then responded to him, ‘What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.’ They replied, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?’ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

BLESSING OF THE HARVEST

Creator of the fruitful earth, we give thanks that for the bounty of the earth and all creation; bless these gifts symbols go your bounty and bless those who grew them. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Creator God, you have set us a place in your creation, charged with the care and nurture of this beautiful earth, and we are rewarded with fruits of the earth, fish and birds and creatures for our sustenance and enjoyment; and so we bring back to you the fruits of the harvest, insignificant in the great sweep of your creation, yet symbolic of our thanksgiving and praise for all you have provided; grant us the wisdom to live in ways that will not squander all you bestow, that will ease the impact of climate change, and keep the rains falling as is their due so that the earth may flower and produce in good season.

Richly you have blessed us; **gladly we praise you, O God.**

Lord of heaven and earth, we pray for your world ever mindful that in many places greed and exploitation sucks the life from desperate and needy people; we pray for people living in poverty, stricken by drought and disease, for those who struggle for adequate nutrition and water; for those aid agencies bringing relief; for peace and reconciliation that will overcome violence and war, especially we pray for refugees and asylum seekers and all who flee devastation.

Richly you have blessed us; **gladly we praise you, O God.**

Redeeming God, your church seeks to be in service to God’s creatures, as disciples of Jesus who blessed bread and wine at the Last Supper – bread which earth has given and human hands have made, and wine, fruit of the vine and

work of human hands; we pray for all who minister; for John our Bishop, and our parish, as we give thanks for the work of parishioners this past year, and we pray wisdom and discernment for all who will take office this coming year.

Richly you have blessed us; **gladly we praise you, O God.**

God of love and compassion, we pray for those in need, the sick and the suffering, for the lost and lonely, for those who have no one to pray for them, for the dying and those who wait with them; we commend to you all who offer care and support for those in need; and we pray for those known to us and those who have requested prayer;

Requests for Prayer: *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Alex Impols, Cathy Moseley, & Melissa & family, Seth Gunther, Cliff & Gwen Stomann, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Tom Scrivens, Jenny Curry, Dianne Mitsakis, Mark Bennetts, Barry Watts;* we give thanks for healing and blessings where ever received.

For your wondrous gifts to us; **we give you thanks, O God.**

Heavenly Father, pray for those who have died this past week for Beverley Meldrum, and for those whose year's mind occurs this week.

Year's mind: *9th Abraham Noest, Violet Bowden; 10th Nola Spiers; 14th Joseph Daley.*

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

Jesus our Lord, truth be told, there are lots of tables that need overturning in our lives; beneath the veneer of respectability the tidy rows and neat regulations hide dark addictions and angry judgements, hungry greeds and heartless rejections; we know the pain, and so do those around us, of keeping up the facade; what a relief it would be to have it all upset, smashed, scattered, destroyed - so, perhaps, Jesus, today you could pay us a visit, hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; and help us to radically rearrange the furniture of our lives so that we may know your gift of shalom.

We pray our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray;
Our Father in heaven....

Reflection on the readings

The marks of human "wisdom" are seen across our world. When threatened, we simply accumulate more and bigger weapons than our enemies. When we fear scarcity, we simply take what we want, hoard and protect it, and, if necessary, destroy those who compete with us for resources, or who have what we want. When we feel insecure or out of control, we simply court those in power, and manipulate our way into positions of power and control, and then "play the system" in our favour. And, in our wake lie the broken remains of lives, institutions and even our planet, that are the victims of our "strength" and "wisdom". But, sooner or later, some weak and foolish prophet reveals the truth of our lives and values, and they come tumbling down around us. It is always the jesters who can speak truth to power, and when the truth of our so-called "achievements" are revealed, the world inevitably changes significantly. When the

weak and foolish live in their “counter-cultural” way, the result is always greater freedom, life and peace for all. If there is anything we need in our world now it is leaders who will have the courage to defy the accepted wisdom of our world that gives power to the few and widens the gulf between rich and poor. And we need communities of courageous people who are foolish enough to take the Gospel of Christ seriously and seek to live it out in the weakness and humility of love, inclusion, generosity, justice and peace. Our scarcity mentality seems wise, but our Harvest Festival celebrated today calls us to a generosity and thanksgiving in the providence of our God. For all we have is a gift from the Creator and we are urged to respond in giving of ourselves and our resources for the building up of God's people so that the Good News of Jesus Christ is proclaimed.

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NOTICES

After the service today we adjourn to Gavan Hall for the AGM and luncheon. There will be a auction of harvest festival items.

Next Sunday is Refreshment Sunday – it is traditional for Simnel cake to be blessed at the service. We need one for each centre please see Fr Kim if you can assist.

Lenten Faith Enhancement Group Friday 13th March 7.00pm @ 13 The Parade, Broadford. All welcome.

Next edition of The Advocate is featuring stories and articles with photos on ANZACs and returned servicemen or women. If any parishioner wishes to write something for the Advocate about family or acquaintances, please contact Caroline Burge who can help with writing, scan any original photos and submit the articles.

Christ Church Singers following on the gathering of singers for Christmas anyone who would like to prepare music for Easter. Please see Fr Kim or Caroline if interested.

Cleaners needed for Christ Church new toilets, if anyone would like to undertake this task please see Fr Kim.

Christ Church Op Shop - Situations Vacant – An energetic person is required for the position of **Op Shop Manager** - responsibility for Op Shop operations, training provided. **Volunteers** required to assist in the Op Shop; variety of positions and times available, training provided. Please contact Fr Kim or Dianne Dixon 5782 1446 for more information.

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

Parish life this week

Second week of March

Monday 9th [*Sister Emma - superior of the Society of the Sacred Advent, Qld. (d. 1939)*]

Wednesday 11th 10.00am Eucharist Christ Church Seymour

Thursday 12th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews Broadford

10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade

2.30pm Eucharist Caladenia

4.00pm Eucahrist Dianella

Friday 13th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House

7.00pm Lenten Study

Saturday 14th 10.00am- 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 15th March 2015 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Refreshment Sunday

Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 107,1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2. 1-10; John 3. 14-21

Christ Church	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephens	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration	4.00pm	Holy Eucharist

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