



Anglican Parish of Kilmore, Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook

2nd Sunday of Easter
11th April 2021



*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, especially, to newcomers and visitors. **Please observe social distance and sanitise your hands on entering and when you leave the church. Please have you mask on during the service and remove only on receiving communion.** Our service starts on page 119 of *A Prayer Book for Australia**

HYMNS: 520; 703; 535; 380

Sentence: 'Peace be with you,' says the Lord.' As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' (*John 20.21*)

THE COLLECT: Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us in despair but whose presence is overwhelming; breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles chapter 4.32 – 37

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow each reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 133

Response – Sung / Said: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Behold how good and how lovely it is: when families live together in unity. It is fragrant as oil upon the head that runs down over the beard: fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron that ran down over the collar of his robe. **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

It is like a dew of Hermon: like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion. For there the Lord has commanded his blessing: which is life for evermore. **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Silence may follow each reading.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of John chapter 1.1 – chapter 2.2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the

blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Hear the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow each reading.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! **Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia!** Jesus said to Thomas, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” **Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 20.19 – 31

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may

come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray for church and the world.

Christ, our risen Lord, no tomb can keep you, no door is closed to you, no heart is barred to you, no mind is shut off from you. We pray for the successful rollout of the vaccine to combat the COVID pandemic. Come lead us out of darkness into light, out of doubt into faith, out of death into life eternal. We call to you. **My Lord and my God**

We pray for all who witness to your resurrection, for those who speak of your presence, for preachers of the word and minister of the sacraments; for Clarence, our Bishop and Philip our Archbishop and Metropolitan; for those who reveal your presence by the way they live, for all who live simply that others may simply live. We pray for all who are in doubt and for all who are seeking you. We pray for unity in the church and in the world. We call to you. **My Lord and my God**

We come today with the oppressed peoples, with all who have lost their freedom, all who have lost hope, for all who are at war. We pray for all who have been taken hostage, all who have been imprisoned because of their beliefs; that in the darkness they may find your love. We call to you. **My Lord and my God**

We pray for any fellowship to which we belong, or communities and clubs, for welfare organizations, for social groups, for those with whom we share our worship. We give thanks for your appearing in the Upper Room, and pray for our homes and loved ones. We call to you. **My Lord and my God**

We remember all who are despairing, those who doubt their abilities. We pray for all who lack confidence, those afraid to trust themselves or others. We remember all who are lonely, all who are fearful. We pray for those in sickness, looking to you in hope, O risen Christ. We pray especially for Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Sharron de Battista, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Beris Hannam, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Allan Rose, Beryl Kirby, Tom Scrivens, Norman Rose, Geoff Kirby, Bruce Radford, Fiona Mctier, Robert Whalley and Candice Pearce ... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer.*] We give thanks for where healing blessings have been received. We call to you. **My Lord and my God**

Risen Lord, in you is our hope; in life, in death and to eternity our hope is in you. We rejoice with all who have entered into the fullness of life eternal. We pray especially for loved ones departed those whose anniversary of death we remember this week: Jack Hoysted, Eileen Beaumont, Lucy Cartwright (12th); John Salmon, Ken Poulter, Kathleen Pelham, John Hedley, Rosa Rodgers (13th); Brightie Lang, Daphne Lawry, Catherine Campbell Jos (14th); Eric Williams, James Evans (15th); Walter Rasmussen, Geoffrey Ryan, Alan Wicking (16th); Dorothy Green, Jack Poulter (17th). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** May we with them, have a share in your eternal kingdom. We call to you. **My Lord and my God**

A Prayer for the death of the HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

God of our lives,
We give you thanks for the life of Prince Philip,
for his love for our country and his devotion to duty.
We entrust him now to your love and mercy,
through our redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.
May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and her family. Fill them with your comfort and grace. We pray for the Commonwealth of nations at this time, and especially for the United Kingdom of Britain. We pray for a renewed compassion and care for one another and healing of our relationship with one another. We call to you. **My Lord and my God**

In a time of silence let us pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... We call to you. **My Lord and my God**

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.

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We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Notices:

Provincial Meeting of Bishops - On Tuesday 13th April Christ Church will be hosting a Meeting of the Provincial Bishops. We would like some assistance please for catering for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. If you can help with donations, please let Fr Andre or the Wardens know. This is an honour to have such a meeting in our own parish. Let's welcome them with our wonderful hospitality.

Monday 12th April, Parish Council Meeting at Broadford 7.30pm with Bishop Clarence.

Our Parish Financial situation: COVID19 has had a massive impact on our parish. Financially the parish has limped along in the last 12 months, with much of that time being in lockdown and our Churches and the Op Shop closed. Since our church buildings have reopened, our liturgical tradition of 'taking up the collection' has been stopped to limit movement around the church. We are now at the stage of trying to pick up the pieces. "Job Keeper" is coming to an end in March. This means that we to increase in our parish income with at least \$2,000 each month to keep our priest in our parish. Please consider prayerfully your weekly giving. Are you able to increase your giving, even by an extra \$5 per week? If you are not able to worship every week, are you able to put aside your weekly giving? Would you consider a weekly direct debit into the parish bank account? These are all things Parish Council is asking you to consider. Thank you for helping to sustain the Parish.

Direct Debit /EFT Offerings – Account details: BENDIGO BANK – Account Name 'Anglican Parish of Kilmore'; BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921. Reference: Offertory

PARISH DIARY [Regular Meetings and Events]

3rd Tues of the month: St Matthew's Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm
contact Edie Simpson ph. 5784 1246 for details.

PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK

Monday 12th April 10.00am – 2.00pm Op shop: Trading, Drop off

Wednesday 14th April 11.30am – Res Eucharist at Caladenia RACF
02.30pm – Res Eucharist at Dianella RACF

Thursday 15th April 10.00am – Eucharist at St Matthew's Broadford
10.00am – 2.00pm Op shop: Trading, Drop off, sorting

Friday 16th April 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop
10.30am – Res Eucharist at Blue Cross RACF

Saturday 17th April 10.00am – 12.00 noon Op Shop

Next Sunday 18th April: Third Sunday of Easter:		
Christ Church, Kilmore	09.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew's, Broadford	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration, Pyalong	until	Further Notice

Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 99; 100	Ps 103
12 th April	Exodus 15.1 – 18	Joshua 1
	Matthew 25.1 – 10	1 Peter 3.1 – 7
Tuesday	Ps 101; 102.1 – 11	Ps 102.12 – 28
13 th April	Exodus 15.19 – 27	Joshua 2
	Matthew 28.11 – 20	1 Peter 3.8 – 16
Wednesday	Ps 108; 109.20 – 30	Ps 119.105 – 128
14 th April	Exodus 16.1 – 21	Joshua 3
	Luke 24.1 – 12	1 Peter 3.17 – 4.2
Thursday	Ps 104.1 – 25	Ps 104.26 – 37
15 th April	Exodus 16.22 – 17.7	Joshua 4
	Luke 24.13 – 27	1 Peter 4.3 – 11
Friday	Ps 105.1 – 22	Ps 105.23 – 45
16 th April	Exodus 17.8 – 18.9	Joshua 5
	Luke 24.28 – 35	1 Peter 4.12 – 19
Saturday	Ps 106.1 – 24	Ps 106.25 – 50
17 th April	Exodus 18.10 – 27	Joshua 6.1 – 21
	Luke 24.36 – 53	1 Peter 5

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Parish News:

Big “Zero” birthday wishes to Anne Rose and Sherine Copeland who are celebrating their special milestones. Happy 80th birthday to Anne and happy 70th to Sherine. May God’s blessings be on you both as you celebrate these great birthdays.

Our thanks and appreciation to the Op Shop team - workers and customers, who have done an amazing job with opening further hours to assist with our takings and income. Well done to all involved.