



**The Parish of Kilmore**  
with  
**Broadford, Pyalong Tallarook**

18th October 2015

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Hymns: 693, 229, 491, 531**



*Einar Jonsson, 1874-1954, [Vernd/Protection](#), Psalm 91:9-16 from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.*

*Today we welcome into our Christian family through Baptism, Chloë Burrows, at St Matthew's Broadford. We also welcome her parents Stephen and Sarah, her Sponsors, family and friends.*



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.**

**Sentence:** The son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom to many.

**Collect:** God of unchangeable power, when the heaven and earth were made, the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy: open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honour of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever  
**Amen.**

## **First Reading**

## **Job 38. 1-7**

God appears to Job out of the whirlwind and demands to know whether he is wise enough to question the Creator of the heavens and earth. Job, out of all his distress, had complained about the unfairness of life. He is now forced to recognize how little he understands the ways of the world and of God. More importantly for him, however, he at last has a direct relationship with the Lord.

Then Job answered: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my

judge. "If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 104.1-10, 26**

The Psalm describes the wonders of the world, created and renewed by the Lord's Spirit.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, how great you are!**

Clothed with Majesty and honour,  
Wrapped about in blazing light.  
You have stretched out the heavens like a tent-cloth,  
Laid the beams of your dwelling on the waters. **R**

Ride upon the clouds as your chariot,  
Sail upon the wings of the wind.  
Make the breezes and jetstreams your messengers.  
Sweep like fire with the gospel of redemption. **R**

You have set the earth rock solid:  
Set it fast, it shall never be moved;  
Poured the waters that fill all the ocean depths;  
Sent the rains and the rivers that give life to the world. **R**

Praise to God, creator of nature;  
Praise to Christ, through whom we now live;  
Praise the Spirit of life-giving energy:  
Ever three, yet forever joined in unity. **R**

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## **Second Reading**

## **Hebrews 5.1-10**

We hear how through obedience and suffering Christ reached the perfection of his destiny and was designated by God to be the eternal high priest. The high priesthood of Jesus is the great theme of the Letter to the Hebrews. Like the high priests of the old covenant, Christ is chosen from among human beings and so he has sympathy with human weakness. But he is the Son and has now been named high priest forever. He succeeds Melchizedek, a royal and priestly figure from antiquity, and has been the source of salvation for all who trust in him.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Son of man came to serve  
and give his life as a ransom for many,

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

## **Gospel**

**Mark 10.35-45**

Jesus' followers still expect that his way will quickly lead to a state of glory in which they want special places. Jesus tells them of a different path of discipleship. They are not to live and act like worldly rulers. They must lead in servant-hood. Their example is Jesus, who is the Son of Man serves and gives his life.

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark*  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." *This is the Gospel of the Lord* **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Oh God, we give you thanks that you come to us in weakness, born into an oppressed race. We pray for the people of the world: for those crushed by daily hardship and broken by political oppression, for those suffering from famine and disease. We pray for all who spend their lives in working for a more just world. Help us to set aside arrogance and self-importance, and to those who govern give wisdom, integrity, and a determination to seek the common good. *God of grace in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

We give you thanks that you come to us in obedience and humility. We pray for your holy, catholic church: for church agencies that care for the hungry and homeless, for agencies that provide care for the children and the aged. We pray for all who answer your call and spend their lives in your service. We pray for Bishop John, and for all clergy and congregations. Help us to set aside trappings and pomp and power and enable us to fulfill our mission to bring your good news to the world. We pray for Chloe, that she may travel with you and the Holy Spirit. *God of grace in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

We give you thanks that you come to us teaching us ways of forgiveness and love. We pray for the communities in which we live: for our families and all whom we love, for those with whom we share our daily lives and for the people of our area. We pray for all spend their lives in making the community

a happier and safer place. Help us to set aside selfishness and greed and all that destroys community; stir in us a need for each other and a commitment to the welfare of all. *God of grace in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We give you thanks that you come to us experiencing all the pains of human life. We pray for all in need of your tender consolation: for those stripped of dignity and self respect; for those whose labour is exploited and taken for granted; for those sick in heart mind and body. **Requests for Prayer:** *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Tom Scrivens, Franca Caia, Tom & Sandra Davidson, Bianca Davidson, Jenny Curry, Dianne Mitsakis, Seth Gunter, Barbara Kaye, Sarah, Lisa, Alex Impols, Elizabeth, Mark Bennetts, Margeurite Kisvardai, Penny, Pattie Matthews (Priest), Bruce Scott, and the Bott family;* and we give you thanks for healing and blessings wherever received. We pray for those who spend their lives in bringing healing and comfort to others. Help us to set aside self-interest and pride and to give and receive care that is needed. *God of grace in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We give you thanks that you gave your life, that we might inherit eternal life. We remember all who have died in the faith and all whom we have loved. Those of every age who have left all to follow you; those who have gone before us all from this parish. We remember today the Year's Mind; *18<sup>th</sup> Donald Roberts, 19<sup>th</sup> Robert Hannam, 20<sup>th</sup> Edward Howes, Evelyn Williams, 21<sup>st</sup> Harold Walton, Joan Collett, 22<sup>nd</sup> Clifford Adamson, David Hunter, 23<sup>rd</sup>, John Fiyfe, Lorraine Drew, 24<sup>th</sup>, Frederick Lang.* Help us to set aside all that prevents us from serving you, that we, with all your saints, may come to the place you prepare for us, and eat with you in your heavenly banquet. *God of grace in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

All praise to you, abundant God, for when we ask, you give, when we seek, you show the way; when we knock you answer; hear us as we pray for ourselves..... We praise you for your infinite love and grace and help us to be your faithful people. We offer our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ.

## REFLECTION

What does greatness mean? In the Lectionary this week we are confronted with God's greatness as God questions Job, but we are also faced with the greatness of the suffering servant who is persecuted and suffers for the sake of others. We see God's glory revealed in creation, but we also encounter God's glory in God's compassionate rescue of those who cry out to God. We recognise the greatness of Jesus whom God has appointed as a high priest because he journeyed through suffering and is able to offer salvation. And we learn that those who are great in God's Reign are those who are willing to be the servants of all – just as Jesus came not to be served but to serve. The contrast between the God of creation and the suffering servant, Jesus, is a powerful way for the Lectionary to address the question of greatness. While God has all the

power and glory that the name implies, even God does not express God's greatness in domination and conquest. Rather, in the incarnation, God's glory and greatness are revealed through humility, service and the embrace of suffering. For those who seek greatness on God's terms, we must expect that the same should be true for us – and this is exactly what Jesus taught. The challenge for us this week is to decide whether we can find the courage to define greatness in this way, and, if we can, to live as “great ones” in God's Reign. In a world of reality television, it's tempting to define greatness, even in the church, by the world's terms. When we've “succeeded” – amassed lots of money or recognition or influence – then we consider ourselves great, and if we haven't managed to do this, we try to find ways to get it right. But, in this quest for universal exceptionalism, we've lost our souls, and the knowledge of true greatness. We've forgotten how significant it is for a struggling single mother to raise children to be responsible and generous. We've forgotten how powerful the influence of an attentive parent or grandparent can be. We've forgotten what a difference small acts of kindness and service can make to our neighbourhoods and communities. We've even forgotten that the quest to be great in God's Reign can lead to the same competitiveness that the disciples experienced – even to the extent that we compare who is the “servinest” of us all! Yet, the ultimate test of greatness is when greatness becomes irrelevant – when we no longer care about how we're seen, or what we've achieved, and we begin to live as humble, sacrificial servants simply because it's the right thing to do, and it's one of the best ways to contribute to the healing of the world. Ironically, it's the moment we stop seeking greatness or defining ourselves by the quest for greatness that we become authentic followers of Christ, and that's when we become truly great, according to God's standard. *Adapted from John van de Laar (2015) [www.sacredise.com](http://www.sacredise.com)*

## NOTICES

**Fr Kim is on leave until Sunday 25th October.** Please contact Revd Maryann Leonard for pastoral matters.

**Faith Enhancement Study Group is suspended until Fr Kim returns.**

**Church 4 Kids:** cancelled for October due to ‘Salvation Jane’ performance.

**Parish Council:** postponed to 28th October (as Fr Kim away).

**Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser:** We are in **URGENT** need to cover all time slots at the next Bunnings Fundraising BBQ next Saturday. At the last Bunnings BBQ we managed to raise over \$1000 for our Parish. Please consider offering an hour of your time next Saturday 24th October and help spread the work load around. Contact Robyn Whitehouse if you can help.

**Victorian Council of Churches (VCC) Emergency Ministry** is a vital multi faith multi-cultural program providing personal support to people during emergency situations. Volunteers are being sought from faith organisations to be trained for the Mitchell Shire. Personal Support training will be conducted 23-24 October in Broadford. Please contact Alan Russell 5784 2626 or visit [www.vccem.org.au](http://www.vccem.org.au) for more information and requirements to be a volunteer.

**CONCERT October the 25<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm ‘SALVATION JANE’ Cost: \$20 or**

**\$10 Concession. Includes light refreshments and glass of wine. Venue: Christ Church Kilmore. Phone bookings: Wilma Hammond. 0408950258 or Ruth 0410477957. Proceeds after expenses shared between the Parish of Kilmore, Mechanics' Institute and the Free Library Inc.**



**Parish Fete - Saturday 21st November** - Those interested in running or assisting on a stall please attend or contact Caroline, Lucy or Robyn. **Cake Stall:** Donations have started to come in to help “bakers” for the Cake Stall at the Fete. If you have time on your hands and are able to bake extra cakes/biscuits/slices etc for the Cake Stall, please see Caroline if you would like some financial help in baking extra. Preserves and jams are needed for bottle stall.

**Raffle tickets:** Helpers are needed to sell raffle tickets outside the Kilmore news agency in the three weeks prior to the Fete. Helpers are needed to draw up a roster on these days. If you are able to help out for a couple of hours, please contact Lucy, Robyn or Caroline.

**Strategic Plan:** There are copies of the first draft of the Parish Strategic Plan available in each centre. Please take a copy and read through carefully. Your feedback will be very much appreciated. Please contact one of the Wardens or Parish Councillors with your thoughts.

**Annual Reports:** Earlier in the year we were informed that all Parish Annual General Meetings were to be held after the end of September (instead of the usual February/March). As such, we now require Annual Reports from all centres and organisations within the Parish to be distributed around the parish prior to the AGM. Please email (preferably) all reports to [carolineburge@carolineburge.com](mailto:carolineburge@carolineburge.com), or typed/handwritten copies will also be acceptable. To enable reports to be typed, copied and distributed, please ensure reports are completed by the first week of November.

### PARISH DIARY

1st Wed	7.30pm	Property Committee Meeting	venue TBA
1st & 3rd Fri	7.00pm	Faith Enhancement Study resumes after Fr. Kim returns	13 The Parade, Bradford
2nd Sun	12.30pm	Parish BBQ	See Notices for details

3rd Tues	1.30pm	St Matthew's Friendship Group	Gavan Hall Broadford
3rd Wed	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (Moved to 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct)	venue TBA
4th Sun	5.00pm	Church 4 Kids (Cancelled this month)	Christ Church

### PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK

Thursday 22nd Oct 10.00am St Matthews Broadford  
 Rev'd Maryann Holy Communion by extension  
 4.00pm Dianella.

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Friday 23rd 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House

Saturday 24th 10.00am - 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House

Services Next Sunday		
<b>25<sup>th</sup> October: Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost.</b> Job 42.1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34.1-8 Hebrews 7, 21-28 Mark 10.46-52		
<b>Christ Church</b>	9.00am	Holy Eucharist. Holy Baptism.
<b>St Matthew's</b>	11.00am	Morning Prayer
<b>St Stephen's</b>	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
<b>Transfiguration</b>	Not this Sunday	

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'Kilmore Anglican Parish'; BSB 063-698; Account Number 1018 4649.



# Winning the Prize

"And whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:44-45 (NLT)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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Based on Mark 10:35-45



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