

The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta
The Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook



17th January 2016

Second Sunday after Epiphany
The Wedding at Cana

Hymns: 204, Pew sheet [Tune 645], 56, 452

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



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

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SENTENCE

Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. *John 2.11*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

THE COLLECT

Bountiful God, whose Son revealed his glory at Cana of Galilee: help us to believe and obey, so that, as our Saviour promised, we may be filled with the wine of new life and show forth his joy and love; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62.1-5

[Isaiah's prayer for Jerusalem, and prophecy that God will restore her to be a place that people celebrate – even as bride and groom celebrate each other.]

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. You will be a crown of splendour in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married. As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

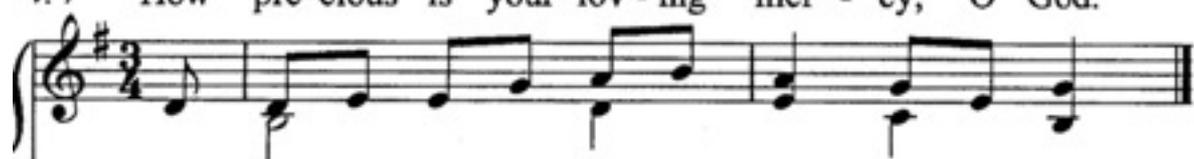
PSALM 35.5-10

[A song of celebration for God's unfailing love and care which includes all humanity and all of creation.]

Response: How precious is your loving mercy, O God.

Response John McCann

v. 7 How pre-cious is your lov - ing mer - cy, O God.



Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you, Lord, shall save both human and beast./R

How precious is your loving mercy, O God!
All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house;
they shall drink from the river of your delights./R

For with you is the well of life
and in your light shall we see light.
O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart./R

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12.1-11

[No one can acknowledge Jesus as Lord except by the Holy Spirit, who gives gifts to God's people. These gifts are diverse, but all are given for the common good.]

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

Paul writes, 'Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to dumb idols. Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, 'Jesus be cursed,' and no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
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Jesus re- | vealed his glory,
and his disciples be- | lieved in him.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 2.1-11

[At a wedding in Cana, they run out of wine, and Jesus' mother tells the servants to do whatever he tells them, in spite of Jesus saying his time had not yet come. Then Jesus tells them to fill the water jars with water and take some to the host. When he tastes the water, it has become wine.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

God of all creation, we thank that from the bounteousness of this world of extravagant beauty, we can bring forth grape from the vine and wine to gladden the hearts of your people; keep us ever caring of this fragile planet so all may enjoy its bounty.

With thankful hearts we pray; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of love, Father of all who call upon you, you have entered into the heart of human life through Christ Jesus our Lord. At a wedding in Cana of Galilee Jesus made glad the hearts of all and so declared us to be your delight; we pray for all who have no delight in their lives as a result of terror and war, and we pray integrity and courage for all who exercise authority amongst the nations of the world, that all may live in peace.

With thankful hearts we pray; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of truth and beauty we pray for the Church today established around the world; we pray for all who work to witness to your love through the Anglican Communion; may our love and care for one another, and for those whom you love, be a sign to the world - a sign that will lead all people to sit down at the

wedding feast you have prepared in your everlasting kingdom; bless, we pray, this church, our parish and the community we serve.

With thankful hearts we pray; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Caring God - we pray for all who work to alleviate the suffering of others and for those in need of healing and comfort of body and mind; for those who mourn; for those whom the party seems over, those whose wine has run out, whose reserves are spent through loss of health, wealth, or relationship; for all in need or trouble; for those on our hearts this day and those who have 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, the Bott Family, Bruce Scott, Susan, Adrian Walsh.

We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

With thankful hearts we pray; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give you thanks that in death as in life, you welcome home your daughters and sons; we pray for the recently departed; for *June Arbuthnot*, and for those years mind occurring at this time;

17th Yen Schneider, Ian Myers; 19th William Clifton, Sybil Hutchinson, Agnes Halpin, Allan Pate; 20th Hazel Myers; 21st Lyall Christensen, Peter Salmon; 22nd Margaret Newbold, Muriel Poulter, Olive Maher, Warren Davies; 23rd James Guinelly, Margaret Neaum, Bertram Congrain.

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

With thankful hearts we pray; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

O God of steadfast love, at the wedding in Cana your Son Jesus turned water into wine, delighting all who were there; hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; delight us and transform our hearts by your Spirit, that we may use our varied gifts to show forth the light of your love as one body in Christ.

With thankful hearts we pray; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God, you shape our dreams and delight in us with your love; as we put our trust in you may your hopes and desire be ours and we your expectant people as we rejoice in the promises of freedom and peace found in Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray; **Our Father in heaven [pg 124].**



Hymn: At Cana's wedding [Tune Tis 645]

1. At Cana's wedding, long ago,
they knew his presence by this sign,
a virtue none but Christ could show,
to turn their water into wine:
And still on us his blessing be
as in the days of Galilee.

2. What if the way be far to go
and life at times a weary load?
Yet may our hearts within us glow
as theirs on that Emmaus road:
The risen Christen become our guest,
with him to walk, in him to rest.

3. O Lord of all our life below,
O risen Lord of realms above,
eternal joy be ours to know,
united in the bond of love:
One in the faith, with one accord,
one with each other and the Lord.

Timothy Dudley-Smith 1984

Reflections on the readings

The reading from Isaiah 62 emerges out of the post-exilic period, a period of new beginnings, but also a period of unrealized hopes. The people left the exile with high expectations, but things didn't work out quite as expected. The new Temple lacked the grandeur of the one it replaced (or so they believed), and self-determination was less forthcoming than hoped. The people wondered – does God truly care? In this prophetic statement, an answer is offered. Despite appearances, there is reason to hope. There is reason to rejoice for God won't keep silent or sit still until Jerusalem's "righteousness shines out like a light and her salvation blazes like a torch." So, to Judah comes the word: "You will be a splendid garland in the Lord's hand, a royal turban in the palm of God's hand". Like a bridegroom, God will rejoice in God's bride – Israel. Although there is a strong patriarchal context to this passage, there is an important message here. Because of God's embrace, we can no longer consider ourselves abandoned or deserted. We're not alone. There is one who walks with us, strengthening us, empowering us, and as Paul reminds the Corinthians (and us), offers gifts to us as well. The wedding imagery that's present in Isaiah emerges as well in John 2. Jesus and disciples get invited to a wedding in the Galilean town of Cana. Jesus' mother is also there – Mary discovers that the wine is running out while the party isn't winding down. So, she turns to her son and says – don't just stand there, do something! And we know what happens next. Sons can't say no to their mothers! And the water becomes wine - copious amounts of it. John concludes that this was Jesus' first miracle, revealing his glory and thus his disciples believed in him. The point seems to be that Jesus' true nature is revealed in this moment, and is tied into what happens later with other signs of the nature of Jesus, but notably this day mirrors the resurrection when God is glorified. Thus, in this seemingly insignificant moment, some of that resurrection glory is revealed.

Adapted from Robert Cornwall (2013) www.bobcornwall.com

NOTICES

St Matthew's Friendship Group continues to meet this Tuesday 1.30pm Gavan Hall.

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 7.30pm Christ Church

Monthly Parish BBQs will recommence in February. More hosts required please contact Fr Kim or Caroline to host a BBQ.

Revd Maryann Leonard's Ordination to the Priesthood - Saturday 6th February. Parishioners wanting to attend the Ordination at the Cathedral and require transport please contact Fr Kim so we can coordinate, and given sufficient numbers we could source a bus for the day.

Ordination Gift for Maryann - the Wardens have agreed that we request donations from parishioners towards the cost of a chasuble for Maryann. Please put any donation into a marked envelope and leave with the offering or give to Fr Kim or a Warden. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church

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

Parish life this week

Tuesday 19th 1.30pm St Matthew's Friendship Group, Gavan Hall
Wednesday 20th 7.30pm Parish Council Christ Church
Thursday 21st 10.00am Eucharist, St Matthews
10.00am Eucharist, Willowmeade
4.00pm Eucharist, Dianella
Friday 22nd 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House
Saturday 23rd 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop, Church House

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

24th January 2016 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; I Corinthians 12.12-31; Luke 4.14-21

Christ Church	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11.00am	Morning Prayer
St Stephens	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4.00pm	No service this day

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