



**Anglican Parish of Kilmore,
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook
18th Sunday after Pentecost**

4th October 2020

O Lord, help us to live according to your will...



Sentence: Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, let us press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3.13b-14

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders, and, by your doing, he has been made the chief cornerstone: grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us, we may become living stones built up into your dwelling place, a temple holy and acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus Chapter 20.1 – 4, 7 – 9, 12 – 20

¹ Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³ You shall not murder. ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ You shall not steal. ¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. ¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. ¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹ and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' ²⁰ Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

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

Silence may follow each reading

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 19

Said: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork; ² One day tells it to another: and night to night communicates knowledge. ³ There is no speech or language: nor are their voices heard; ⁴ Yet their sound has gone out through all the world: and their words to the ends of the earth. ⁵ There he has pitched a tent for the sun: which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course...**R**
⁶ Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound: and nothing is hidden from its heat. ⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul: the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple. ⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever: the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one...**R**

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb. ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant taught: and in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² Who can know their own unwitting sins?: O cleanse me from my secret faults. ¹³ Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me: so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence. ¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer...**R**

Silence may follow each reading

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians Chapter 3.4b – 14

⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

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THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 21.33 – 46
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³³ ‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ ⁴¹ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ ⁴² Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?’ ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Righteous and merciful God, in confidence and trust we bring to you our prayers for the world and for the church.

Your creation shows forth your glory, O God: hear our prayers for the preservation of the earth. We pray for responsible stewardship of your creation, that we may honour what you have entrusted to us and share justly the abundance you provide. Righteous God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your law gives wisdom to the simple, O God: hear our prayers for all in positions of responsibility. We pray for Scott Morrison, our Prime Minister and Daniel Andrews, our Premier. We for wise and honest government of nations, that all your people may live in safety, dignity and freedom. We pray for peace to come again to your troubled world. Righteous God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have drawn us together from the corners of the earth, O God: hear our prayers for the well-being of this nation. We pray for reconciliation between peoples of this land, that we may rejoice in our diversity and build together a future of understanding, tolerance and trust. Righteous God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have taught us how to worship you, O God: hear our prayers for the building-up of your church. We pray for Philip, our Archbishop and Clarence, our Bishop. We also pray at this time for Fr André as he celebrates his 16th Ordination to the Priesthood anniversary; we give thanks and pray for his ministry amongst us. We pray, too, for an increase in faith in your people, that our lives may bear good fruit and be a sign to others of your forgiveness and grace. Righteous God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have shown us how to live together, O God: hear our prayers for the welfare of this city. We pray for those affected and infected by the COVID 19 virus, for a community where care and compassion abound, that the young may be nurtured, the elderly honoured and all live in mutual respect and love. Righteous God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your care tenderly for all your people, O God: hear our prayers for the relief of those in need. We pray for your healing presence with all who are in trouble or distress, that the bereaved may be comforted, the suffering find release and those in despair find hope. 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*]. Righteous God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You offer us the gift of eternal life, O God: hear our prayers for those who have died. We remember those whose anniversary occurs at this time: Gladys Tanner, Gavan Crowl (5th); Brendon Target, Leslie Piva, Edna McCabe (7th); Spencer Horwood, Dallas Haves, Hugh Chomley, Alfred Pound (8th); Gregory Ryan (9th). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** We pray for strength to follow in the steps of your saints, that we may remain faithful to our life's end and with your Son, Jesus Christ, be brought to a joyful resurrection. Righteous 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) Righteous 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 October 2020. Please let us have your reports by Tuesday 20th October.

Finances:

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 11th October – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

Exodus 32.1 – 14; Ps 106.1 – 6, 20 – 24; Philippians 4.1 – 9; Matthew 22.1 – 14

Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 82; 84	Ps 85; 87
5 th October	Haggai 1.1 – 11	1 Maccabees 7.1 – 18
	Matthew 11.1 – 11	Colossians 3.1 - 11

Tuesday	Ps 86	Ps 88
6 th October	Haggai 1.12 – 2.9	1 Maccabees 7.19 – 32
	Matthew 11.12 – 24	Colossians 3.12 – 17
Wednesday	Ps 90	Ps 119.89 – 104
7 th October	Haggai 2.10 – 23	1 Maccabees 7.33 – 50
	Matthew 11.25 – 12.8	Colossians 3.18 – 4.6
Thursday	Ps 89.1 – 18	Ps 89.19 – 38
8 th October	Zechariah 1.1 – 17	1 Maccabees 9.1 – 22
	Matthew 12.9 – 21	Colossians 4.7 – 18
Friday	Ps 89.39 – 50	Ps 91
9 th October	Zechariah 1.18 – 2.13	1 Maccabees 13.41 – 53
	Matthew 12.22 – 37	Philemon 1 – 14
Saturday	Ps 92; 93	Ps 94
10 th October	Zechariah 3.1 – 4.7	1 Maccabees 14.4 – 15
	Matthew 12.38 – 50	Philemon 15 – 25

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Our services are available from about 09.00am on Sundays on our Facebook page link: <https://www.facebook.com/AnglicanKilmore/> or you can type in Anglican Parish of Kilmore Facebook into the search bar and it should come up. Its also on the link Services Online on the website.

Taizé Service - Those able to access the internet and watch our recorded services each week, would have noticed over the last few months while we have been isolating and our church buildings closed, that our fortnightly service is a Taizé service. The Taizé community is an ecumenical monastic order originated in France, with a strong devotion to peace and justice through prayer and meditation.

The music of Taizé emphasizes simple phrases, usually lines from Psalms, other pieces of Scripture and is repeated many times like a prayerful mantra. Some of the music is sung in French, and others translated to English. Our online services will give the simple words to sing along. For those without access to the internet, some

of our songs this week are: “Bless the Lord my soul, and bless his holy name”, and “Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom” - stirring words whether they are sung or said, remembering that all hymns are, in fact, prayers put to music. God bless.

Synod reps please join the pre-synod Zoom meeting on Saturday 17th October time still to be announced.

Our Diocesan Clergy - 2020 has been an extraordinary year, with many struggling financially and emotionally; weddings and funerals have been hard with limited numbers; our church buildings have been closed for much of the year; remote learning for our students; high unemployment and so much more. Now more than ever our clergy have been called upon to help, encourage and support those in the community. What many will not be aware of, is that our clergy continue support us all and have willingly accepted that they cannot be paid their usual stipend, but are now on Job Keepers allowance. As a parish we are one of many parishes, grateful that we can continue to have a priestly ministry amongst us, and thank Fr André and all clergy for their continued support of us all. In recent weeks, the clergy have also been asked to take their annual leave now rather than wait until our church buildings are opened once more. Again, another sacrifice for our clergy who have agreed to take their leave, but sadly have then been restricted where they can go on leave. A huge thank you to Fr André and Patty who have taken their leave to “Romania” (to remain here). You will all be aware that over the last two weeks the service has still be prepared and recorded; the pew sheets have still been prepared and delivered; and support has continued. God bless Fr André and Patty for their love and support of us all. Caroline - Rectors Warden.

Online Service Video Quality: QUALITY OF PARISH VIDEO'S!!!!!! For those people who tune in each week to view our online Sunday service, and our recorded Gospel reading on Facebook, you might have noticed in the last few weeks the video quality has been quite poor (ie blurry or pixelated). Unfortunately, this is an "uploading to Facebook" issue, rather than the quality of the video. Well with a bit of homework and tech support from a fellow parishioner, we have worked out that if you click on the small "cog" or "wheel" at the bottom of each video, the 'Quality' option comes up. You will need to click on HD (High Density) rather than SD (Standard Density) to view the video in the best quality. If you are viewing on a mobile phone, then the setting needs to be changed to 720p (each time). Apologies that it has taken this long to work out, but you can always go back and view again! If you are viewing the videos via our Parish website, then you will also need to change the YouTube settings (using the same wheel/cog) to the highest option. Caroline