



**Anglican Parish of Kilmore,
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

20th December 2020

O' Love that will not let me go...



*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 you mask on during the service and remove only on receiving communion.** Our service starts on page 119 of A Prayer Book for Australia*

Hymns: 161; 307; 526; 283

Sentence: This child will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.
Luke 1.32–33

The lighting of the Fourth Advent candle:

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle: to you be praise and glory forever. Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of blessed Mary; grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like her for the coming of your Son, who is the Lord and Saviour of all. **Blessed be God for ever.**

God our Father, the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she was to be the mother of your Son. Though Mary was afraid, she responded to your call with joy. Help us, whom you call to serve you, to share like her in your great work of bringing to our world your love and healing. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

Invitation to Confession

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Silence may be kept

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith. *Silence is Kept.* **Merciful God, our maker ... (p 120 APBA)**

THE COLLECT

Gracious God, whose eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will: prepare our hearts for his coming again and keep us steadfast in hope, that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom; for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Second book of Samuel Chapter 7.1 – 11,16

¹ Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² the king said to the prophet Nathan, ‘See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.’ ³ Nathan said to the king, ‘Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.’ ⁴ But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵ Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord : Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷ Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’ ⁸ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant

David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹ and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

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

Silence may follow each reading

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 89.1 – 4, 19 – 27

Said: I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses

¹ Lord, I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses: my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations. ² I have said of your loving-kindness that it is built for ever: you have established your faithfulness in the heavens. ³ The Lord said ‘I have made a covenant with my chosen: I have sworn an oath to my servant David. ⁴ ‘I will establish your line for ever: and build up your throne for all generations.’... **I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses**

¹⁹ You spoke once in a vision: and said to your faithful one, ²⁰ ‘I have set a youth above a warrior: I have exalted a young man out of the people. ²¹ ‘I have found my servant David: and anointed him with my holy oil. ²² ‘My hand shall uphold him: and my arm shall strengthen him. ²³ ‘No enemy shall deceive him: nor shall the wicked hurt him... **I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses**

²⁴ ‘I will crush his adversaries before him: and strike down those that hate him. ²⁵ ‘My faithfulness and loving-kindness shall be with him: and through my name his head shall be lifted high. ²⁶ ‘I will set the hand of his dominion upon the Western Sea: and his right hand shall stretch to the streams of Mesopotamia. ²⁷ ‘He will call to me “You are my Father: my God, and the Rock of my salvation.”... **I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses**

Silence may follow each reading

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans Chapter 16.25 – 27

²⁵ Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷ to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

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

Silence may follow each reading

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke Chapter 1.26 – 38

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵ The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸ Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray:

As Mary waits for the birth of her child, so we wait, O God, for the time of your coming, for you call us, too, to bring the Saviour to the world.

We pray for your world, for the poor and the hungry, the captive and the weak and all who wait to hear your good news of peace. May the seeds of your Spirit in us bring forth justice, so that all may share together in the wealth of your creation. Jesus, son of woman, **be born in us.**

We pray for your church, for Philip, our Archbishop and Clarence, our Bishop, for all who wait expectantly for your coming, to hear the good news that salvation is at hand. May the seeds of your Spirit in us bring forth faithfulness, so that we may show your saving grace to people everywhere. Jesus, son of woman, **be born in us.**

We pray for our community, for the forgotten and marginalized and for all who wait to hear your message of goodwill. May the seeds of your Spirit in us bring forth love, so that we may bring acceptance and reconciliation to those with whom we live and work. Jesus, son of woman, **be born in us.**

We pray for all in need, for the sick and the sorrowing and for all who wait to hear the good news of solace and healing. We pray especially for Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Sharron de Battista, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Shirley Perkins, 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*]. May the seeds of your Spirit in us bring forth compassion, so that we may bring care and comfort to those who suffer. Jesus, son of woman, **be born in us.**

We give you thanks for your faithful people, for all whose lives have borne the fruit of your Spirit, especially for Mary of Nazareth, those of this parish and all whom we hold dear. The recently departed Kathy Slade, and those remember this week: William Mandel, Neville Payne, Ian Poulter (20th); Kevin Elson, McGregor Kean, Edie Pattinson, Rick Calliste (23rd); Edna Moore, Kathy Hincks, John Kirby (24th); Christine Marshall, Alan Tomlinson (25th). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** May we, with Mary and all the saints, rejoice in God our Saviour, for we too have found favour with God, our God who delight to dwell with us. Jesus, son of woman, **be born in us.**

In a time of silence let us pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... (pause) Jesus, son of woman, **be born in us.**

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

Thursday 24th December 11.30am – Eucharist at Caladenia RACF

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 27th December: First Sunday after Christmas		
Isaiah 61.10 – 62.3; Ps 148; Galatians 4.4 – 7; Luke 2.22 – 40		
Christ Church, Kilmore	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew's, Broadford		No Service
St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.30am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration, Pyalong	No Service till further notice	

Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 121; 122; 123	Ps 119.129 – 152
21 st December	Isaiah 26.1 – 19	Isaiah 57.14 – 21
	Mark 12.28 – 40	Revelation 21.9 – 21
Tuesday	Ps 118.1 – 18	Ps 118.19 – 29; 120
22 nd December	Isaiah 27.2 – 13	Isaiah 58
	Mark 12.41 – 13.13	Revelation 21.22 – 22.5
Wednesday	Ps 124; 125; 126	Ps 127; 128; 129
23 rd December	Isaiah 28.1 – 13	Isaiah 59.1 – 15a
	Mark 13.14 – 37	Revelation 22.6 – 13
Thursday Christmas Eve	Ps 130; 131; 133	Ps 85
24 th December	Isaiah 28.14 – 29	Isaiah 33.17 – 22
	Galatians 3.23 – 4.7	Revelation 22.14 – 21
Friday Christmas Day	Ps 132.10 – 18	Ps 138
25 th December	Micah 4.1 – 8	Micah 5.2 – 5a
	Matthew 1.18 – 2.6	1 John 4.7 – 21
Saturday	Ps 137.1 – 6; 138	Ps 139
26 th December	Isaiah 29.1 – 12	Isaiah 60.1 – 11
	Acts 6.1 – 7; 7.1 – 47	Titus 1

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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.

Christmas Services December 2020

20th December - 4th Sunday in Advent.

09.00am Holy Eucharist – Christ Church, Kilmore

11.00am Holy Eucharist – St Matthew’s, Broadford

20th December – 05.00 pm Carols and Lessons in the Carpark
St Matthew’s, Broadford

24th December – Christmas Eve

11.30 pm Midnight Mass Broadford

25th December – Christmas Day

09.00am Holy Eucharist – Christ Church, Kilmore

27th December – Sunday after Christmas

10.00am Holy Eucharist – Christ Church, Kilmore

11.30am Holy Eucharist – St Stephen’s, Tallarook

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