



**Anglican Parish of Kilmore,
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook
15th Sunday after Pentecost**

13th September 2020

Free us O Lord from all bitterness and regret...



Sentence: If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. *Psalm 130.3–4*

THE COLLECT

O God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus Chapter 14.19 – 31

¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. ²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵ He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' ²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ³⁰ Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow each reading

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 114

Said: Every tongue shall praise the Lord.

¹ When Israel came out of Egypt: and the house of Jacob from among a people of an alien tongue, ² Judah became his sanctuary: and Israel his dominion. ³ The sea saw that, and fled: Jordan was driven back. ⁴ The mountains skipped like rams: and the little hills like young sheep...**R**

⁵ What ailed you, O sea, that you fled: O Jordan, that you were driven back? ⁶ You mountains, that you skipped like rams: and you little hills like young sheep?
⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord: at the presence of the God of Jacob,
⁸ Who turned the rock into a pool of water: and the flint-stone into a welling spring...**R**

Silence may follow each reading

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans Chapter 14.1 – 14

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' ¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God. ¹³ Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another. ¹⁴ I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

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

Silence may follow each reading

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, **alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you,
Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 18.21 – 35

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ ²² Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ ‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

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

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Merciful and gracious God, you are slow to anger and abound in steadfast love for your people: hear the prayers your people offer.

We pray for the healing of our wounded world, for an end to the COVID 19 virus pandemic, for an end to ancient feuds, and for the process of reconciliation in our land: where there is suspicion, bring trust; where there is hostility, bring peace. Forgiving God, help us to bring your reconciling love to the world, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the healing of your wounded church, for an end to division and for the progress of ecumenical conversation and co-operation: where there is error, bring truth; where there is hurt, bring forgiveness; where there is exclusion, bring welcome. Forgiving God, help us to bring your reconciling love to the world, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the healing of our wounded community, for the wellbeing of all who are disregarded and forgotten: Where there is neglect, bring concern; where there is hardship, bring relief; where there is despair, bring hope. Forgiving God, help us to bring your reconciling love to the world, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the healing of your wounded people, for release from suffering of body, mind or spirit: where there is pain, bring comfort; where there is sorrow, bring consolation; where there is abuse, bring repentance and care. We pray for the sick and all who care for them. We pray especially for Kathy Slade, Belinda Shannon, Sharron de Battista, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Shirley Perkins, Beris Hannam, Joyce Bennet, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, and Candice Pearce ... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer*]. Forgiving God, help us to bring your reconciling love to the world, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful and gracious God, remember your good and faithful people, who, throughout the ages, have brought your reconciling love to the world. Help us to follow in their footsteps, that, when we stand before your judgment seat, we too shall be found acceptable in your eyes and enter your eternal presence. We remember at this time: Leslie Boak (13th); Desdemona Carter, George Anderson (14th); Dulcie Smith, Francis Treanor, David Damon (15th); Edward Chomley, Gary Mooney, Peter Boak (16th); Kelly Oehm, Leslie Reynolds, Zella Gentsch; Clara Murry (17th); Herbert Jose, Ian Overend (18th); William Bannon, Robert Green, Margaret Moore (19th). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Forgiving God, 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...(pause) Forgiving God, 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.**

NOTICES:

Parish Council meeting will continue online, our next meeting date is 21st September 2020. Please let us have your reports by Tuesday 20th September.

Self-isolating Parishioners: If we have any parishioners who are “self-isolating” due to the Coronavirus, but who need essentials from the shops or support in some way, please do not hesitate to contact the Wardens or Fr André.

Finances: Ministry is continuing throughout the Parish with weekly services published on the internet, funerals being conducted, hospital and aged care visitation and general contact with Parishioners. There is also a great deal of help being provided to the community in general. Our website lists large numbers of people accessing and appreciating the efforts we are making at this difficult time. Our Parish is not able to rely on Funds being raised either by the OP Shop or many other fundraisers at this time 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 so that we can plan any withdrawals we may need from Trust accounts. Our costs have been cut to the very minimum and are being adjusted downwards as far as we can possibly take them.

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 Kilmore. Please deliver it to the Rectory, it will be distributed every Friday morning.

NO SERVICE IN OUR CHURCH BUILDING UNTILL FUTHER NOTICE.

Op Shop closed till further notice.

Weekly Zoom Meetings: Please join us for our **Parish Chat on Zoom every Friday at 2.00pm.** Please note we have changed the time. Let Fr André know if you wish to be invited.

Next Sunday 20th September – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
 Exodus 16.2 – 15; Ps 105.1 – 6, 37 – 45; Philippians 1; Matthew 20.1 – 16

Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 34	Ps 119.17 - 40
14 th September	Habukkuk 1.1 – 11	1 Maccabees 1.1 - 19
	Matthew 4.12 – 22	Ephesians 1.1 – 14
Tuesday	Ps 37.1 – 17	Ps 37.18 – 41
15 th September	Habukkuk 1.12 – 2.5	1 Maccabees 1.20 – 40
	Matthew 4.23 – 5.12	Ephesians 2.1 – 10
Wednesday	Ps 38	Ps 39
16 th September	Habukkuk 2.6 – 17	1 Maccabees 1.41 – 64
	Matthew 5.13 – 26	Ephesians 2.11 – 22
Thursday	Ps 40	Ps 42; 43
17 th September	Habukkuk 2.18 – 3.7	2 Maccabees 4.1 – 17
	Matthew 5.27 – 42	Ephesians 3.1 – 13
Friday	Ps 41; 44.1 – 9	Ps 44.10 – 27
18 th September	Habukkuk 3.8 – 19	2 Maccabees 6.1 – 17
	Matthew 5.43 – 6.4	Ephesians 3.1 – 13
Saturday	Ps 45	Ps 46; 47
19 th September	Nahum 1.1 – 14	2 Maccabees 6.18 – 31
	Matthew 6. 5 – 15	Ephesians 4.1 – 16

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Prayer of Thanksgiving.

O Most Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we give you thanks for medical staff, doctors and nurse and auxiliary staff working together to treat those infected and comforting those affected by the COVID 19 virus. We pray for their families who sacrifice with them the long hours of work and courage. Fill them always with your presence and grace. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.