



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

**Fourth Sunday in Lent
14th March 2021**



Mothing Sunday, Refreshment and Rejoicing

*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: 216; 147; 233; 129

SENTENCE: The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. *John 3.14 – 15*

FIRST READING

A Reading from the book of Numbers, chapter 21.4 – 9

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, ‘Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.’ ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, ‘We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.’ So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.’ ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 107. 1 – 3, 17 – 22

Sung / Said: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good

Let the Lord’s redeemed say so, whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy. And gathered in from every land, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Fools were far gone in transgression, and because of their sins were afflicted. They sickened at any food, and had come to the gates of death.

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good

Then they cried to the Lord in their distress, and he took them out of their trouble. He sent his word and healed them, and saved their life from the Pit. Let them thank the Lord for his goodness, and for the wonders that he does for the children of Adam. Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell what he has done with shouts of joy. **O give thanks to the Lord for he is good**

Silence may follow each reading.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians, chapter 2.1 – 10

Paul writes, ¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and

senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!** God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John chapter 3.14 – 21

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.’

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

Silence may follow each reading.

The Commandments

Hear the commandments which God has given to his people, and take them to heart. *(SILENCE)*

I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord, have mercy

You shall not make an idol of anything and worship it.

Amen. Lord, have mercy

You shall not make wrong use of the name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord, have mercy

Remember the Lord's day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord, have mercy

Honour your father and mother.

Amen. Lord, have mercy

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord, have mercy

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord, have mercy

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord, have mercy

You shall not give false evidence.

Amen. Lord, have mercy

You shall not covet the possessions of others.

Amen. Lord, have mercy

(Silence may be kept.)

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith. *(Please turn to page 120 of the APBA for the confession)*

THE COLLECT

Everlasting God in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: give us purity of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness prevent us from doing it; that in your light we may see light, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray:

We give you thanks, O God, that you gather your people from north and south, from the east and west: hear our prayers for all the peoples of the world. We pray especially for the peoples of Syria, Yemen and Myanmar suffering war and violence; for a successful vaccination against COVID world-wide. We pray for all victims of hatred, oppression or war, for those whose greed, apathy or lust for power destroys the lives of others. When we choose the ways of evil and reject your light, let us turn to you that we might live. God of love and goodness, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, that you sent your Son into the world to bring salvation to your people: hear our prayers for your holy, catholic church. We pray for Bishop Clarence and our clergy and ministers, for all who worship in this place, for all who preach the gospel and seek to bring your people into the fullness of life. When we find the bonds of slavery safer than the risks of freedom, let us turn to you that we might live. God of love and goodness, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, that your love for your people is from everlasting to everlasting: hear our prayers for all in this community. We pray for those who are excluded, undervalued or forgotten in our society, for those with whom we work, for our families, our friends and for ourselves. When we are preoccupied with our own needs and overlook the concern of others, let us turn to you that we might live. God of love and goodness, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, that you bring healing to the sick and relief to those in distress: hear our prayers for all who suffer in body, mind and spirit. We pray for all who are without purpose or hope, for all who struggle with addictions, for the friendless and those who mourn, for the sick and the dying. 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 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. When we are overwhelmed by grief, loneliness, despair or pain, let us turn to you that we might live. God of love and goodness, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We give you thanks, O God, that in Christ you bring your people from death to everlasting life: hear our prayers for all who have died in your love. We pray for those we love who rest in your presence, for those of this parish whose yearly remembrance occurs at this time: Joseph Daley (14th); Jim Craker, Alwyn O' Brien (15th); Mary Burgess, Ellen Anderson (16th); Jean Rice, Jean Corrigan (18th); Irwin

Land, Dorothy Elson (19th); Jessie Faulks (20th). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Now, and when we draw near the gate of death, let us look on you and believe, that we, with all your saints, might know the joy of eternal life. God of love and goodness, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In a time of silence let us pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... God of love and goodness, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

It is the custom of our church to invite all baptised communicant members of other Christian traditions to share in the Lord's Supper with us. Non-Communicants are invited to receive a blessing.

NOTICES:

Finances:

Please consider your weekly offertory giving by giving through Direct Debit or just paying into our account at any Bendigo Bank. As most bills require payment within one month it would be great if donors could consider monthly giving as we **cannot access any withdrawals from Trust accounts as it is for maintenance only and not for ministry and daily running cost.** Our costs have been cut to the very minimum and are being adjusted downwards as far as we can possibly take them.

Op Shop meeting Monday 15th March 2021 at 12.00 noon.

Wednesday 17th March, Parish Council Meeting at Kilmore 7.30pm.

Direct Debit /EFT Offerings –

Account details: BENDIGO BANK – Account Name ‘Anglican Parish of Kilmore’; BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921. Reference: Offertory

Emergency Relief: We are in NEED of groceries for those who are doing it tough in our community. Please deliver it to the Rectory, it will be distributed every Friday morning.

PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK

Monday 15 th March	10.00am – 12.00pm Op shop Trading
Tuesday 16 th March	6.30pm for 7.00pm: Bible Study at Kilmore.
Wednesday 17 th March	02.30pm – Res Eucharist at Dianella RACF
Thursday 18 th March	10.00am – Eucharist at St Matthew's Broadford followed by Bible Study

10.00am – 3.00pm Op shop Drop off and sorting

Friday 19th March

10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop

10.30am – Res Eucharist at Blue Cross RACF

Saturday 20th March

10.00am – 12.00 noon Op Shop

Next Sunday 21st March: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31.31 – 34; Ps 119.9 – 16; Hebrews 5.5 – 14; John 12.20 – 33

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 37.1 – 17	Ps 37.18 – 41
15 th March	Exodus 1	Jeremiah 36.1 – 19
	Luke 18.1 – 14	Hebrews 12.1 – 11
Tuesday	Ps 38	Ps 39
16 th March	Exodus 2	Jeremiah 36.20 – 32
	Luke 18.15 – 30	Hebrews 12.12 – 24
Wednesday	Ps 40	Ps 42; 43
17 th March	Exodus 3	Jeremiah 37
	Luke 18.31 – 43	Hebrews 12.25 – 29
Thursday	Ps 41; 44.1 – 9	Ps 44.10 – 27
18 th March	Exodus 4.1 – 23	Jeremiah 38.1 – 13
	Luke 19.1 – 10	Hebrews 13.1 – 6
Friday	Ps 45	Ps 46; 47
19 th March	Exodus 4.27 – 6.1	Jeremiah 38.14 – 28
	Luke 19.11 – 27	Hebrews 13.7 – 17
Saturday	Ps 48	Ps 49
20 th March	Exodus 6.2 -13; 6.28- 7.7	Jeremiah 39
	Luke 19.28 – 48	Hebrews 13.18 – 25

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A Prayer for Myanmar: *Give peace in our time, O Lord.*

Send your Spirit, O Lord, to the people of Myanmar, that no matter what their ethnic background, their religion, their job or their status, that calm heads may prevail during this time of tension and peace win the day.

Grant wisdom and insight to the leaders that they may see the common bond that makes us all your children and sisters and brothers to one another. In order that all that is done be for the common good, we pray, Lord, that you set the feet of all to walk the way of respectful and nonviolent dialogue, and make the hands of all to labour towards constructive cooperation.

We pray especially for Archbishop Stephen and the bishops and priests of the Church of the Province of Myanmar, as they guide at this time the people you have given them. May your Church be a blessing to the people of Myanmar. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, who bids us not to be afraid, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. **Amen.**

Mothering Sunday, The Fourth Sunday in Lent.

The term Laetare Sunday is used by most Roman Catholic and Anglican churches, and by some Protestant denominations, particularly those with Latin liturgical traditions. The word comes from the Latin *laetare*, the singular imperative of *laetari*: “to rejoice”. “Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her: rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow: that you may exult and be filled from the breasts of your consolation. *Psalm 122*: I was glad when they said to me: ‘we shall go into God's House!’”

This Sunday is currently also known as Mothering Sunday, Refreshment Sunday, mid-Lent Sunday (in French *mi-carême*) and Rose Sunday because the use of rose-coloured (rather than violet) vestments was permitted on this day.

The Sunday is considered a day of hope with Easter at last within sight. Traditionally, weddings (otherwise not permitted during Lent) could be performed during this time, and servants were released from service for the day to visit their mothers, therefore it's called ‘Mothering Sunday’.

Thank you to Shirley Wigg for making the Simnel Cake at Christ Church.