



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta
The Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
20th November 2016
Feast of Christ the King



HYMNS: 474, 279, 279, 216

A warm welcome to everyone, please stay and enjoy hospitality with us 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

The Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive strength and divinity, wisdom and power and honour: to him be glory and power for ever.

THE COLLECT

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ our Lord and King, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23.1-6

[A prophecy of judgement on the unrighteous rulers of God's people, and a promise of a new, righteous leader from David's line.]

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture! declares the Lord. Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: 'Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,' declares the Lord. 'I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,' declares the Lord. 'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Saviour.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

For the PSALM

Song of Zachariah

[Zachariah's song proclaiming God's fulfilment of the promise to send a righteous ruler from David's line, and celebrating his son, John, as God's prophet.]

Response: He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour

Response John McCann
v. 69 He has raised up for us a migh - ty Sa - viour.

Bless the Lord, the God of Israel, who has come to set us free.
He has raised for us a Saviour sprung from royal David's tree.
Through his prophets God had spoken of the hope the Christ would bring;
of his faithfulness and mercy let each generation sing./R

Long ago God made a promise he would set his people free,
that in all our life and worship we might know true liberty,
to be holy, to be righteous in his sight throughout our days;
now this child will be a herald making ready all God's ways./R

Let all people know salvation through forgiveness of their sin,
as our God in his compassion bids a shining dawn begin.
So may all who dwell in darkness see the shadows disappear
while he guides our feet in pathways where his peace is ever near./R

SECOND READING

Colossians 1. 11-20

[In Christ, who is supreme over all, and the visible image of God, we have been transferred from the realm of darkness into the realm of God's reign.]

A reading from the letter to the Colossians

Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Blessed is the king who comes in the name | of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the | highest heaven.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

[While dying on the cross, Jesus assures the penitent thief that he will be with him in paradise that day.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When they came to the place that is called 'The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord Jesus Christ, we worship you today as Lord of lords and King of kings. We acknowledge you as sovereign over life, the Lord of creation, through whom we love and move and have our being. We bring you our praise, we offer our homage, we dedicate our lives to your service and your Reign.

Blessing and honour, glory and might are yours, O Lord; **this day and for evermore.**

[Prayers for Christ Church Feast of Title.

Loving Lord of all we give you thanks for for our church here, remembering all that we have shared together and looking forward to all that will become. Hear our prayer for your people in this place.; grant you blessing upon our life and witness, and upon all you have called to serve.

Blessing and honour, glory and might are yours, O Lord; **this day and for evermore.**

Build up this your church, sustain us with the power of the Holy Spirit, and grant us the fruits of ministry in the life and faith of this congregation of Christ Church, and so bring us closer to your kingdom.

Blessing and honour, glory and might are yours, O Lord; **this day and for evermore.**

Living God we thank you for the fellowship to which we belong and share at Christ Church. We praise you for all we experience here, the worship offered and the activities we are involved in, for the work and faithfulness of those who have given us this heritage, and for all who serve you here today. Take everything we are, everything we have been. and help us to recognise everything you would have us be, as we shape the future together.

Blessing and honour, glory and might are yours, O Lord; **this day and for evermore.]**

Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise that in your Son your love is seen to dwell; we pray for those on the fringes, the forgotten, the lost and those still seeking your Kingdom; we pray for the homeless, those without meaningful work; for those impacted by the earthquake in New Zealand; for those with whom we share our lives, embrace us with your love.

Blessing and honour, glory and might are yours, O Lord; **this day and for evermore.**

We give you thanks and praise that in you, O Christ, we see the compassionate heart of God; we pray for all in need; the lonely and the friendless, those in grief or despair; those in sickness and pain, and all who will die this day and those who wait with them. We pray grace and peace for those on our hearts and minds and those who have requested prayer;

Chris Schafer, Karen Goodger, Jean Evans, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Barbara Kaye, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Mark Bennetts, Eunice Downie, Carey Bickoff, Lorraine Lipson; Anne Rose, Sarah Burge, Nathan and Sarah.

We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

Blessing and honour, glory and might are yours, O Lord; **this day and for evermore.**

We give you thanks that you have broken the bonds of death and given us a the Kingdom of eternal life. We pray for the recently departed for *Janet Liza Nesbitt, Susan* and those years mind occurring this week.

20th Elsie Bardella; 21st Salvatore Xuereb; 22nd Reg Walker, Frank Stevenson; 24th Harriet Ashton; 25th Albert Newbold, Thelma Wajsbrum; 26th Emily Smith. Horrie Tanner.

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Blessing and honour, glory and might are yours, O Lord; **this day and for evermore.**

Jesus our Christ, you walked the earth and endured the pain and joy of life; hear us as we pray for ourselves; heal us and give us the hope that we cannot grasp alone; when our hope dies, when we forget how to dream, kindle a fire in our hearts; help us to heal; fill our hearts, our souls and our bodies with your Spirit; and open for us the gates of heaven.

Blessing and honour, glory and might are yours, O Lord; **this day and for evermore.**

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father of lights, from whom comes every good and perfect gift:

keep us in the light of Christ, to shine in your world, that all may believe in you, and come to know you more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING

May God, who gives patience and encouragement, give you a spirit of unity to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ, so that with one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing ...

Reflections on the Readings

The final Sunday of the liturgical year is traditionally recognised as the feast of the Reign of Christ, which brings together two central aspects of Christ's life and activity. On the one side there is the proclamation of Christ as the incarnation of God, the supreme ruler over, and creator of, all things. This transcendent vision of Christ as proclaimed and prophesied by both Jeremiah and Zechariah is that of God's righteous ruler, in the line of David, who will judge the unrighteous leaders of Israel and replace them with a just reign. The cross narrative from Luke 23, offers the other side of this reigning Messiah. God's reign is most profoundly expressed and revealed through the cross. It is in the self-giving, gracious, life-bringing act of dying that Jesus wins the nations and establishes God's reign in the world. This is radically different Monarchy – and it is one that the world desperately longs for. Reflecting on the dramatic shift in US politics and the implications for the rest of the world, the celebration of the rulership of Christ is a significant one for our interaction with the world and its power systems. On the one hand it reminds us that no human power, however it may pride itself on military might, wealth or global influence, is truly in control of the world. All human empires ultimately fall. On the other hand, it reminds us that we are called to work within – and also in opposition to – the systems of this world to bring the values and justice of God's reign into being in our human reality. This is a complex and difficult task, although an inspiring and rewarding one. It engages our best energies on all levels of our participation in society. In so far as we are involved on a national level – be it in some form of leadership, or simply through participating in processes like voting, petitioning and lobbying, naming injustice and calling leaders to account. On a community level, our leadership in Church, in our neighbourhoods and communities, in our schools and organisations, must similarly reflect the leadership values of Christ. And on a personal level – in our conversations, in our families and homes and in the ethical and moral decisions we face, we are called to act as leaders – reflecting Christ's reign in the way we live under his authority. In these ways, God's reign begins to influence the affairs of the world through small, significant groups of people who are committed to living differently, and to reflecting Christ in every situation. Make no mistake, when God's reign is revealed like this, it has a massive impact on power dynamics and justice issues on a global scale.

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

*Happy Feast of Title to
Christ Church*



Notices

Next Sunday is Advent Sunday the commencement of Lectionary Year A and we follow the Gospel of Matthew.

Meditation Service next Sunday 5pm with supper in the Rectory - this will be the final service for the year.

An **Advent Study** commences 7.30pm Tuesday 29th November for three weeks at Caroline Burge's home, 20 Chrystobel Way, Kilmore. The same study will be offered 2pm Wednesday 30th November at Piva House, Broadford. Contact the clergy for details.

Singers & musicians for the Festivals of Carols - please contact Caroline or the Clergy. Rehearsals to start soon.

Monthly Parish BBQs - the BBQs are suspended until February. They may of course be spontaneous and serendipitous occasions over the summer but no regular scheduled BBQs. Thanks to all who have hosted and participated.

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS	
27 November	First Sunday of Advent
29 November	Advent Study commences
10 December	Christmas Parish Fete St Matthews
11 December	Festival of Carols Christ Church
18 December	Community Carols St Stephens
24 December	Midnight Mass St Matthews, Broadford
25 December	Christmas Mass Christ Church, Kilmore Christmas Mass St Stephens, Tallarook Christmas Mass Transfiguration, Pyalong

Parish life this week

Third week of November

Thursday 24th	10.00am Eucharist St Matthews
	10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade
	11.30am Eucharist Caladenia
	4.00pm Eucharist Dianella
Friday 25th	10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House
Saturday 26th	10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House
	11.00am Induction of Revd Clarence Bester Wangaratta West

Next Sunday: 27th November 2016

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2. 1-5; Ps 122; Romans 13. 9-14; Matthew 24. 36-44

Christ Church	9am 5pm	Sung Eucharist Meditation Service
St Matthews	11am	Sung Eucharist
St Stephens	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	No service this day

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