



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

19th April 2020
2nd Sunday of Easter



Sentence:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1.3*

THE COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt: may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles chapter 2.14a, 22 – 32

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.’²² ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.” ²⁹ ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

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

Silence may follow each reading

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 16

Said /Sung: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

¹ Preserve me, O God: for in you have I taken refuge. ² I have said to the Lord, You are my lord: and all my good depends on you. ³ As for those who are held holy on the earth: the other gods in whom people delight, ⁴ Though the idols are many that they run after: their offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take their name upon my lips...**R**

⁵ The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup: you hold my lot in your hands.

⁶ The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places: and a fair land is my possession. ⁷ I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel: at night also he has instructed my heart. ⁸ I have set the Lord always before me: he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall...**R**

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices: my flesh also shall rest secure.
¹⁰ For you will not give me over to the power of death: nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit. ¹¹ You will show me the path of life: in your presence is the fulness of joy, and from your right hand flow delights for evermore...**R**

Silence may follow each reading

Second Reading

A reading from the first Letter of Peter chapter 1.1 – 12

¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood: May grace and peace be yours in abundance. ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. ¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, ¹¹ inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated, when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look!

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

Silence may follow each reading

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believed believe in me Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! **Alleluia! alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 20.19 – 31
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁹ 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.’ ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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.’ ²⁶ 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.’ ²⁷ 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.’ ²⁸ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ ²⁹ 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.’ ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ 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.

Jesus, wounded and risen, we bring to you our prayers for your broken world. We pray for your people of every nation in threat of COVID 19 virus; in places of war and unrest; in places of ecological disaster; in places of famine and disease. Wounded Creator, we have seen your crucified and risen love; **work your resurrection in the lives of your people.**

We bring our prayers for your divided church. We pray for places where Christian wars against Christian; where your church is split by faction; where ancient hatreds have not been healed by your gospel. Wounded Redeemer, we have seen your crucified and risen love; **work your resurrection in the lives of your people.**

We bring our prayers for our fractured community. We pray for those pierced by the nails of prejudice and hatred; of neglect and abuse; of indifference and rejection. Wounded Lover, we have seen your crucified and risen love; **work your resurrection in the lives of your people.**

We bring our prayers for all who are hurt. We pray for those whose bodies are in pain or whose minds are confused; those who are friendless or grief-stricken; those affected from and those suffering from effect of the corona virus; those without hope for the future. Among the sick we pray especially for Clare Albrey, Kathy Slade, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Rob Muddyman, Elaine Haddock, Francis Piva, Sharron de Battista, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Jim Chatz, Bruce Scott, Val Watts, Shirley Perkins, Madeline Allen, Barry Nunn, Beris Hannam, Joyce Bennet, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Lloyd, Christine Hall, June Clark, Fr John Young, Malcolm Kaye, Anne Foote, Debbie Chilcott, and Sally Davidson (pause)... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer*] We give thanks for where healing blessings have been received. (pause) Wounded Healer, we have seen your crucified and risen love; **work your resurrection in the lives of your people.**

We bring to you our prayers for all who have died. We pray for those who have died in the faith; and for those who have never seen or believed. We give thanks for Thomas and all your saints who have known you as the risen Christ. May we, too, recognize you in our midst, that with all your saints we may come to the fulness of joy in your presence. We remember the anniversary of death of Ken Allen, Reginald Boyle, Marjorie Skinner, Barry Shaw, Michael Nelson (20th); Charles Thomas (21st); Violet Routledge; Alan Winnell (22nd); Leonard Lang (23rd); Dudley Rogash (24th); Albert Fletcher (25th). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** (pause) Jesus, wounded and risen, we have seen your crucified and risen love; **work your resurrection in the lives of your people.**

In a time of silence let us pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... (pause) Jesus, Risen Lord, **work your resurrection in the lives of your people.**

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:

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. Whilst we might

not be able to source valuable items like toilet paper, hand sanitiser or rice, we will try to make sure you are OK.

Weekly Giving: Our Parish relies heavily on our wonderful Op Shop to provide much needed funds to keep our parish afloat financially and to provide a Priestly Ministry (Fr André). This week we had to make the decision to close our Op Shop due to Public Health risk during the outbreak of COVID 19 for both staff and customers. Please consider your weekly offertory giving by Direct Debit. Without the Op Shop AND regular weekly or monthly giving, our parish will suffer drastically and be financially unstable. We have a number of unfinished projects going on and so our expenses will continue. If you would rather not give by Direct Debit, please also consider taking a set of weekly Giving Envelopes to enable your giving to continue on a weekly or monthly basis whether you get to church or not. Ministry will continue in the parish even if we have to take on a different aspect of worship and community.

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 Thursday morning.

Direct Debit /EFT Offerings - Account details: BENDIGO BANK - Account Name 'Anglican Parish of Kilmore'; BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921. Parishioners using direct debit or electronic funds transfer please use these bank details when making offerings.

PARISH DIARY [Regular Meetings and Events]

ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED TILL FURTHER NOTICE

Op Shop closed till further notice.

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| Next Sunday 26th April – Third Sunday of Easter: Acts 2.14a, 36 - 41; Ps 116.1 – 4, 11 – 18; 1 Peter 1.13 - 25; Luke 24.13 – 35 |
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Daily Scripture Readings

| | Morning Prayer | Evening Prayer |
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| Monday | Ps 114 | Ps 116; 117 |
| 20 th April | Leviticus 6.1 – 18 | Exodus 15.1 – 18 |
| | Matthew 28.1 – 10 | 1 Peter 3.1 – 7 |
| Tuesday | Ps 121; 122; 123 | Ps 119.129 – 152 |
| 21 st April | Lev 9.22 – 10.11, 16 – 20 | Exodus 15.19 – 27 |
| | Matthew 28.11 – 20 | 1 Peter 3.8 – 16 |

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| Wednesday | Ps 118.1 – 18 | Ps 118.19 – 29; 120 |
| 22 nd April | Leviticus 16.1 – 19 | Exodus 16.1 – 21 |
| | Luke 24.1 – 12 | 1 Peter 3.17 – 4.2 |
| Thursday | Ps 124; 125; 126 | Ps 127; 128; 129 |
| 23 rd April | Leviticus 16.20 – 34 | Exodus 16.22 – 17.2 |
| | Luke 24.13 – 27 | 1 Peter 4.3 – 11 |
| Friday | Ps 130; 131; 133 | Ps 132; 134 |
| 24 th April | Leviticus 19.1 – 18 | Exodus 17.8 – 18.9 |
| | Luke 24.28 – 35 | 1 Peter 4.12 – 19 |
| Saturday | Ps 135 | Ps 136 |
| 25 th April | Leviticus 19.23 – 37 | Exodus 18.10 – 27 |
| | Luke 24.36 – 53 | 1 Peter 5 |

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