



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta
The Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
14th August 2016



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HYMNS: 462, 264, 674, 596

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



Image: Symeon Shimin, (1940), *Contemporary Justice and Child*

Introit Hymn

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

‘Is not my word like fire,’ says the Lord, ‘and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?’ *Jeremiah 23.29*

THE COLLECT

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5.1-70

[A metaphorical prophecy of judgement against Israel and Judah, pictured as God’s vineyard, for their lack of justice.]

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: my loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. ‘Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.’ The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

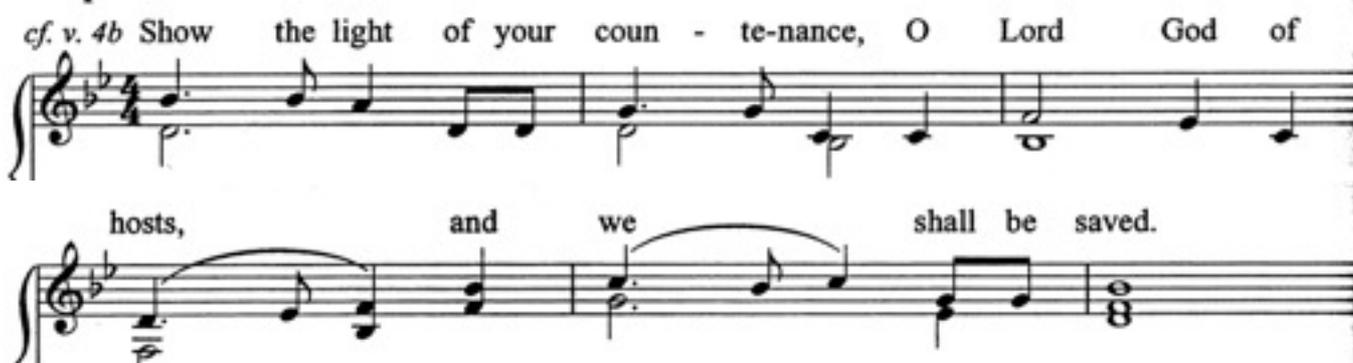
Psalm 80.1-2, 8-19

[A Psalm of repentance for abandoning God, and praying for God to once again tend and protect God’s people as a vineyard that is cared for well.]

Response: Show the light of your countenance, O Lord God of hosts, and we shall be saved.

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cf. v. 4b Show the light of your coun - te-nance, O Lord God of
hosts, and we shall be saved.



Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock;
Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Turn us again, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved./R

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
You made room around it,
and when it had taken root, it filled the land.
The hills were covered with its shadow
and the cedars of God by its boughs.
It stretched out its branches to the Sea and its tendrils to the River./R

Why then have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
The wild boar out of the wood tears it off,
and all the insects of the field devour it.
Turn again, O God of hosts, look down from heaven and behold;
Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted,
and the branch that you made so strong for yourself./R

Let those who burnt it with fire, who cut it down,
perish at the rebuke of your countenance.
Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand,
the son of man you made so strong for yourself.
And so will we not go back from you;
give us life, and we shall call upon your name./R

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11.29-12.2

[A reminder of the “great cloud of witnesses” – people of faith who suffered for their message and stayed committed to God through great trial and heartache – who surround us. They encourage us to stay firm, and follow Christ – the one who endured the cross – faithfully.]

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched round them for seven days. By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning;

they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and ill-treated – the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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My sheep | hear my voice.

I know them, and they | follow me.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 12. 49-59

[Jesus grieves his coming suffering, recognising the conflict that will arise over his message, and challenging people to discern the true nature of the time they live in, in the same way that they interpret the weather.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? 'And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? Thus, when you go with your accuser before a magistrate, on the way make an effort to settle the case, or you may be dragged before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you in prison. I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

God of infinite mercy, your will for the world is justice and righteousness, yet humanity so often chooses violence and greed, we pray for the nations of the world particularly South Sudan, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan and all impacted by conflict; we for an equitable sharing of the worlds resources and we commend to you all those working for sustainable development.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God who cares for all, we pray for those tasked with governing; for the people of Brazil and the citizens of Rio de Janeiro and all involved in the Olympics; pray a safe and successful games; for our own government and parliaments that justice and probity prevail.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ever-giving God, you offer us gifts of redemption and life and task the Church with proclaiming your love and forgiveness; we pray for the Anglican Church in Papua New Guineas seeking to alleviate the drought; for our Diocese, for Bishop John, and for our parish that we may faithfully proclaim your gospel in the world.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ever-loving God, you stretch out your hand to uphold the weak and those in distress, and urge us to care for the vulnerable and the neglected; we pray for the sick and the suffering of our community; the homeless and unemployed; for refugees and asylum seekers and all held in detention; for the lost and the lonely and for those who grieve, for those known to us and those who have requested prayer, may know your comfort and your strength;

Chris Schafer, Karen Goodger, Jean Evans, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Barbara Kaye, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Mark Bennetts, Valerie Wallis, Patrick Wallis, Eunice Downie, Susan, Carey Bickoff, Lorraine Lipson, Peter Dukes, Glenn Turnbull;

We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we give you thanks and pray for the faithful who have died and for those who died with no faith; for the recently departed and for those years mind occurs this week.

14th Edgar Letins, Matthew McInnes, Mabel Smith, Philip Mathiesen; 15th Ernest Ashton, Leslie Watts; 16th Frank Punch; 17th Nessie Zechovsky; 18th Maureen Tennant; 20th Linda Dyer.

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

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice, and love, your word is light and truth; we pray for ourselves.....; let your face shine on us to restore us, that we may walk in your way, seeking justice and doing good, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray; **Our Father [pg 124]**

Reflections on the Readings

The Gospel reading this week is difficult and deeply uncomfortable but very significant. The key is in Jesus' call to discern the times, which in the Gospel refers to the growing frustration with Rome's rule over Israel, and the inevitable destruction that would result if the people choose to try and resist Rome (which of course, is exactly what happened). The division that Jesus speaks about flows from our responses to the times we live in, whether we will do the work of discernment or not, and whether we will choose the way of God's Reign – the way of the cross – or not. When justice is ignored, and the poor and vulnerable are oppressed, God is justly angered, as indicated in Isaiah's prophecy. The image of the well-tended vineyard that is allowed to be destroyed for failing to produce good fruit is a powerful metaphor for this judgement. In the face of such injustice, there will always be those who refuse to do the work of discerning the times that Jesus called for, and who will prophecy what is untrue, comfortable and expedient. However, there will also always be those who will repent, as in Psalm 80, and who will embrace the sacrifice and rejection that comes from speaking the truth, confronting injustice and working for a more compassionate, peaceful world. Unfortunately, there will always be division between truth speakers and truth deniers, between defenders of justice and defenders of the status quo. This is the cross we are called to carry. Every Christ-following community and individual is faced, daily, with a choice. We can choose to adopt an 'escapist' faith, ignoring the pain of the world while waiting for heavenly bliss after we die, or we can do the work of listening, watching and understanding our societies and neighbourhoods, and the times in which we live. We can prophecy what is easy, comfortable and expedient for us – what requires little sacrifice and work, what makes us feel good, but changes little – or we can draw attention to the signs of injustice among us, we can call out corruption and exploitation, and we can hold ourselves and our leaders accountable to care for the marginalised and vulnerable. Ultimately, if we take the latter course, we will face the suffering of getting involved, for we will have to actually do something about the issues we expose. We will also, inevitably, face the aggression and threats of those who are invested in the status quo. We will find ourselves upsetting the peace, and being labelled "divisive", "rabble-rousers" and other names. The question is whether we have the conviction and courage to follow the great cloud of witnesses in service of God's reign, or not. This is a choice we will face every single day.

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Notices

Monthly Parish BBQ - the BBQ **12.30pm today** is a soup and casserole lunch; host is Beris Hannam, 37/33 The Elms Blvd, Kilmore. Please bring a dish to share. All welcome. If you require transport please speak to one of the clergy.

Clergy absence - Revd Maryann Leonard will be out of the Parish Thursday 18 - Monday 22nd August.

Faith Enhancement Group meets 7.30pm Friday 19th 13 The Parade Broadford, transferred from Tuesday. This is the final session of the current series of *Living the Questions*.

Diocese of Wangaratta "2016 Spirit of Christmas" Artwork and Image Competition - aspiring artists and photographers of all ages in the Diocese are invited to submit entries in the following categories Junior (4-12 years); Senior (13-18 years); Adult (19 years and over) on the theme of **"Spirit of Christmas"**. The competition opens on 8th August 2016. Entries will be accepted until 8th October 2016. See Clergy or *The Advocate* for entry forms and details.

New Parish Initiatives - following expressions of interest from parishioners the following initiatives are being launched.

Prayer Group 2.30pm 3rd Saturday of the month at St Matthew's Broadford to be led by Kathleen Taylor. First meet to be 20th August contact Kathleen 0433 902 190 or the parish clergy for more information. All welcome.

Parish Playgroup is being planned. If you have youngsters that would enjoy participating please contact Revd Maryann or Catherine Farrell 5787 1818 for more details.



Five Cent Coin collection for missions please collect your five cent coins and invite family and friends to contribute as well. Collecting receptacle at the back of the Church.

Direct Debit/EFT Offerings: Parish Account details: CBA Account Name 'Kilmore Anglican Parish'. BSB 063-698. Account Number 1018 464.

Parish Diary

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

4th Sunday: 5pm Meditation Service Christ Church

2nd & 4th 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.

3rd Saturday: 2.30pm Prayer Group, St Matthew's Broadford

Parish life this week

Third week of August

Tuesday 16th	1.30pm St Matthew's Friendship Group Gavan Hall, Broadford
	2.00pm SPOT meeting Wangaratta
	5.00pm Bishop in Council Meeting Wangaratta
Wednesday 17th	7.30pm Parish Council meeting @ Christ Church
Thursday 18th	10.00am Eucharist St Matthew's Broadford
	10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade
	11.30pm Eucharist Caladenia
	4.00pm Eucharist Dianella
Friday 19th	10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House
	7.30pm Faith Enhancement 13 The Parade Broadford
Saturday 20th	10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 21st August 2016: Pentecost XIV [21]

Jeremiah 1.4-10; Ps 71.1-6; Hebrews 12.18-29; Luke 13.10-17

Christ Church	9am	Sung Eucharist
St Matthew's	11am	Morning Prayer
St Stephen's	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	Holy Eucharist

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