



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta
The Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
20th March 2016
PALM SUNDAY



Hymns: 333, 279, Pewsheet, 147

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



The Palm Sunday Liturgy

The community gathers with the palms outside in the gardens.

Grace and peace to you from God.

God fill you with truth and joy.

Dear friends in Christ, during the five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the church throughout the world. Christ entered Jerusalem this day in triumph, a triumph that led through suffering and death to resurrection and new life. In faith and love may we follow this messiah, the humble ruler, who comes riding on a donkey.

Let us pray.

Silence

God of our salvation, help us to enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts by which you have given us fullness of life; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Sovereign God, for the acts of love by which you have set us free. On this day Jesus was greeted with branches of palms as he triumphantly entered Jerusalem only to suffer and to die. Bless these branches † in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, let them be for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty. May we who carry them follow Christ in the way of the cross which leads to life; through Christ who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Palms are distributed if not already.

Let us go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Introit Hymn 333 as we enter the church with the palms

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 always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace

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THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

THE KYRIES [sung]

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

THE TRISAGION ¶ 10

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you O Christ, King of endless glory!

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

Hosanna | in the highest.

Praise to you O Christ, King of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Luke 19.28-40

[Jesus rides into Jerusalem as the people offer praises. The Pharisees though are unimpressed, calling on Jesus to silence the crowd.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Jesus our friend and bringer of peace, you come riding on a donkey to usher in God's new kingdom; people like us raise their branches and voices in celebration of the hope of new life singing, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord"; grant us grace to sing and pray with our hearts as well as our lips, and to serve with our deeds as well as our prayers.

Lord hear us.

In places where the church celebrates with joy today, where it laughs with little children and praises with elderly saints, till hosannas overflow from every loving heart; may your kingdom come,

And your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

In places where the church gathers in sorrow or fear today, weeping with Christ Jesus for the cross that must be carried in the face of misunderstanding and abuse; may your kingdom come.

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

In places where there are small hopes begging to be kept alive, programmes of compassion needing to be supported, and the beginnings of faith requiring recognition and encouragement; your kingdom come.

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

In places where ordinary people are disillusioned with systems of greed and injustice that wants the poor and the weak blamed for the deprivations that afflict them; your kingdom come.

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

In places where people are at their wits end, angry or frightened, ready to hit out violently at those around them, or falling into despair and planning to take their own lives; your kingdom come.

Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

In places where people suffer with sickness, pain, grief, loneliness or despair; your kingdom come.

Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

In places where people cry out in need for prayer especially those known to us; for *Chris Schafer, Karen Goodger, Jean Evans, Denise, Belinda Shannon, Tom and Sandra Davidson, Bianca Davidson, Jenny Curry, Barbara Kaye, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Mark Bennetts, Susan*; your kingdom come.

Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

In places where the dying and those who wait with them surrender themselves to your love; your kingdom come.

Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

For those who have departed this life to enter your nearer presence and those years mind occurring at this time; *20th Jessie Faulks; 21st Norman Mable, David Begley; 22nd Regan Meehan; 23rd Jack Cockroft; 24th Eric Stanmore; 25th Carol Matters, Dorothy Drysdale, Myrtle Mathieson; 26th Beatrice Lazarus, William Thomas, Ernest Hughes.*

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

Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker, day by day the weary are sustained with your word, hear us as we pray for ourselves; gently encourage us to place our trust in you; accept our prayers through him who turns our sorrows into joys; who shows us the way of righteousness and peace, and taught us to pray: **Our Father**

Hymn: Not on a horse [Tune 'Tis 123]

1. Not on a war horse, but a humble donkey,
the Son of Man came to Jerusalem;
great city full of faithful Hebrew pilgrims
received one more as she had often done.

And yet this time, Christ journeyed into danger;
to be betrayed, to suffer and to die.

2. They paved his way with scattered cloaks and branches
- a prelude to the coming victory.

Crowds of disciples shouting out their praises;

"Glory to God! Hosanna to the King!
Bless'd is the one, Jesus has come to save us."

The very stones would cry out if they could.

3. His friends knew not the horrors that awaited,
imagining an end to Roman rule.
Instead God's plan was moving to fruition;
his Son would gain a greater vict'ry still.

Not by the might of gathered rebel armies,
but strength of purpose and submissive will.

4. So let us pause, as we this day remember
our humble King who gathers up the lost;
how great his trial, how strong the love he shows us;
how weak a faith that does not count the cost.

We walk with him, come through into the city;
one final meal, a symbol for God's grace.

5. Out into darkness, Jesus' time is coming;
a kiss to greet, a sign - "this is the one"
The soldiers mock, yet still our Lord is silent;
the sentence passed and all our crimes his own.
Christ hoisted high, humanity is ransomed;
through Jesus' death, we all are given life!

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Reflection on the Day

The heart of the Palm Sunday celebration this year is God coming to God's people in faithfulness and love. Jesus enters Jerusalem as the one who will suffer – this is the doorway to his passion – and in his suffering invites people into God's grace and presence. And this arrival of God will not be resisted or stopped. It can only be received and enjoyed or resisted and rejected. It is interesting to note that only Luke includes the Pharisees' plea for Jesus to ask the crowds to be silent, and Jesus' response that if the people were to stop singing, the stones would cry out. It is most likely that the Pharisees were concerned for how Rome would interpret this procession and the songs the people were singing. The last thing they wanted

was a revolution – for both personal and national reasons. But, Jesus’ response demonstrates Luke’s understanding of God’s salvation that comes in Christ. God’s Reign, which for Luke is the expression of God’s salvation, and the reality into which the saved are brought, is unstoppable. It is personal and social, and is as concerned with justice as it is with personal restoration and forgiveness. In proclaiming that even the stones would cry out, Jesus declares that God’s Reign will not be silenced by the powers that be, and that it includes and impacts the whole of creation. When God’s Sent One comes, the entire created order knows it and responds to it. In a similar way, we who witness this event again at Palm Sunday, are called to know and respond to the One who brings God’s irresistible Reign into our world with all the implications. In every life and community, the Reign of God enters as a disruptive and invitational influence. It subverts every petty power-struggle, turf-war and personal empire that we might set up, and calls us to embrace this new self-giving, inclusive, God-connected way of being. The challenge for us is to take this message seriously, and strive, daily, to embody God’s Reign in every interaction, every decision, and in how we live together in community.

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NOTICES

Holy Week Services schedule can be found in Parish life this week, all welcome to any of the services across the Parish. The Tenebrae Meditation on Holy Week is repeated on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and the Maundy Thursday Liturgy will be held at St Matthew’s Bradford.

The Anglican Church of Kilmore The Debutante Ball 2016; the information and registration night for applicants and parents is **Monday 21st March 7.30pm** at Senior Citizens Club, Sydney Street, Kilmore. Volunteers needed to assist with the registrations - please contact Revd Maryann if you can help.

Op shop Trading hours for Easter

Thursday 24th March 10am till 12 noon – Open ; Friday 25th March -CLOSED
Saturday 26th March –CLOSED: From Friday 1st April opening hours as normal.

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

Financial Statement from Parish Council

for month of February 2016

Income	Offertory	\$4,847.75
	Opshop	\$3,906.20
	Fundraising	\$ 920.70
Total		\$9,674.65
Budgeted Monthly Expenses		\$11,250.00
Variance		-\$1,575.35

Parish life this week

Monday 21st	7.30am Eucharist Christ Church 7.30pm Tenebrae Meditation on Holy Week St Stephens 7.30pm Deb Ball Information and registration night
Tuesday 22nd	7.30am Eucharist Christ Church 11.00am Chrism Mass - Wangaratta 7.30pm Tenebrae Meditation on Holy Week St Matthews
Wednesday 23rd	7.30am Eucharist Christ Church 7.30pm Tenebrae Meditation on Holy Week Christ Church
Thursday 24th	10.00am - 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House 10.00am Eucharist, St Matthew's Broadford 10.00am Eucharist, Willowmeade 4.00pm Eucharist, Dianella 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy St Matthews
Friday 25th	Op Shop Closed 9.00am Good Friday Liturgy Christ Church 11.00am Good Friday Liturgy St Matthews 11.00am Good Friday Liturgy St Stephens 4.00pm Good Friday Liturgy Transfiguration
Saturday 26th	Op Shop Closed

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 27th March 2016 – Easter Day

Christ Church	7.00am 8.00am 9.00am	Easter Vigil - Lighting of New Fire Parish Breakfast First Mass of Easter
St Matthews	11.00am	Mass of Easter
St Stephens	11.00am	Mass of Easter
Transfiguration	4.00pm	Mass of Easter

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