



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta
The Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
18th September 2016



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HYMNS: 231, 449, 469, 618

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.

The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book

SENTENCE

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. *2 Corinthians 8.9*

THE COLLECT

O God, you are rich in love for your people: show us the treasure that endures and, when we are tempted by greed, call us back into your service and make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 8.18-9.1

[Jeremiah grieves the destruction of his people, who insisted on worshiping idols, but for whom there is now no salvation.]

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You who are my Comforter in sorrow, my heart is faint within me. Listen to the cry of my people from a land far away: 'Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King no longer there?' 'Why have they aroused my anger with their images, with their worthless foreign idols?' 'The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved.' Since my people are crushed, I am crushed; I mourn, and horror grips me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people? Oh, that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears! I would weep day and night for the slain of my people.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 79.1-9

[A lament for the land of Israel which has been destroyed by foreign nations, and for the temple which has been desecrated, and a plea for God's forgiveness, compassion and restoration.]

Response: Help us O God, for the glory of your name.

Geoff Nobes

Response
cf. v. 9 Help us, O God, for the glo - ry of your name.



O God, the heathen have come into your heritage;
your holy temple have they defiled
and made Jerusalem a heap of stones.
The dead bodies of your servants they have given
to be food for the birds of the air,
and the flesh of your faithful to the beasts of the field./R
Their blood have they shed like water
on every side of Jerusalem,
and there was no one to bury them.

We have become the taunt of our neighbours,
the scorn and derision of those that are round about us.
Lord, how long will you be angry, for ever?
How long will your jealous fury blaze like fire?/R

Pour out your wrath upon the nations
that have not known you,
and upon the kingdoms
that have not called upon your name.
For they have devoured Jacob
and laid waste his dwelling place./R

Remember not against us our former sins;
let your compassion make haste to meet us,
for we are brought very low.
Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and wipe away our sins
for your name's sake./R

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2. 1-10

[Paul calls for believers to pray for all people, including leaders, reminding them of Christ's pleading for us with God – for which Paul has been called as an apostle to the Gentiles.]

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy

Paul writes, 'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle – I am telling the truth, I am not lying – and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles. Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.'

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Live your life in a manner worthy of the gos- | pel of Christ;
strive side by side for the faith | of the gospel.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

[Jesus parable of the shrewd manager who wins social capital and his master's commendation through the act of radical, inappropriate, forgiveness.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Divine Master, one God, yet we have masters, two and more, competing for our money, clamouring for our time, creating chaos in our lives; loving God quiet us and draw us near as we pray, as we seek to be faithful, to know you in prayer and in thanksgiving for the riches of your grace.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Master, with compassion and tears you call us to work for healing and justice; we pray for rulers, governments, and all in high office, that they may defend the poor and weak and enable all people to lead with dignity a quiet and peaceable life; may those who create violence in the world be disarmed as we pray for peace; for the prospects of the ceasefire in Syria, and for the peoples of Turkey, Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia and South Sudan; may those who are corrupt, predatory or exploitative for financial gain be brought to justice; relieve all who are burdened by unreasonable debt; uphold any who are unemployed or threatened in their work,

that all may find suitable and honest employment, and receive just payment for their labour.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you call the Church to be faithful in little and faithful in much, and have appointed us as heralds and apostles, prophets and teachers in faith and truth; pray for our Bishop John, for our parish, and guide us with your Spirit, so that we may fulfill your desire that everyone come to the knowledge of your truth and love.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving One, let your compassion be swift to meet us and our neighbours in this community, and heed the cry of those who are sick and suffering; for the poor and the needy, for prisoners and refugees; the dying and those who wait with them; be our balm and our light to bring healing and peace and hear us as we pray for those known to us and 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.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, with grace and loving care you welcome into your eternal home those who have died, we pray for the recently departed, and those years mind occurring at this time.

18th Herbert Jose, Ian Overend; 19th William Bannon, Robert Green, Margaret Moore; 21st Percy Richardson, Clarrie Berry, Lorna Christensen; 22nd Geoffrey Stimson, Violette Downes, Donald Graham; 23rd Janette Coram.

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

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy and justice, honour our prayers on behalf of your creation, so that the weak may be lifted up and those who are burdened relieved; hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; be with each one of us as we strive to serve only you the true Master.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray;
Our Father ...[pg. 124]

Reflections on the Readings

This is a week for lots of prayer and reflection – the Gospel reading is one of the toughest parables to reckon with, by all accounts! But, there are two clear themes that emerge when all the readings are placed together. The first is the obvious one – the subtle power of money to lead us into corrupt and exploitative practices. Jeremiah bemoans the people’s devotion to idols (of which money is a significant one according to Jesus in Luke). The second theme this week is that of forgiveness and undeserved honour. Jeremiah pleads with God for grace for God’s people, as does Psalm 79; Paul reflects on God’s grace in Christ, extended to all people, and

embodied in the prayers of God's people; and Jesus tells a story of a master who, about to be dishonoured because of his dishonest (incompetent?) manager, decides to fire him, but has to reconsider when, through radical, inappropriate, forgiveness, the manager wins honour both for the master and himself, and gains a connected and secure future for himself. Put these two themes together and what emerges is the power of gracious, generous forgiveness to lift us to places of honour and connectedness. The pericope from Luke then is a wisdom story that recognises that we live in the world with the necessity of being streetwise and judicious in our dealings especially over resources. The focus entreats us to not to be seduced by making money for its own sake, personally or as a community of faith, rather that we are shrewd and canny in order to be able to garner resources and share with the poor and the needy, in the service of God. If we take this call of the Gospel seriously, we may well find ourselves using our money in ways that "the world" would consider inappropriate, and we may find ourselves seeking connection with and offering grace to those who are considered to be undeserving. This may well change our priorities and to make some gracious, inappropriate, and dignity-giving choices.

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

Notices

St Matthew's Day Feast of Title, 10.30am NEXT Sunday 25 September with guest preacher the Rev'd Dr. Cecilia Francis who is the Emily Gavan Lecturer in Practical Theology at Trinity College, University of Melbourne. Following the 10.30am Eucharist, lunch will be served in the Gavan Hall. Main course will be provided by St Matthew's congregation - the other centres to please provide desserts.

Note: Shortened service of Holy Communion 9am Christ Church for those unable to attend St Matthews Day celebrations.

Meditation Service 5pm next Sunday at Christ Church followed by supper in the Rectory.

Request for Prayer List please confirm the names on the prayer list by the end of September. New names can be added at any time - it is necessary to have the permission of the person being prayed for before they can be added - please inform the clergy of any names.

Parish Fete St Matthews Broadford, Saturday, 10th December - NOTE CHANGE OF DATE (due to the Kilmore Show); Time now to pot up cuttings for the plant stall, make preserves, jams and start to fill bottles for the bottles stall. Enquires 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.

Bunnings Craigieburn BBQ 15th October - volunteers required please contact Robyn 57811185 if you can assist.

Five Cent Coin and postage stamps collection for missions please invite family and friends to contribute their coins and stamps as well. Collecting receptacles 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

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September	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
December	10	Christmas Parish Fete St Matthews
	11	Festival of Carols Christ Church
	18	Community Carols St Stephens

Parish life this week

Tuesday 20th	1.30pm	St Matthews Friendship Group Gavan Hall
	2.00pm	SPOT Meeting Wangaratta
Wednesday 21st	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting Gavan Hall
Thursday 22nd	10.00am	Eucharist St Matthews
	10.00am	Eucharist Willowmeade
	11.30am	Eucharist Caladenia
	4.00pm	Eucharist Dianella
Friday 23rd	10.00am – 4.00pm	Op Shop Church House
Saturday 24th	10.00am – 12noon	Op Shop Church House

SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 25th September 2016: Pentecost IXX [26]
FEAST OF TITLE ST MATTHEW'S**

Proverbs 3.1-6; Ps 19.1-6 Ephesians 4.1-14; Matthew 9.9-13

Christ Church	9am	Holy Communion
	5pm	Meditation Service
St Matthew's	10.30am	Sung Eucharist - Feast of Title
St Stephen's	11am	No service this day - combined with St Matthews
Transfiguration	4pm	No service this day

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