



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

26<sup>th</sup> April 2020

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*Walking in the presence of God...*



**Sentence:** Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. *Acts 2.38–39*

**THE COLLECT**

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:

open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Collect for Anzac Day**

O God, our ruler and guide, in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them: We pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have the grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace; 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 the Acts of the Apostles chapter 2.14a, 36 – 41

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’ <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

*Silence may follow each reading*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 116.1 – 4, 11 – 18**

**Said: I will walk in the presence of God.**

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, because he heard my voice: the voice of my supplication;

<sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me: in the day that I called to him. <sup>3</sup> The cords of death encompassed me, the snares of the grave took hold on me: I was in anguish and sorrow. <sup>4</sup> Then I called upon the name of the Lord: ‘O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me!’ ...**R**

<sup>11</sup> How shall I repay the Lord: for all his benefits to me? <sup>12</sup> I will take up the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord. <sup>13</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people. <sup>14</sup> Grievous in the sight of the Lord: is the death of his faithful ones...**R**

<sup>15</sup> O Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your handmaid: you have unloosed my bonds. <sup>16</sup> I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving: and call upon the name of the Lord. <sup>17</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people, <sup>18</sup> In the courts of the house of the Lord: even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord...**R**

*Silence may follow each reading*

## **Second Reading**

A reading from the first Letter of Peter chapter 1.13 – 25

<sup>13</sup> Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. <sup>14</sup> Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. <sup>15</sup> Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; <sup>16</sup> for it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’ <sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. <sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup> For ‘All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, <sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord endures for ever.’ That word is the good news that was announced to you.

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

*Silence may follow each reading*

## **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord Jesus, make your word pain to us: make our hearts burn with love when we speak. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke Chapter 24.13 – 35  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ <sup>19</sup> He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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.

Risen God, faithful and merciful, we bring to you our prayers for all your people; hear our prayers and answer us when we call on you.

We pray for your world, for leaders of nations in the face of the threat of COVID 19 virus crisis; for you people in places of fear, confusion, persecution and strife. As you come in peace to your frightened and bewildered disciples, make yourself known today to all who feel abandoned and afraid. (pause) Risen God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church, for all theologians, teachers and pastors and all who in deed or word proclaim your gospel. As you opened the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, make yourself know today through your Holy Word. (pause) Risen God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who search for you, for all who look for meaning in the emptiness of life. As you made yourself known to the women who sought you at your tomb, make yourself known today to those who long to find you. Risen God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community, the fear and uncertainty that the corona virus spread within it; for those with whom we work and learn, for our families, our friends and for ourselves. As you made yourself known by the breaking of the bread with your friends, make yourself known today in those whom we share our lives. (pause) Risen God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in need of your comfort, reassurance and hope, for all who suffer anguish, loneliness or despair; 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 ... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer*] We give thanks for where healing blessings have been received. (pause) As you made yourself known to those locked behind doors of pain and grief, make yourself known today to those who are in sorrow or distress. (pause) Risen God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



We remember all who have died in your love, those from this parish who have gone before us and all who are dear to us. We pray for the recently departed Eleanor Bergins and those whose anniversary of death we celebrate this week, Jessie Payne, Leslie Cook, Margaret Caplehorn, John Callaghan, Kevin Sharp, Ray Sharp, Wally Bennett, Rex Young (28<sup>th</sup>); Diane (29<sup>th</sup>), Ronald Burgess (30<sup>th</sup>); Penelope Roberts, Frankie Walter, Ray Drummond, Beryl Russell (01<sup>st</sup> May); Nicole Henderson (2<sup>nd</sup>). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** As you have made yourself known to your followers in every age, make yourself known to us today, that, with Mary Magdalene and all your saints, we may recognize you in our midst and, through eternity, worship you. Risen 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) Jesus, Risen 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:**

**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.

**Congratulations to Fr André and Patty** on the birth of their new baby granddaughter, Willow last week. Willow is the daughter of Bertram and Lee-Ann who visited from South Africa last year. With love and blessings from the parish go to the whole Du Plooy family.

**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.

We hope to have a **Parish Chat on Zoom every Friday at 12.00 noon**. Please join us. Let Fr Andrè know if you wish to be invited.

**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.

**ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED TILL FURTHER NOTICE;  
Op Shop closed till further notice.**

**Next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Fourth Sunday of Easter:** Acts 2.42 - 47; Ps 23; 1 Peter 2.1 - 10; John 10.1 – 10

### Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 140	Ps 141; 142
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Lev 22.31 – 23.11,15 – 16	Exodus 19.1 – 15
	John 9.1 – 12	1 Corinthians 1.1 – 9
Tuesday	Ps 143; 146	Ps 119.153 – 176
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Lev 23.23 – 38	Exodus 19.16 – 20.17
	John 9.13 – 23	1 Corinthians 1.10 – 19
Wednesday	Ps 145	Ps 147
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Leviticus 24	Exodus 20.28 – 21.6
	John 9.24 – 41	1 Corinthians 1.20 – 31
Thursday	Ps 148; 149	Ps 144; 150
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Leviticus 25.1 – 24	Exodus 22.20 – 23.3
	John 10.1 – 18	1 Corinthians 2.1 – 11
Friday	Ps 1; 2	Ps 3; 4
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Leviticus 26.3 – 20	Exodus 23.4 – 17
	John 10.19 – 30	1 Corinthians 2.12 – 3.4
Saturday	Ps 5; 6	Ps 7; 8
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Leviticus 26.27 – 45	Exodus 23.20 – 33
	John 10.31 – 42	1 Corinthians 3.5 – 17

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**Prayer from Thomas Merton for our time of uncertainty. Let us all pray this prayer every day at 12.00 noon. Please join me. Blessings. André**

My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

nor do I really know myself,

and the fact that I think I am following your will

does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you

does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,

though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always though

I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me,

and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.