



## Anglican Parish of Kilmore, Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook

29<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## Fifth Sunday in Lent Service of Morning Prayer

*As we gather in prayer today, we acknowledge the Taungurung people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We pay respects to the past and present Elders of the Kulin nation and extend that respect to any Aboriginals present. Welcome to all, who join us for our service that will be streamed to you via our Facebook page.*

### Greeting and Welcome

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins, **whose mercy endures for ever.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Psalm 118.24*

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

**Sentence:** 'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord; 'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.' *John 11.25–26*

### Psalm 130

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice;

<sup>2</sup> O let your ears consider well: the voice of my supplication.

<sup>3</sup> If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong: who then, O Lord, could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with you: so that you shall be feared.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him: and in his word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup> My soul looks for the Lord: more than watchmen for the morning, more, I say, than watchmen for the morning. Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

*(Silence may be kept.)*

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith. (p.120 of A.P.B.A)

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Absolution.*

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **READINGS**

### **First Reading:**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel Chapter 37.1 – 14

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’ <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.’ <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.’ <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord,

when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

*Silence may follow each reading.*

### **Second Reading:**

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans Chapter 8.6 – 11

<sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Silence may follow each reading.*

### **The Gospel Reading:**

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 11.17, 20- 27, 33 - 45.

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' <sup>27</sup> She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you

would see the glory of God?’ <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’ <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’ <sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*Silence may follow each reading.*

May your word live in us **and bear much fruit to your glory.**

## **The Homily**

### *The Prayers*

Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### *The Collect of the Day*

Life-giving God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death: breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### *Intercessions and Thanksgivings*

**Let us pray for the world and the church:** God our Creator, you breathed life into all your creatures at the beginning of time: We pray for all who are driven by fear at this time, for our leaders to make the tough and unpopular decisions; for Scott

Morrison, our Prime Minister and Daniel Andrews, our Premier, for our state and federal politicians; for those who administer the law. We pray for medical workers and scientists working for the cure of COVID 19, those who are living in fear of contracting the virus and those who have died by its infection. O God, renew your spirit of hope and possibility within us, **and we shall live.**

God our Redeemer, you hold before us the choice of life and death: hear our prayers for the worldwide church. We pray for Philip, our Archbishop and Clarence, our bishop and all clergy and all who minister in your church. May your church in the time of a world crisis be your beacon of hope and assurance of your ever presence and healing. O God, renew your spirit of passion and power within us, **and we shall live.**

God our companion on the way: hear the prayers for the communities in which we live. We pray for the lonely, the fearful, those filled with resentment and mistrust, victims of abuse, intolerance and violence. O God, renew your spirit of reconciliation and love within us, **and we shall live.**

God our Comforter, you wept at the death of your friend Lazarus: hear our prayers for those in need and those who minister to them. We pray for the sick, the forgotten; those in misery, confusion or pain; for those who have been affected by the spread of the worldwide corona virus infection, for the dying and all who care for them. We pray especially for: Clare Albrey, Kathy Slade, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Rob Muddyman, Elaine Haddock, Francis Piva, Sharron de Battista, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Jim Chatz, Bruce Scott, Val Watts, Shirley Perkins, Madeline Allen, Barry Nunn, Beris Hannam, Joyce Bennet, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Lloyd, Christine Hall, June Clark, Fr John Young, Malcolm Kaye, Anne Foote, Debbie Chilcott, and Sally Davidson O God, renew your spirit of comfort and consolation within us, **and we shall live.**

God our Resurrection and Life, by your dying and rising you bring new life to us: hear our prayers for all who have died. We give you thanks for the faithful people of this parish; for those we remember at this time. Vern Dodge, Joseph Kranz, Wendy Hitchman (29<sup>th</sup>); Margaret Dumaresq (30<sup>th</sup>). Francis Walker, Bruce Walter, Graeme Martin (31<sup>st</sup>); Shannon Burr, William Rhue (1<sup>st</sup> April); Kelvin Prosser (2<sup>nd</sup>); Johannes De Niet (3<sup>rd</sup>); Ian Kelm, John Butler (4<sup>th</sup>). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** O God, renew your spirit within us, **and we shall live.**

In a time of silence let us pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... O God, renew your spirit within us, **and we shall live.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. **Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Morning Collect*

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the blessing of Australia,  
**God, bless Australia,  
guard our people  
guide our leaders  
and give us peace;  
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Be Blessed, Be Safe, Be Kind, Be at peace.