



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

17<sup>th</sup> May 2020

***6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Keeping God's love...!***



**Sentence:** ‘Those who love me will keep my word,’ Jesus promises, ‘and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.’

*John 14.23*

**THE COLLECT**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond our understanding: pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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 17.22 – 31

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” <sup>29</sup> Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

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

*Silence may follow each reading*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 66.7 – 19**

**Said: Let all the earth cry out in joy to the Lord.**

<sup>7</sup> O bless our God, you peoples: and cause his praises to resound, <sup>8</sup> Who has held our souls in life: who has not suffered our feet to slip. <sup>9</sup> For you have proved us, O God: you have tried us as silver is tried. <sup>10</sup> You brought us into the net: you laid sharp torment on our loins...R

<sup>11</sup> You let our enemies ride over our heads, we went through fire and water: but you brought us out into a place of liberty. <sup>12</sup> I will come into your house with burnt-offerings: and I will pay you my vows, <sup>13</sup> The vows that opened my lips: that my mouth uttered when I was in trouble. <sup>14</sup> I will offer you burnt-offerings of fattened beasts, with the sweet smoke of rams: I will sacrifice a bull and the flesh of goats...R

<sup>15</sup> Come then and hear, all you that fear God: and I will tell what he has done for me. <sup>16</sup> I called to him with my mouth: and his praise was on my tongue. <sup>17</sup> If I had cherished wickedness in my heart: the Lord would not have heard me. <sup>18</sup> But God has heard me: he has heeded the voice of my prayer. <sup>19</sup> Praise be to God: who has not turned back my prayer, or his steadfast love from me...R

*Silence may follow each reading*

## **Second Reading**

A reading from the first Letter of Peter chapter 3.8 – 22

<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. <sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. <sup>10</sup> For ‘Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; <sup>11</sup> let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. <sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.’ <sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

*Silence may follow each reading*

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 14.15 – 21

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

<sup>15</sup> ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

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.

God of earth and heaven, we give you thanks and praise that you listen when we call on you: hear the prayers we bring for your people.

We give you thanks and praise for the beauty of the world that you have made, for the intricate detail and design of each interlocking part. We pray for the world: for respect of its resources, for just sharing of its bounty. Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks and praise for the diversity and richness of human life, for the creative and sustaining power of human mind and spirit. We pray for the nations: as we all face the threat of the COVID 19 virus; for scientist and medical workers, for those in the frontline caring for the affected and those suffering the effect of the spread of the virus, those suffering isolation; those working in food availability and distribution. We pray for wisdom and justice in the decisions being made by those in government. Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour, whom you have sent to live among us and have raised from death to life. We pray for the church: for a spirit of repentance, of faithfulness and obedience, for power to proclaim your

gospel in sacrament, deed and word; for Philip, our Archbishop and Clarence, our Bishop and all clergy and their families. Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks and praise that you are the centre and source of our being, the provider of all we have to share. We pray for this community: for compassion for the vulnerable, for acceptance for the outcast, for relationships of unselfishness, forgiveness, understanding and love. Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks and praise throughout the ages you have loved your people, caring for them in times of trouble and despair. We pray for all in need: for consolation for the sad, for companionship for the lonely, for comfort for those in pain and strength for 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, Anne Foote, Debbie Chilcott, Sally Davidson, Ella Burt and Beryl Kirby... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer*] Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks and praise that you prepare a dwelling place for all who love you, and offer your children the joys of everlasting life. We remember your servants of every age. Help us to follow their example, that loving you we may set aside all that is displeasing in your eyes, keep your commandments and grow in your ways. We remember those whose anniversary of death we remember this week: Geoffrey Levett, Edward Skane (17<sup>th</sup>); Jack Baker, Jean Connew (18<sup>th</sup>); George Badcock, Joan Glithro, Ernest Castles, Keith Smith (21<sup>st</sup>); Judy Lovell (22<sup>nd</sup>); Ian Duncanson, Joseph Sherwood, John Mowlam (23<sup>rd</sup>). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** With all your saints, bring us home to your eternal presence, that we may live for ever in you and with you. Loving 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) Loving 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.

**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

We hope to have a **Parish Chat on Zoom every Friday at 12.00 noon**. Please join us. Let Fr André 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.**

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

<b>Next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1.6 – 14; Ps 68.1 – 10, 32 – 35; 1 Peter 5; John 17.1 – 11</b>
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### **Daily Scripture Readings**

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 41; 44.1 – 9	Ps 44.10 – 27
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Numbers 20.1 – 21	Exodus 35.20 – 36.7
	John 13.36 – 14.17	1 Corinthians 10.1 – 11
Tuesday	Ps 45	Ps 46; 47
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Numbers 20.22 – 21.9	Exodus 40.17 – 38
	John 14.18 – 31	1 Corinthians 10.12 – 22
Wednesday	Ps 48	Ps 99

20 <sup>th</sup> May	Numbers 20.10 – 35	Isaiah 63.7 – 14
	John 15.1 – 11	Colossians 2.20 – 3.4
Thursday <b>Ascension Day</b>	Ps 110	Ps 97
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Daniel 7.9 – 14	2 Kings 2.1 – 15
	John 14.12 – 29	Revelation 5.1 – 10
Friday	Ps 51	Ps 52; 53
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Numbers 22.1 – 20	Deuteronomy 29.1 – 21
	John 15.12 – 25	1 Corinthians 10.23 – 11.1
Saturday	Ps 54; 55.1 – 12	Ps 55.13 – 15, 18 – 28
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Numbers 22.21 – 40	Deuteron 29.29 – 30.20
	John 15.26 – 16.11	1 Corinthians 11.2 – 16

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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.**

**Let us all pray this prayer of St Patrick every day at 12.00 noon. Please join me. Blessings. André**

I arise today

Through God's strength to pilot me;

God's might to uphold me,

God's wisdom to guide me,

God's eye to look before me,

God's ear to hear me,

God's word to speak for me,

God's hand to guard me,

God's way to lie before me,

God's shield to protect me,  
God's hosts to save me  
From snares of the devil,  
From temptations of vices,  
From every one who desires me ill,  
Afar and anear,  
Alone or in a multitude.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in the eye that sees me,  
Christ in the ear that hears me.

I arise today  
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,  
Through a belief in the Threeness,  
Through a confession of the Oneness  
Of the Creator of creation. Amen.

**Ascension Day Service: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020**

**Please let me know if you wish to join us on Zoom for the Ascension Day Service. Join with a Candle. Please use the meditations for the next 10 days up to Pentecost. Every Blessing and Prayers. André**

**Church buildings for worship:**

This week marked a small change in the restrictions in regard to our safe isolating. We are in constant communication with the Diocese who will make the final decision on when and how we resume worship in our church buildings. At present the proposals are to have only ten worshipping at any one time, with safe distancing between them. Service times and places might change in the interim. Parishioners will be informed once a decision has been made by the Government and the Diocese. In the meantime, we will be continuing with our online worship on our Parish website ([www.anglicankilmore.org.au](http://www.anglicankilmore.org.au)) and our Parish Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/AnglicanKilmore/](https://www.facebook.com/AnglicanKilmore/)) .