



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta
The Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
28th August 2016



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HYMNS: 474, 254, 650, 608

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



Introit Hymn

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

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

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. *Luke 14.11*

THE COLLECT

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives to intercede for us, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 2.4-13

[God speaks out against God's people who have forgotten God's salvation and turned to other gods – God's people have abandoned God who is the fountain of living water and have dug cracked cisterns for themselves.]

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Hear the word of the Lord, you descendants of Jacob, all you clans of Israel. This is what the Lord says: 'What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they strayed so far from me? They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves. They did not ask, "Where is the Lord, who brought us up out of Egypt and led us through the barren wilderness, through a land of deserts and ravines, a land of drought and utter darkness, a land where no one travels and no one lives?"' I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce. But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable. The priests did not ask, "Where is the Lord?" Those who deal with the law did not know me; the leaders rebelled against me. The prophets prophesied by Baal, following worthless idols. "Therefore I bring charges against you again," declares the Lord. 'And I will bring charges against your children's children. Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and observe closely; see if there has ever been anything like this: has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols. Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder with great horror,' declares the Lord. 'My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

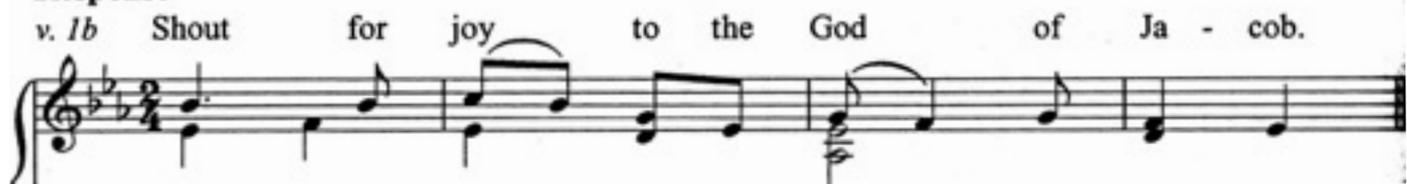
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 81.1, 10-16

[God brought Israel out of Egypt, and longs for Israel to listen and follow God's ways, but they want nothing to do with God.]

Response: Shout for joy to the God of Jacob

Response Richard Lloyd
v. *lb* Shout for joy to the God of Ja - cob.



Sing merrily to God our strength, shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
'I am the Lord your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt;
open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.'/R

But my people would not hear my voice and Israel would not obey me.
So I sent them away in the stubbornness of their hearts,
and let them walk after their own counsels./R

O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!
Then I should soon put down their enemies
and turn my hand against their adversaries./R

Those who hate the Lord would be humbled before him,
and their punishment would last for ever.
But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat
and with honey from the rock would I satisfy them./R

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

[Words to live by: Love one another and be hospitable, share the pain of those who suffer, be faithful in marriage, be content with what you have and follow the example of faithful leaders.]

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering. Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.' So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?' Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Take my yoke upon you, and | learn from me;
for I am gentle and hum- | ble in heart.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

[Jesus advises his followers not to take places of honour at feasts, in case they be asked to move and are humiliated. Rather, he invites them to take seats at the foot of the table, so that if they are invited to a better place, they will be honoured. Further, when hosting dinners, he encourages them to invite those who cannot repay – the marginalised and rejected.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’ He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Beloved Creator, guide us in your ways of justice, of peacemaking, of caring and kindness and mercy, of humility and simplicity; help us to know that we are still important to you, yet part of something far vastly beyond what we can see or comprehend.

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

Merciful God, we pray for those the church does not value, for those whose voices are not heard; for those whose gifts and vocations are ignored and dismissed; we pray for openness of heart so that all are welcomed into your kingdom, to eat at your table, to hear words of hope and love, and rejoice in the spirit; we share the grief and pray for the Diocese of Newcastle and its Bishop as they work through the terrible process of coming to terms with past failings; for our Bishop John, for our parish that we may do what is pleasing in your sight and proclaim your glory in the world.

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

Merciful God, we pray for the world in which we live giving thanks for its beauty and providence that supplies our needs; pray for those countries afflicted by national disaster; for the people of Italy especially those of Amatrice, Accumoli and Pescara

del Tronto and those mourning lost loved ones in the earthquakes; the people of Bagan Myanmar also affected by earthquake; for the people of India impacted by flooding; the people of Britain struggling with a heat wave.

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

Merciful God, change the hearts of those who abuse and exploit others, that they may hear the cries for justice by those who are exploited to make others rich; those whose lands are stolen or pillaged by the greedy; and those who are deemed small and inconsequential in the eyes the world are lifted to live in dignity and with power. We continue our pray for peace and for the peoples of Syria, Iraq, Yemen, South Sudan, Turkey and all those inflicted by war.

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

Merciful God, we pray for the marginalised and neglected in our community; for those in need and those suffering hardship; for the homeless and the unemployed; for the sick and those imprisoned in unresponsive bodies or disturbed minds; for the elderly, those who mourn, for the dying and those who wait with them; we pray care and support for those on our hearts this day and for those who have requested prayer.

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.**

Merciful God, we give you thanks that you promise eternal life for all your people, we pray that you will welcome the recently departed, and we remember those years mind occurring this week.

28th Brian Wright, Gayle Witty; 29th Leslie Gullifer; 31st Lily Smith, Anthony Zammit; 1st Elsie Jenkins, William Balderson, Thomas Hannam; 2nd Peter Wallder, Trevor Johnson, Gayle Zolnierczyk; 3rd Melva Wicking, Leesa Zytek.

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

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

Merciful God lead us into your ways of care and compassion and hear us was we pray for ourselves.....; grant us the grace to live as your people embracing simplicity and humility as we journey with you.

God of grace; **hear the prayers of your people.**

Accept our prayers in the name of your son Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray; **Our Father[pg 124]**

Reflections on the Readings

The theme in the readings is about pride and humility. Pride leads God's people to turn to their own resources and reject God's ways and God's resources (Jeremiah & Psalm 81). The result of this is inevitable failure of pride is the humiliation of being turned away from sought-after places of honour that we do not 'deserve' (Luke). Rather, honour and fullness of life are found in a humble commitment to following God's ways, remaining faithful and trusting, and living with grace, generosity, compassion, fidelity, and inclusive hospitality (Hebrews and Luke). In our celebrity-obsessed world, the quest for recognition, influence, wealth, fame and the praise of others drives so many of us. Ultimately, this pride-filled drivenness leads us into conflict and destructiveness, as all of life becomes a game of winners and losers. The great narratives of different faiths are then placed in competition with each other for the 'honour' of being the 'ultimate truth'. The priorities of nations are placed into conflict as politicians wrestle to find a place in the corridors of world power, while their people's needs are used as bargaining chips or forgotten altogether. Values, integrity and fidelity all end up being expendable as success, victory or popularity become the ends which justify any means. And, as this driven, competitive way of being spreads through the world, we all pay the price in breaking down of relationships, health issues, conflict and inequality. But, of course, those who end up paying the most are those at the 'bottom' of the game – the innocent losers. Into all of this a simple word of justice speaks – humility can heal our world. As we learn, individually, nationally and globally, to live with simplicity, contentment, respect and integrity – and expect the same from our leaders and our corporations – the game of winners of losers begins to shift to a playful, collaborative game of shared benefit. And then, our eyes are opened to the fullness of life that is found in the hidden, poor and forgotten places – places that the rich and wealthy never see. What would it mean for us individually and as a faith community, to take the lowliest seat at the table; to step out of the game of success and winning, and into the world of simplicity, humility and service; to give the most attention and energy not to the wealthy, recognised or influential, but to the forgotten, the marginalised and the excluded? How different our Church would look if it embraced such humility and simplicity as its primary values.

Adapted from John van de Laar (2016) <http://sacredise.com>

Notices

TONIGHT 5pm Meditation Service @ Christ Church, soup supper in Rectory to follow. All welcome. Please dress for comfort and the weather.

Parish Fete Broadford, Saturday, 3 December. A planning meeting for the fete is to be held this coming Saturday 3 September, at 9am in the Gavan Hall. All welcome; for queries, contact Edie Simpson, 57841246, or John Patterson, 57843284.

Chris Schafer Appreciation Appeal - Parish Council resolved to launch an appeal to raise funds to have struck a plaque to recognise the contribution to music made by Chris as organist over many years. Envelopes are at the back of the Church.

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 until 8th October 2016. See Clergy for entry forms and details.

Christ Church Rosters - new rosters can be collected from the narthex

BUNNINGS CRAIGIEBURN BBQ on 15th October - volunteers required please contact Robyn 57811185 to assist with any of the two hour slots 8.00a.m. - 4.00p.m. 4 people per slot needed.

Parish Directory Correction- please correct the phone number for Len and Robyn Whitehouse should read 5781 1185.



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September	4	Mission Sunday
	25	St Matthew’s Feast of Title
October	15	Bunnings BBQ (volunteers needed)
	29	Men’s Breakfast (TBC)
November	1	Melbourne Cup Mission Luncheon
	6	Bishop visits - organ recital Christ Church
	13	Parish AGM
	20	Christ Church Feast of Title
December	3	Christmas Parish Fete St Matthews
	11	Festival of Carols Christ Church
	18	Community Carols St Stephens

Parish Diary

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

4th Sunday: 5pm Meditation Service Christ Church

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

2nd Saturday: Women's Business see notices

Parish life this week

Thursday 1st 10.00am Eucharist St Matthew's Broadford

10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade

11.30am Eucharist Caladenia

4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 2nd 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 2rd 10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 4th September 2016: Pentecost XV1 [23]

MISSION SUNDAY

Jeremiah 18.1-11; Ps 139.1-5, 12-18; Philemon 1-25; Luke 14.25-35

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

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