



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta
The Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
10th April 2016
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Holy Baptism



HYMNS 390, 367, 491 671, Pew Sheet

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



Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever. *Revelation 5.13*

THE COLLECT

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 9.1-20

A reading from the book of Acts

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Response: O Lord, my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

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I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have raised me up
and have not let my foes triumph over me.
O Lord my God, I cried out to you and you have healed me.
You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored me to life from among those that go down to the Pit./R

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks to his holy name.
For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime.
Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.
In my prosperity I said, 'I shall never be moved./R

You, Lord, of your goodness, have made my hill so strong.'
Then you hid your face from me and I was utterly dismayed.
To you, O Lord, I cried; to the Lord I made my supplication:
'What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?/R

Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
'Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper.'
You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever./R

SECOND READING

Revelation 5.6-14

A reading from the book of Revelation

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the centre of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.' Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon

thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying: 'Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: 'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever!' The four living creatures said, 'Amen', and the elders fell down and worshipped.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Our hearts | burn within us
while you open to | us the scriptures.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 21.1-19

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus appeared again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him,

“Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Baptism
Hymn 491

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Persistent God, there's this whisper inside of us: to be ignored and neglected it if we so choose; but its insistent, compelling voice reminds us that our lives are not without meaning, that we do have a contribution to make, that we too are called; yet it seems that you don't really hear our objections, our excuses; all you ever seem to say is just, “Follow me.” Grant us the courage and faith to answer your call and to be agents of redeeming change in the world.

Living Lord, **to you be the praise and glory.**

O Holy One, you choose as your witnesses those who would desert, deny, and persecute you and those you love; hear our prayer for your Church for pastors and priests, ministers and teachers, especially our Bishop John; for our parish and we pray grateful thanks that you have called Kasey to name and claim her as your own. Bless her as she begins her journey of faith, newly baptised, empowered by your Holy Spirit, and now welcomed into the body of Christ. Bless her parents Rhys and Rachael and godparents Lee and Shaun as they grow her in faith and love; may she find here a welcoming and supporting community seeking to serve you and proclaiming your good news.

Living Lord, **to you be the praise and glory.**

God of all creation, you also choose, as your sisters and brothers, the hungry, the homeless and the refugee; hear our prayer for the peoples of the world; for those whose lives are destroyed by brutality and oppression, abuse and exploitation; for those trapped by poverty and natural disaster; for those impacted by war; we pray especially for all those seeking refuge and for those asylum seekers at the gates of Europe; equip your people for service in the world that we may feed your people who hunger for justice and peace.

Living Lord, **to you be the praise and glory.**

We pray for our community, for the neglected and the lonely, the homeless and the unemployed, those living in dysfunctional relationships and for runaway

children; help us to build a community of care and compassion, that we may feed your people who hunger for a place of acceptance and worth; especially we pray for asylum seekers and refugees in detention.

Living Lord, **to you be the praise and glory.**

Ever-loving God, you take to yourself the sick and the sad, those living with pain and terminal illness; those who grieve lost loved ones; we pray for the dying and those who wait with them; show us how to share each other's pains that we may feed your people who hunger for comfort and relief; we pray for those on our hearts this day and those who have requested prayer:

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, Leonie Upton.

We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

Living Lord, **to you be the praise and glory.**

Eternal God, you choose as your saints those of every language, tribe and nation; we pray for all who have died in your love, and we commend to you the recently departed and those whose years mind occurs at this time.

12th Jack Hoysted, Eileen Beaumont, Lucy Cartwright; 13th John Salmon, Ken Poulter, Kathleen Pelham, John Hedley; 14th Brightie Lang, Daphne Lawry, Catherine Jos; 15th Eric Williams, James Evans; 16th Walter Rasmussen, Geoffrey Ryan, Alan Wicking.

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

Living Lord, **to you be the praise and glory.**

God in Community, Holy in One, you alone are worthy of all that we have, and all that we are, and as we lift our prayers to you, hear us as we pray for ourselves grant us the grace to hear your call and follow you as did the saints of old.

Living Lord, **to you be the praise and glory.**

Gracious God you have promised to hear our prayers, hear us as we pray as our Lord has taught us. **Our Father.....[pg 124]**

Reflections on the Readings

This week the lectionary takes us from last week's simple, but profound, proclamation of worship, as reflected in Thomas's encounter with the Risen Christ, to the challenge of Easter, as reflected in Peter's restoration and calling. Calling is, perhaps, the word that most clearly reflects what the Scriptures seek to tell us this week – Saul's conversion and call to be a follower (ultimately apostle) of Jesus, the psalmist's rescue and commitment (calling) to live as a worshipper, in Revelation the worship of the heavenly beings offered to the Lamb who faithfully fulfilled his calling to be slain and to conquer death and evil, and of course, in the Gospel reading Peter, forgiven for his denial, restored to leadership of the apostles, and called to follow Christ even to his death. In response to this, we are invited to hear the call which comes to us and our communities in Christ's name – the call to worship, the call to be transformed into true followers of Jesus, and the

call to minister to others in Christ's name even to death. The resurrection life of Jesus, then, is not just a gift we receive, but is a gift which shapes how we live, and it is a gift we share with others as we seek to proclaim the Reign of God to the world. A sense of calling can be a double-edged sword on the level of global politics. From the ancient "divine right of kings" to the current sense among some nations and leaders that they are appointed by God as God's special agents, much injustice and harm is done in the name of a divine calling. However, when the calling of Christ – to sacrificial, other-centred living – is recognised, the result is a powerful contribution to the world, and the increase of justice. Often this calling leads into conflict with the powers-that-be and their own sense of entitlement – think of Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela – and this is where the sacrifice comes in. But, as more and more followers of Christ take up their place in challenging the wrong use of power, so the world is slowly transformed. So, at its heart, our call is not to Christian exceptionalism or domination, but to being part of the immune system of the world in which, in our own small way, we stand against and challenge the diseases of our world, and we bring health and strength through living an alternative, Christ-centred life.

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Hymn: Peter said, 'I am going fishing.' [Tune 233 Hyfrydol 87.87]

1. Peter said, "I'm going fishing," so his friends went out with him.
Through the night, they laboured, watching, hauling empty nets back in.
In the grey of early morning, Jesus, you came walking by.
From the beach you called a greeting, "Cast out on the other side!"
2. Soon their nets were filled to brimming; someone cried, "It is the Lord!"
Jumping in, he started swimming; Christ, you met him on the shore.
Guiding them to better waters, eating fish, and sharing bread —
You showed Peter and the others: you were risen from the dead!
3. Risen Christ, you send us fishing! God's great sea is everywhere.
You have guided us in mission, you have given love to share.
Through the years, our church has heard you, we have answered your great call:
"Cast you nets where I have told you. Bring my word of love to all!"
4. Lord, be with our congregation; by your spirit, send us forth!
May we care for your creation; may we work for peace on earth.
In our worship, in our giving, in our serving those in need,
May we know, Lord; you are living, guiding us in ministry.

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Notices

Parish BBQ TODAY @ 12.30pm Hosts Val & Barry Watts 57 Main Road Tallarook (across road next to St Stephens). All welcome bring own meats, salads and desserts to share and refreshments.

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 April

Thursday 14th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthew's
10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade
2.00pm Memorial Service Caladenia
4.00pm Eucharist Dianella
Friday 15th 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House
Saturday 16th 10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House
11.00am Internment of Ashes St Matthew's

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 17th April 2016: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9.36-43; Ps 23; Revelation 7.9-17; John 10.22-30

Christ Church	9 am	Sung Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephens	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	Holy Eucharist

Parish Diary

2nd Sunday of month: Parish BBQ - 12.30pm. See Notices for details

1st & 3rd Tuesday: Faith Enhancement Group meets 13 The Parade Broadford.

3rd Tuesday: St Matthew's Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm fellowship & afternoon tea; contact Edie Simpson ph.5784 1246 for details.

1st Wednesday: Property Committee Meeting 7.30pm see notices for venue

3rd Wednesday: Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm see Notices for venue

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