



Anglican Parish of Kilmore, Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook First Sunday after Christmas

27th December 2020



*As we gather in prayer today, we acknowledge the Taungurung people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We pay respects to the past and present Elders of the Kulin nation and extend that respect to any Aboriginals present. Welcome to all, especially, to newcomers and visitors. **Please observe social distance and sanitise your hands on entering and when you leave the church. Please have your mask on during the service and remove only on receiving communion.** Our service starts on page 119 of *A Prayer Book for Australia**

Hymns: 141; 447; 309; 315

Sentence: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. *Luke 2.30–32*

THE COLLECT

Saving God, whose Son Jesus was presented in the temple and was acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations: grant that in him we may be presented to you and in the world may reflect his glory; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah Chapter 61.10 – Chapter 62.3

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. ¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

Silence may follow each reading

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 148

Said: Praise the name of the Lord throughout all the earth.

¹ Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven: O praise him in the heights. ² Praise him, all his angels: O praise him, all his host. ³ Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all you stars of light. ⁴ Praise him, you highest heaven: and you waters that are above the heavens. ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded and they were made. **Praise the name of the Lord throughout all the earth.**

⁶ He established them for ever and ever: he made an ordinance which shall not pass away. ⁷ O praise the Lord from the earth: praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps; ⁸ Fire and hail, mist and snow: and storm-wind fulfilling his command; ⁹ Mountains and all hills: fruit trees and all cedars; ¹⁰ Beasts of the wild, and all cattle: creeping things and winged birds; **Praise the name of the Lord throughout all the earth.**

¹¹ Kings of the earth, and all peoples: princes, and all rulers of the world; ¹² Young men and maidens: old folk and children together. ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is exalted. ¹⁴ His glory is above earth and heaven: and he has lifted high the horn of his people. ¹⁵ Therefore he is the praise of all his servants: of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord. **Praise the name of the Lord throughout all the earth.**

Silence may follow each reading

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians Chapter 4.4 – 7

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

Silence may follow each reading

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke Chapter 2.22 – 40

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ 'Master, now you are

dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’ ³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray:

God of all mercy, we give you thanks for your beautiful and bountiful creation and for all who work to protect it. We pray for all people in areas of war, for all who suffer persecution and privation. We pray for all nations as we do battle with the COVID pandemic, for who suffer and all who have died. We pray for all with the responsibility of government in this and other lands. In the darkness of inhumanity, give us compassion; where there is arrogance, give us humility; where there is foolishness, give us wisdom. May we who have received your light, live so others may see your light. Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, we give you thanks for the birth of your Son, who comes to us as the Light of the World. We pray for your worldwide Church, for the National Council of Churches, for Philip, our Archbishop and Clarence, our bishop, for all who minister and worship in this place, for all who teach and all who learn. In the darkness of sin, give us grace; where there is error, give us truth; where there is unbelief, give us faith. May we who have received your light, live so others may see your light. Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all love, we give you thanks for all who sustain us with their love and care. We pray for children and families in which they live; for those with whom we work and play, for this community, for all whose daily work enriches our lives. In the darkness of rejection, give us love; where there is alienation, give us reconciliation; where there is injury, give us forgiveness. May we who have received your light, live so others may see your light. Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all compassion, we give you thanks for all who enlighten the burdens of others. We pray for all who live with pain, grief, loneliness and hopelessness, for the sick and all who care for them. We pray especially for Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Sharron de Battista, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Beris Hannam, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Allan Rose, Beryl Kirby, Anne Rose and Candice Pearce ... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer*]. In the darkness of pain, give comfort; where there is despair, give hope; where there is grief, give consolation. May we who have received your light, live so others may see your light. Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all faithfulness, we give you thanks for your faithful servants of every age: for Simeon and Anna and all who have recognized your Son as the Light of the World and for all whose lives have shone with the radiance of your light. We pray for the recently departed Shirley Perkins and all whose anniversary of death we remember this week: Wilby Milburn, Alice Hughes (27th); John Dixon (28th); Elise Stock (29th) Derrick Davies, William Sherwood, Lilliam McLachlan (30th); Edie Hannam, Vera Robinette, Lewis Nyman, Rex Collette (31st); Leonard Lang (2nd January). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** With these and with all who have passed through the shadow of death, may we too come to dwell for ever in the glory of your presence. 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.**

It is the custom of our church to invite all baptised communicant members of other Christian traditions to share the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper with us. Non-Communicants are invited to come and receive a blessing.

NOTICES:

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 **as we cannot access any withdrawals from Trust accounts as it is for maintenance only and not for ministry and daily running cost.** Our costs have been cut to the very minimum and are being adjusted downwards as far as we can possibly take them.

Kilmore Community Garden: Our Parish is proud to be part of this project to enable them to use some of our land at Christ Church for community use. Their next meeting will be the 13th January 2021.

Church cleaning at Christ Church: Thank you to all who were involved in the cleaning of the church in the past years. Please let us know if you wish to continue to be rostered for dusting and vacuuming for 2021.

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 our Parish. Please deliver it to the Rectory, it will be distributed every Friday morning.

PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK

Op Shop will reopen on Friday 8th January 202. We are putting all preparation and procedures in place for the Op Shop to open safely.

Next Sunday 3rd January: Second Sunday after Christmas		
Christ Church, Kilmore	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew's, Broadford	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration, Pyalong	No Service till further notice	

Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 78.1 – 30	Ps 119.153 – 176
28 th December	Genesis 37.13 – 20	Isaiah 61
	1 Peter 4.12 – 19	Titus 3
Tuesday	Ps 145	Ps 147
29 th December	Isaiah 30.15 – 28	Isaiah 62
	John 1.35 – 51	Ephesians 1.1 – 14
Wednesday	Ps 148; 149	Ps 144; 150
30 th December	Isaiah 30.29 – 31.9	Isaiah 63.1 – 9
	John 2.1 – 12	Ephesians 1.15 – 23
Thursday New Year's Eve	Ps 83.1 – 8	Ps 11
31 st December	Isaiah 31	Isaiah 65.17 – 25
	John 2.13 – 25	Luke 21.25 – 36
Friday New Year's Day	Ps 113	Ps 115
1 st January	Genesis 17.1 – 13	Exodus 3.13 – 17
	Colossians 3.12 – 17	Colossians 2.8 – 15
Saturday	Ps 5; 6	Ps 19
2 nd January	Isaiah 32	2 Samuel 22.47 – 51
	John 3.1 – 21	Romans 15.8 – 21

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Love in Action thank you all for your ongoing support.

Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday 31st January 2021 at Christ Church, Kilmore at 10.00am for the service followed by the APM.

Op Shop Opening date: Friday 8th January 2021

Monday 4th 09.00am – 3.00pm Cleaning and opening for
Donations only

Tuesday 5th 09.00am – 3.00pm Donations only

Thursday 7th 09.00am – 3.00pm Drop off and sorting

Trading:

Friday 8th 10.00am – 4.00pm

Saturday 9th 10.00am – 12.00 noon

**A Blessed 2021
to all of our parish
families and your
love-ones.**