



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

24<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*



**Sentence:** ‘Go and make disciples of all nations,’ Jesus commands; ‘I am with you always, to the close of the age.’ *Matthew 28.19–20*

**THE COLLECT**

God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up into the glory of heaven: clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles chapter 1.6 – 14

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ <sup>7</sup> He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’ <sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

*Silence may follow each reading*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 68.1 – 10, 32 – 35**

**Said: You have made a home for the poor**

<sup>1</sup> God shall arise, and his enemies shall be scattered: those that hate him shall flee before his face. <sup>2</sup> As smoke is dispersed, so shall they be dispersed: as wax melts before a fire, so shall the wicked perish at the presence of God. <sup>3</sup> But the righteous shall be glad and exult before God: they shall rejoice with gladness. <sup>4</sup> O sing to God, sing praises to his name: glorify him that rode through the deserts, him whose name is the Lord, and exult before him...**R**

<sup>5</sup> He is the father of the fatherless, he upholds the cause of the widow: God in his holy dwelling place. <sup>6</sup> He gives the desolate a home to dwell in, and brings the prisoners out into prosperity: but rebels must dwell in a barren land. <sup>7</sup> O God, when you went out before your people: when you marched through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup> The earth shook, the heavens poured down water: before the God of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.<sup>9</sup> You showered down a generous rain, O God: you prepared the land of your possession when it was weary...**R**

<sup>10</sup> And there your people settled: in the place that your goodness, O God, had made ready for the poor. <sup>32</sup> Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises to the Lord, <sup>33</sup> To him that rides upon the highest heavens, that were from the beginning: who utters his voice, which is a mighty voice. <sup>34</sup> Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel: and his might is in the clouds. <sup>35</sup> Terrible is God who comes from his holy place: the God of Israel who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God...**R**

*Silence may follow each reading*

## **Second Reading**

A reading from the first Letter of Peter chapter 5

<sup>1</sup> Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you <sup>2</sup> to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. <sup>3</sup> Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. <sup>5</sup> In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for ‘God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. <sup>12</sup> Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. <sup>13</sup> Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. <sup>14</sup> Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

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

*Silence may follow each reading*

## **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you and your hearts will rejoice. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 17.1 – 11

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

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup> ‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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.

Praise to you, ascend Jesus, for you reign in glory over all the world: hear us as we pray for your people.

Praise to you, ascended Jesus, for you rule the world with righteousness: hear our prayers for the peoples of all 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. Grant wisdom and integrity to all who govern, mercy and judgement to those who administer the law. Teach your people how to live in harmony and fill us with your truth, that we may

be your witnesses in all the world. Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Praise to you, ascended Jesus, for you make known to us the true and living God: hear the prayers for your holy, catholic church. Grant humility and vision to all who lead your church, fellowship to all who eat at your table. We pray for Philip, our Archbishop and Clarence, our Bishop and all clergy and ministers of your word and sacraments. Unite Christians everywhere in the bond of your love and fill us with your power, that we may be your witnesses in all the world. Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Praise to you ascended Jesus, for you welcome the outcast and provide for the needy: hear our prayers for all with whom we share our lives. Grant acceptance to all who are in want or unloved, care for the neglected and a voice to those who are never heard. Teach your people to live in true community and fill us with your love, that we may be your witnesses in all the world. Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Praise to you ascended Jesus, for you heal the sick and look with compassion on those who are in need: hear our prayers for all who suffer. Grant hope for those in despair, consolation to those who grieve, relief to those in pain and strength and patience to those 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, Debbie Meyer and her family, Candice Pearce and Beryl Kirby... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer*] Teach your people to share each other's sorrows, and fill us with your compassion, that we may be your witnesses in all the world. Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Praise to you ascended Jesus, for you call us to eternal glory: hear our prayers for all who have died in faith. Bradley Chapman, Irene Bruce, Matthew Hussey (24<sup>th</sup>); Ian Marryatt (25<sup>th</sup>); Linda Lowden, Pearl Watts (26<sup>th</sup>); Ada White, Shirley Holmes (27<sup>th</sup>); Doris Hughes (28<sup>th</sup>); Cameron Hiscock, Vera Buckingham (29<sup>th</sup>). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Grant to your faithful people of every age a share in your eternal kingdom. Fill us with righteousness, that we may be your witnesses in all the world, and, when our work on earth is done, with all your saints may we enter eternal life and receive the crown of glory. Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, 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 Christ, ascended and glorified, 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.**



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**Next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Pentecost Sunday:** Acts 2.1 – 21;  
Ps 104.26 – 36; 1 Corinthians 12.1 – 13; John 20.19 – 23

### Daily Scripture Readings

|                      | Morning Prayer        | Evening Prayer            |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Monday               | Ps 62; 63             | Ps 64; 67                 |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> May | Numbers 22.41 – 23.12 | Deuteronomy 31.1 – 15     |
|                      | John 16.12 – 24       | 1 Corinthians 11. 17 – 34 |
| Tuesday              | Ps 65; 70             | Ps 66                     |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> May | Numbers 23.13 – 30    | Deuteronomy 31.23 – 32.9  |
|                      | John 16.25 – 17. 5    | 1 Corinthians 12.1 – 13   |
| Wednesday            | Ps 68.1 – 20          | Ps 68. 24 – 35            |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> May | Numbers 24.1 – 11     | Deuteronomy 32.10 – 22    |
|                      | John 17.6 – 19        | 1 Corinthians 12.14 – 31  |
| Thursday             | Ps 71                 | Ps 119.65 – 88            |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> May | Numbers 24.12 – 25    | Deuteronomy 32.23 – 38    |
|                      | John 17.20 – 26       | 1 Corinthians 13          |
| Friday               | Ps 69.1 – 16          | Ps 69.17 – 23, 31 – 38    |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> May | Numbers 27            | Deuteronomy 32.39 – 52    |
|                      | Acts 1.1 – 14         | 1 Corinthians 14.1 – 12   |
| Saturday             | Ps 72                 | Ps 48                     |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> May | Numbers 36            | Numbers 11.16-17, 24-30   |
|                      | Acts 1.15 – 26        | 1 Corinthians 14.13 – 25  |

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**Please use the meditations for the days up to Pentecost which I have sent you online, I will pray them at noon. 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/)) .