



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta  
**The Parish of Kilmore**  
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook  
**19th June 2016**



**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**HYMNS 276, 703, 690, 657**

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



*From Brit. Mus. MS. Orient. No. 510, fol. 22a*

The Gadarene swine rushing down into the sea

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.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book*

## SENTENCE

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. *Acts 10.38*

## THE COLLECT

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## FIRST READING

**1 Kings 19.1-4, 8-15a**

[God instructs Elijah to go to Mount Sinai, and comes to him there. At Elijah's cave he experiences wind, earthquake and fire, but God's voice is only heard in the whisper that follows. In spite of his fear at the threats against his life, God leads him back into ministry.]

*A reading from the first book of Kings*

Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, ~May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them. Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a days journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. ~I have had enough, Lord, he said. ~Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors. So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he travelled for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. He replied, ~I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too. The Lord said, ~Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by. Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, ~What are you doing here, Elijah? He replied, ~I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too. The Lord said to him, ~Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**



O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,  
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling,  
That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness;  
and on the lyre I will give thanks to you, O God my God./R

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,  
and why are you so disquieted within me?  
O put your trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God./R

## SECOND READING

**Galatians 3.10-14, 23-29**

[Now that the way of faith in Christ has come, the law is no longer needed. Those who trust in Christ are God's children, and we are all equal in God's family.]

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians*

Paul writes, 'For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: ~Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law. Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because ~the righteous will live by faith. The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, ~The person who does these things will live by them. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: ~Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole. He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abrahams seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Return † to your home,

and declare how much God has † done for you.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**Luke 8. 26-39**

[Jesus liberates the Gerasene demoniac, who begs to go with Jesus once he has been healed. But Jesus sends him home to tell of what God did for him]

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.

When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me', for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Greasiness asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## **THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

O Holy One, we celebrate the goodness of your grace; grace that liberates us from oppression, when dark forces work to bind us; grace that provides for us a refuge when destructive people would persecute us; grace that proclaims our belonging in God's family when we feel alienated. In praying for all affected by the Orlando massacre we recognise and celebrate the goodness of grace, which keeps us from temptation, delivers us from evil, and when we turn to paths of bleakness and despair leads us into your vibrant, abundant life.

God of grace; **hear our prayer.**

God for whom we long, we pray for your world, for an end to savagery and terror, for the people of Aleppo and Daraya in Syria enduring violence; for the people of United Kingdom and Europe as they seek a new future; for all refugees and asylum seekers and all those fleeing conflict and war and for all seeking to survive the drought in West Africa.

God of grace; **hear our prayer.**

God who calls and sends, we pray for the life and mission of the church, for those called to minister, teach and pastor your people; for the advocacy work of the Anglican Alliance for Development around the world; for our Diocese and our Bishop John, for our parish and our life together, strengthen us for our work in bringing hope and relief to all in need.

God of grace; **hear our prayer.**

God of welcome and hospitality we pray for our nation and community; pray integrity for all seeking election and for all tasked with governing: for the unemployed and the homeless, especially children who live on the streets of out towns and cities; we give thanks for churches and agencies who offer support and outreach.

God of grace; **hear our prayer.**

Healing God, we pray comfort for the sick and suffering, for those struggling with the demons of addiction; for those who mourn lost loved ones; for the aged and the infirmed; those nearing death and those who wait with them; for all in need; for those on our hearts and minds this day and those who have requested prayer; *Chris Schafer, Karen Goodger, Jean Evans, Denise, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Barbara Kaye, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Mark Bennetts, Valerie Wallis, Patrick Wallis, Eunice Downie, Merle Edwards, Susan, Carey Brickoff, Fr Keith Shepherd; Joan Grimmwade, John Leonard.*

We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

God of grace; **hear our prayer.**

God all eternity, we pray your welcome for who have died; for those who have died in loneliness or torment, for all who lives were cut short too soon in Orlando; for those who had no one to pray for them, and for those whose years mind occurs at this time.

*19th Jock Duncanson, Richard Sherwood; 20th Gladys Habgood, Margaret Insley; 21st Samuel Fullard, Sue Charles-Jones, Elizabeth Parry, Doris Allen; 22nd Leslie Neill, Alan Finlay, Robert Masters, Jessie Grace, Kerren Cookson, Maliki Kioko; 23rd Charles Russell, Byron Saunders, Keith Torrens; 24th Ida O'Brian, Bill Hincks.*

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

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God, you permeate our hearts with your grace and help us to find greater room in them for others; we pray for ourselves.....; breathe your gentle, healing spirit upon us this day who need your grace and keep us in your loving embrace.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God we offer our prayers in faith and hope and love, hear us as we pray as our Lord has taught us; **Our Father in heaven....** [Pg 124]

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### **Reflections on the Readings**

The reality of evil and the destruction it brings is brought into sharp focus on our TV screens and in this week's readings. The threat that the forces of darkness pose to justice, and to those who work for it, is shown by Elijah's isolation in the face of Jezebel's threat, in the cries of the psalmists facing persecution, and in the diseased mind and body of the Gerasene demoniac. The hope of God's people, though, is that evil does not have the last word. God's presence and help is assured for those in need, who comes to strengthen and guide Elijah; Christ frees the demonised man; and Paul assures us of our place of belonging in Christ's

family, in which there is no privilege based on gender, social status, race or anything else. In Christ the divisive tools of evil are removed, and the power of evil is neutralised. Now, we who follow Christ are called, like Elijah, as prophets who live according to a different order than the world, a different set of values, and who invite others into the freedom that Christ offers. This is an appropriate next step after the call to trust in God's Spirit and the invitation to forgiveness that we have explored in the last two weeks. As we engage, as Church, with the big issues in our world, and to resist the work of evil in the church and communities, it is important that we are careful in what we identify as evil. Jesus correctly recognises the forces at work within the demoniac, but does not label the person as evil. In contrast, Elijah, finds himself in confrontation with people who have given themselves over to evil purposes and actions. As Paul points out, it is tempting to use the law as the basis for deciding what is good or what is bad, and obedience to the law as the basis for deciding who is good and who isn't. But, from the basis of grace, and of Christ's inclusive invitation, good and evil look very different. Anything that would persecute another (as the Psalmists experienced), anything that would oppress another (like the demoniac) or anything that would deny grace to another (as Paul teaches) violates God's grace and love, and brings division and destruction. As we seek to stand for God's justice, it is important that we keep God's grace and love in mind, and that we rightly choose what to oppose and what to embrace.

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## Notices

**Next Sunday** Celtic Mass 9am Christ Church; 5pm Meditation Service followed by soup supper at Rectory.

**Lay Ministry Licensing** - this process is almost complete and thank you to everyone involved. A Lay Ministry Day is being held on 25th June in the Cathedral; Revd Maryann will attend, please contact her for further information.

**BATS Production:** Places still available for the Parish Night Out at "Nice work if you can get it" Friday 24th June Broadford Shire Hall. \$20/15, contact Caroline.

**Wanted - Knitters!** Help needed of knitters for the Assumption College Winter Appeal please contact Caroline Burge.

**Prayer list revision** - please advise the clergy if you wish to include a person's name on the prayer list. Permission must be sought from the person to be included. The Prayer list will be revised 1st July, and names removed.



**Five Cent Coin collection for missions** please collect any five cent coins and invite family and friends to contribute as well. Collecting receptacle at the back of the Church.

**Direct Debit/EFT Offerings:** Parish Account details: CBA Account Name 'Kilmore Anglican Parish'. BSB 063-698. Account Number 1018 464.

# Parish Diary

**2nd Sunday of the month:** Parish BBQ - 12.30pm. See Notices for details

**4th Sunday:** 5pm Meditation Service Christ Church

**2nd & 4th Tuesday:** Faith Enhancement Group meets 13 The Parade Broadford.

**3rd Tuesday:** St Matthew's Friendship Group; Gavan Hall 1.30pm fellowship & afternoon tea; contact Edie Simpson ph.5784 1246 for details.

**1st Wednesday:** Property Committee Meeting 7.30pm see notices for venue

**3rd Wednesday:** Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm see notices for venue.

## Parish life this week

Fourth week of June

Tuesday 21st 1.30pm St Matthew's Friendship Group Gavan Hall  
2.00pm Diocesan Strategic Plan meeting, Wangaratta  
5.00pm Bishop in Council

Thursday 23rd 10.00am Eucharist St Matthew's  
10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade  
11.30am Eucharist Caladenia  
4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 24th 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 25th 10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House  
10.00am - 3pm Lay Ministry Day Wangaratta

### SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 26th June 2016: Pentecost VI**

2 Kings 2.1-2,6-14; Ps 77.1-2,11-20; Galatians 5.1,13-25; Luke 9.51-62

<b>Christ Church</b>	9am 5pm	CELTIC MASS Meditation Service
<b>St Matthews</b>	11am	Holy Eucharist
<b>St Stephens</b>	11am	Holy Eucharist
<b>Transfiguration</b>	4pm	No Service this day

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