



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta  
**The Parish of Kilmore**  
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook  
**13th March 2016**



**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Harvest Festival / Commitment Sunday**

**Hymns: 179, 130, Pew sheet, 665, 591**

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

## God's Work



## Our Hands

*Introit Hymn from the red Hymn Book*

The Lord be with you:

**And also with you.**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,

**Whose mercy endures for ever.**

The fruit of God's Spirit is love, joy, patience, kindness, faithfulness,  
generosity, self-control, gentleness and peace.

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

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. *Psalm 126.6*

## The Kyrie

God has blessed us, but still God's children go hungry.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

God has blessed us, but still the poor cry out for justice.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

God has blessed us, but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

Let us ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

## Confession and Absolution

## THE TRIASGION ¶ 10 [Sung]

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal have mercy on us.**

Cantor:

Ho - ly God.

All:

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

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray; Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honourable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **AMEN.**

## FIRST READING

## Deuteronomy 26.1-11

[This is the confession of the Israelite who, when he (always masculine) enters the land, will publicly confess that the benefits of this rich land are the gift of God who has fulfilled the promises to the forefathers (and foremothers). In thanksgiving for the wondrous work of God, the first fruits of the harvest are offered to the priest at the altar of the Lord.]

*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.*

When you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the

firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PSALM 100

[This Psalm expresses celestial joy for God who has courted Israel, listened to her cries of help, brought her out of bondage, proposed a covenant and joyfully received her acceptance, gave the Teaching; has given Israel land, and continues to send prophets for guidance and correction; with the reminder that God's love endures forever.]

**Response: All the earth proclaim the Lord, sing your praise to God.**

### *Response*

*Gtr. Capo 1* Bb(A)

Eb(D)

Cm(Bm)

F(E)

Bb(A)



*All the earth pro-claim the Lord, sing your praise to God.*

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know that the Lord is God;  
it is he that has made us and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture./R

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and bless his name.  
For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,  
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation./R

## SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-9

[A plea to rejoice in the goodness of the Lord from which flows right living and relating bringing peace.]

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.*

Paul writes, 'Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.'

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of endless glory!

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of endless glory!**

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe | for harvesting.

Gather the fruit for | eternal life.

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of endless glory!**

## GOSPEL

John 6.25-35

[The crowd wants the bread of heaven, and Jesus reveals himself as that bread in a typical Johannine formulation: "I am the bread of life." With the revelation comes a word of promise and assurance to the one who comes to Jesus and trusts him, finds sustenance for life.]

*A reading from the holy gospel according to John*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, the crowd said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which[a] comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

For 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 of 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.



**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
praise him, all creatures here below,  
praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. [TiS 768(i)]**

### ***PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (time of quietness)***

**Holy God, your church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. *(pause for reflection)***

**Therefore, with your help O God, I dedicate and commit myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be and to sustain this community of faith. I pray this in the name of the one who gave all of himself so that I may have life in all its abundance, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## Hymn: As we contemplate our mission [Tune 'TiS 477]

1. As we contemplate our mission,  
As we look beyond today,  
As we try to live our vision,  
Follow Jesus in his way;  
In our fellowship we treasure  
All the gifts and skills we share;  
As we live and grow together  
Christ is honoured when we care.

2. When we gather we would welcome  
All who wish to join our cause;  
Human bound'ries have no power;  
We fling open all our doors.  
With a harmony of purpose  
Which transcends both class and race,  
We proclaim the life of Jesus  
And bear witness to God's grace.

3. Reconciliation happens  
In communities of care;  
Lives transform and people alter,  
Destinies can change with prayer;  
As we open to God's leading  
We can feel the Spirit move;  
Ancient truths and new awareness  
Give us challenge to improve.

4. We are salt to give a flavour,  
And a light upon a stand;  
We are set upon a hilltop  
And are seen throughout the land;  
So our love must be inclusive  
Given fully, given free;  
For the Lord whom we all follow  
Shows what love can do and be.

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### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world and for all God's people in their daily life and work.

God, the beginning and end of all things, in your providence and care you watch unceasingly over all creation; we offer our prayers that in us and in all your people your will may be done, according to your wise and loving purpose in Christ our Lord.

Lord of all life: **hear our prayer.**

God of all providence, we pray for all through whom we receive sustenance and life; for farmers and agricultural workers, for packers, distributors and company boards; as you have so ordered our life that we depend upon each other, enable us by your grace to seek the well-being of others before our own.

Lord of all creation: **hear our prayer**

God of new beginnings; we pray for all engaged in research to safeguard crops against disease, and to produce abundant life among those who hunger and whose lives are at risk; prosper the work of their hands and the searching of their minds, that their labour may be for the welfare of all.

Lord of all wisdom: **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, we pray for governments and aid agencies, and those areas of the world where there is war, disaster, drought and starvation; by the grace of your Spirit, touch our hearts and the hearts of all who live in comfortable plenty, and make us wise stewards of your gifts.

Lord of all justice: **hear our prayer.**

God of the merciful, we pray for your church, that all may witness to your passion for justice; for all tasked with leadership that they may serve you with integrity; we pray for all impacted by sexual abuse and pray for healing and reconciliation; we pray for Bishop John and our parish that we may be true to our commitment to the ministry you have entrusted to us.

Lord of hope: **hear our prayer.**

God of the distressed; we pray for those who are ill, remembering those in hospital and nursing homes; we pray for all who care for them; give skill and understanding to all who work for their well-being; we pray for all in need, those known to us and those who have requested prayer: *Chris Schafer, Karen Goodger, Jean Evans, Denise, Belinda Shannon, Tom and Sandra Davidson, Bianca Davidson, Jenny Curry, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Mark Bennetts, Susan.*

Lord of all compassion: **hear our prayer.**

God of all eternity; we remember those who have died, whom we entrust to your eternal love in the hope of resurrection to new life; the recently departed, and those years mind occurring at this time: *14th Joseph Daley; 15th Jim Craker, Alwyn O'Brien; 18th Jean Rice, Jean Corrigan; 19th Irwin Land.*

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

Lord of all peace: **hear our prayer.**

God who is mother and father to us all, hear us as we pray for ourselves .....; asking that by the Spirit at work in us, as we offer ourselves to your service, others may receive a rich harvest of love and joy and peace.

Lord of all faithfulness: **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, pour out your Spirit on us! Hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; **Grant us the grace to hear your call to be your people; and of you three things I pray: to see you more clearly, love you more dearly, follow you more nearly, day by day, for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.**

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### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
you bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

By your Holy Spirit this bread and wine  
will be for us the body and blood of Christ.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving 5 [page 139]**

The versicle: Lord our God,

The response: **We give you thanks and praise.**

*[Repeat]*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Loving God, Father almighty, creator of all,  
it is indeed right to bring you thanks and praise, all year round.  
You spoke, and this world came into being, bursting with life.  
Your glory is made known in the beauty and wonder all around us.  
Your amazing love is seen in the bounteous providence of nature,  
which we gather as the harvest and offer with thanksgiving.

Lord our God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

We thank you that when we turned away from you,  
you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,  
and bring us back to you.

He showed us how to love you  
and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

And now you call us to be disciples of your Son Jesus,  
and good stewards of all your many gifts:  
You call us to serve as your Church,  
making known your saving grace to all people.  
Give us grace to order our lives in response to your love.

Lord our God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

We thank you that on the cross  
Jesus took away our sin,  
all that keeps us from each other and from you.  
He frees us from hate and fear,  
from all that destroys love and trust.

Lord our God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

And so with everyone who believes in you,  
with all the saints and angels,  
we rejoice and praise you, saying: [singing]:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

And now we thank you  
for these gifts of bread and wine;  
may we who receive them,  
as Jesus said,  
share his body and his blood.



On the night he was betrayed, he took bread  
and gave you thanks.

He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,  
"Take and eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup  
and gave you thanks.

He shared the cup with them and said,  
"This is my blood poured out  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ  
and to remember all he has done for us:

The memorial acclamation may be used here.

Fill us with your Spirit that we may follow Jesus  
in all we do and say, working for justice and bringing your peace  
to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion**

God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most loving God, **you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go  
thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

## Reflection on the Day

In the readings this morning we are reminded of the generosity of God, in delivering the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and bringing them into the promised land. The Psalm offers a song of praise to God's everlasting love for God's people. Paul urges his readers to think on those things that are praiseworthy and good which are to be the signs of the Jesus people. And in the gospel reading from John we are reminded of God's good providence given to the people in the wilderness and now offered in the person of Jesus Christ as "I am the bread of Life". So in reflecting upon the issue of stewardship the focus in this context is on the individual, because individuals have relationships with others and form communities, which goes to the heart of Paul's entreatment. In 2013, I offered a reflection on Stewardship using the concept of 'Holy Currencies' (Law, 2014, Chalice Press), and I think it useful to refer back to this approach. We use the word 'currency' in most instances to refer to money, and certainly stewardship is concerned with money and resources, but the word has other meanings which is relevant to this discussion. Holy Currencies underpin the way we live out our lives in company with God endeavouring to be true to the way that Jesus has shown. The concept highlights seven Holy Currencies that need to be addressed by those want to be good stewards: The *Currency of Relationship*, encompasses strengthening relationships within the church and establishing new relationships with others outside the church community; and the *Currency of Truth*, encourages exploration and examination of self, the church, and the wider community; the *Currency of Time*, refers to the time given to ministry activities in the Church beyond worship time and time allocated for ministry in the wider community; the *Currency of Place*, is about assisting in preparing the church property to sustain ministry, and being prepared to offer space for ministry activities beyond the church building; the *Currency of Gracious Leadership*, which refers to how we participate in leadership and train or mentor others in ministry leadership; the *Currency of Wellness*, refers to physical wellness, social wellness and connection, and the enhancement of ecological wellness of the community; the *Currency of Money*, which addresses the financial needs of the church through regular giving, and participating in fund raising for ministry projects; and in addition attending to our spending choices and the impact that can follow. Stewardship then refers to a whole of life approach and urges God's people to examine and to commit to these Holy Currencies for the benefit of the self as well as the community of faith and the people we seek to serve. There are signs that many of these currencies are being realised. In summary, the starting point for stewardship therefore is not the need and mission of the institution but rather about generosity. What God want us to do in this place at this time is being revealed as we journey and this requires resources in terms of the good will of all who contribute in time and effort and skill as well as giving of funds. Today we celebrate the harvest but we also give thanks for the hard work of many and recommit ourselves to the tasks of sustaining the ministry we offer in the name of Jesus Christ.

# NOTICES

**Parish BBQ TODAY** 12.30pm at the Rectory, bring own meats and share salads, desserts. All welcome

**Palm Sunday next Sunday** with the Procession of the Psalms at Christ Church and distribution of Psalms will be at St Matthews and St Stephens.

**Bunnings BBQ** raised \$910.00. A special thank you to all who helped to make it such a success and to Bruce Radford who generously donated the onions, and to Robyn Whitehouse who coordinated the event.

**Thank you.** A very big thank you to all in the parish who came to support Sarah and Paul at their wedding yesterday. To all the wonderful 'behind the scenes' people; the flower ladies, the afternoon tea crew, and those who came along to offer their love and well wishes. Thank you so much. Caroline

**The Anglican Church of Kilmore The Debutantes Ball 2016;** Advertisements for the Debutante Ball in June in Kilmore have gone out. Planning is well advanced and volunteers are welcome to assist at the rehearsals and preparations please contact Maryann or Fr Kim.

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

<b>Holy Week and Easter Services</b>			
<b>Monday 21st March</b>	Christ Church St Stephens	7.30am 7.30pm	Holy Eucharist Meditation on Holy Week
<b>Tuesday 22nd March</b>	Christ Church St Matthews	7.30am 7.30pm	Holy Eucharist Meditation on Holy Week
<b>Wednesday 23rd March</b>	Christ Church	7.30am 7.30pm	Holy Eucharist Meditation on Holy Week
<b>Maundy Thursday 24th March</b>	St Matthews	10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Eucharist Maundy Thursday liturgy
<b>Good Friday 25th March</b>	Christ Church St Matthews St Stephens Transfiguration	9.00am 11.00am 11.00am 4.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy
<b>Easter Day 27th March</b>	Christ Church  St Matthews St Stephens Transfiguration	7.00am 8.00am 9.00am 11.00am 11.00am 4.00pm	Easter Vigil - Lighting of New Fire Parish Breakfast First Mass of Easter Mass of Easter Mass of Easter Mass of Easter

## Parish life this week

Tuesday 15th	12.30pm Area Deans meeting, Wangaratta 1.30pm St Matthew's Friendship Group, Gavan Hall 5.00pm Bishop in Council Wangaratta
Wednesday 16th	6.30pm Deb Ball Committee meets Christ Church 7.30pm Parish Council, Christ Church
Thursday 17th	10.00am Eucharist, St Matthew's Broadford 10.00am Eucharist, Willowmeade 11.30am Eucharist Caledonia 4.00pm Eucharist, Dianella
Friday 18th	10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House
Saturday 19th	10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop, Church House

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

#### 20th March 2016 – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Ps 31.9-18; Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 22.14-23.56

<b>Christ Church</b>	9.00am	Procession of the Palms & Holy Eucharist
<b>St Matthews</b>	11.00am	Blessing of the Palms & Holy Eucharist
<b>St Stephens</b>	11.00am	Blessing of the Palms & Holy Eucharist
<b>Transfiguration</b>	4.00pm	Blessing of the Palms & Holy Eucharist

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