



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta

The Parish of Kilmore

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

8th November 2015

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Hymns:560, 217(ii), 491, Pew sheet, 595

A warm welcome to everyone, please stay and enjoy hospitality after the service.

A special welcome to Lily-Rose Vicki Lea Hanson to be baptised today.



The Widow's Mite

Introit Hymn from the red Hymn Book

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

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. *Luke 6.38*

THE COLLECT

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ruth 3.1-5; 4.13-17

[Naomi instructs Ruth to approach Boaz, which she does. Boaz takes Ruth to be his wife, and she bears a son called Obed – David’s grandfather.]

A reading from the book of Ruth

One day Ruth’s mother-in-law Naomi said to her, ‘My daughter, I must find a home for you, where you will be well provided for. Now Boaz, with whose women you have worked, is a relative of ours. Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing-floor. Wash, put on perfume, and get dressed in your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing-floor, but don’t let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do.’ ‘I will do whatever you say,’ Ruth answered. So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. The women said to Naomi: ‘Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth.’ Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. The women living there said, ‘Naomi has a son!’ And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 127

[A psalm celebrating God’s protection and provision, and the gift of children.]

Response: Children are a heritage from the Lord.

Andrew Moore

Response
v. 4 Child - ren are a he - ri - tage from the Lord.

Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain.

Unless the Lord keeps the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain./R

It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early
and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil,
for he gives his beloved sleep./R

Children are a heritage from the Lord
and the fruit of the womb is his gift.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
so are the children of one's youth./R

Happy are those who have their quiver full of them:
they shall not be put to shame
when they dispute with their enemies in the gate./R

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9.23-28

[Christ entered into heaven, offering himself once as the sacrifice for human sin. Then, he will appear a second time to save those who wait for him.]

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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The Lord raises up the poor | from the dust,
to make them inherit a | seat of honour.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

[Jesus warns against the legal experts who seek honour, and who cheat poor widows and show off with long prayers, and compares a poor widow who places a small offering in the collection box, saying she has put in more than anyone else, because she has given out of her poverty.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus was teaching in the temple and a large crowd was listening to him, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.' He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

God of life, we praise you for your abiding presence from generation to generation, blessing your people, strengthening us to lives of service, empowering people of faith to witness, and bringing forth new beginnings for your people.

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

God of life we pray for peace and prosperity in the world; for your people torn apart by conflict and war, for those who live with poverty, danger and disease. Give thanks for all who give of themselves in the pursuit of justice and peace, and those who work that others may enjoy dignity, freedom, education and medical care.

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

God of life we pray for the mission and ministry of the church, for all seeking holy vocation; for those who minister in your name; for John our Bishop; for our clergy and this parish that we may witness to your love; pray blessings for Lily-Rose newly baptised and her family as she begins her journey of faith.

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

God of life, we pray for the welfare of our country and community, the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed and the excluded; for those diminished by abuse and for those who would abuse; for our families and friends and those we share our lives.

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

God of life, we pray for relief of all who are in need or distress; the lonely the anxious and the despairing; for the sick and those who mourn; the dying and those who wait with them; pray consolation and hope for all your people; we pray for all in need of healing and comfort; for those on our hearts and those who gave requested prayer;

Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Tom Scrivens, Franca Caia, Tom & Sandra Davidson, Bianca Davidson, Jenny Curry, Dianne Mitsakis, Seth Gunter, Barbara Kaye, Sarah, Lisa, Alex Impols, Elizabeth, Mark Bennetts, Penny, Belinda Shannon, Eric Javor the Bott Family, Bruce Scott.

We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

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

God of life, we give thanks for all your faithful people of every age; for the recently departed and for those years mind we remember today;

8th Joan Rigby, Jack Hiscock; 9th Francis Shinn; 11th Lorna Carboon; 14th William Smith, Fred Wright.

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

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

God of life, we give you thanks for all the blessings we have received and our faith through which we have experienced love and joy; hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; may we have the faithfulness of the widow, the courage of the disciples, and the grace of the Holy Spirit to continue our journey in faith and love through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME (The Summons)

John Bell (1949-) and Graham Maule (1958-) Tune: TIS 679 Kelvingrove

1. Will you come and follow me,
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave your self behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

3. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

4. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Reflections on the readings

The readings this week examine the dynamics between those who are powerful from a human perspective and those who are poor and weak, but who trust in God. Ruth, who is poor and vulnerable finds protection and acceptance from the wealthy but good Boaz. While, in contrast, Elijah the powerful prophet, finds security and provision at the hands of a poor widow. The Psalm celebrates God's protection and provision. In Hebrews, Christ is shown as both priest and sacrifice, who offers himself in order to save his people, while, in Mark, the religious leaders, who should be sacrificing for the sake of others, are rather using their position for self-aggrandisement and corruption. The message is clear – human power is limited, often corrupt and ultimately fails those who trust in it. God's care, protection and justice is sure and eternal, and through the self-offering of Christ, all people can find security within the grace of God. The challenge is to ensure we place our trust in the right place, while also endeavouring to be faithful and righteous in whatever power or leadership we may exercise. At a personal level, security and provision for material needs are a constant concern, and these needs are addressed by accumulation of wealth, and by aligning oneself with powerful people. In the global economy, the powerful and wealthy control the means of both security and provision, using their resources to favour themselves and their allies, and ignoring or neglecting the weak and poor. Ultimately this strategy undermines the very security and comfort that is hoped for. Only when God's priorities of faith, sacrificial giving and solidarity with the least are implemented can we find the peace we so long for. What this means is that, as Church, we need to be very careful of aligning ourselves with any political party, government structure or position of power and wealth. To do so may well betray our trust in God, and to fail in our mission to proclaim and embody God's Reign. Rather, as we work for justice, we are called to place our trust in God and God's ways, and remain independent of such authorities, in order to be able to work with them, while still speaking in challenge or confrontation of them when necessary. It also means that, whatever authority or wealth we may have must be used for the sake of bringing justice to the least, and not for any kind of self-aggrandisement.

Adapted from John van de Laar (2015) www.sacredise.com

NOTICES

Cup Day Lunch & Fundraiser - many thanks to Caroline for host such a lovely day we raised \$135 for ABM missions.

Parish BBQ today 12.30pm at the Rose's home 180 South Mountain Road, Heathcote Junction.

Strategic Plan: Copies of the first draft of the Parish Strategic Plan are available in each centre. Please take a copy and read through carefully. Your feedback will be very much appreciated. Please contact one of the Wardens or Parish Councillors with your thoughts.

Parish Annual General Meeting 29th November at Christ Church. Please submit Annual Reports (9 months to end of September) by email (preferably) to carolineburge@carolineburge.com - typed/handwritten copies are acceptable but must be submitted now.

Festival of Carols Music Group: The annual Festival of Carols will be held on Sunday December 20th at Christ Church. Anyone interested in joining the singing group or playing an instrument please see Fr Kim or Caroline. We need to start rehearsal and dates and times are to be decided by participants.

Parish Fete Update - Saturday 21st November.

Pony Rides: If anyone knows of a pony for the children's pony rides, please let Caroline know.



Produce Stall: Preserves and jams, fruit and veggies are needed for the Produce Stall. A hamper of preserves will be for a raffle for this stall. Please see Caroline or Robyn if you can help.

Bottle Stall: needs filled jars or bottles of any kind - sauces, shampoo, wine, soft drink, lollies etc. Please give any donations to Lucy.

Bigger and better Cake Stall: 'cake bakers', and donors needed. If you can help with cash, flour, eggs, sugar, butter, rather than bake or if you are able to bake more than one or two items, please let Robyn know... **If anyone requires eggs for baking, please contact Rebecca Jones as her chooks are laying abundantly!** Some donations have come in to assist those who are able to do extra baking; please contact Caroline if you require assistance.

Raffle tickets: Please continue to sell tickets to family and friends. Please take a book or two.

Invitation to extend hospitality to Deacon Maryann & John for lunch on a Sunday when there are afternoon services. Please check with Maryann for a date.

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

Parish life this week

Tuesday 10th [*Leo of Rome, bishop & teacher (d. 461)*]

Wednesday 11th [*Martin, Bishop of Tours (d.c. 387)*]

10.30am Remembrance Day Service Dianella

7.30pm Property Committee @ Christ Church

Thursday 12th [*Charles Simeon, priest & evangelist (d. 1836)*]

10.00am Eucharist, St Matthews

10.00am Eucharist, Willowmeade

11.15am Eucharist Caladenia

4.00pm Eucharist, Dianella

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

11.00am Deanery Meeting Marysville

Saturday 14th 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop, Church House

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 15th November 2015 – PENTECOST XXV (33)

1 Samuel 1.4-20.6-9; Song of Hannah; Hebrews 10.1-14, 19-25; Mark 13.1-11

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

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