



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

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**LOVE**



*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 check in with the QR code provided. 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: 161; 526; 316; 301 (265 for the lighting of the candle)**

*The lighting of the fourth Advent candle:*

Celebrant: Love never ends. We light the candle of love to remind us that Jesus brings us God's love and shows us how to love others. (the candle of love is lit)

Synaxis: Love is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle, we celebrate the love we find in Jesus Christ.

Let us pray: **Thank you God for the love you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your love with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

*(The congregation sings the 5<sup>th</sup> verse and chorus of Hymn 265)*

**Sentence:**

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. *Luke 1.45*

**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, you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son: as we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah Chapter 5.2 – 5a

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she

who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>5</sup> and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

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

*Silence may follow each reading*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Song of Mary**

**Said: My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord: my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant: from this day all generations will call me blessed. The Almighty has done great things for me: and holy is his name. God has mercy on those who fear him: from generation to generation. **My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour**

The Lord has shown strength with his arm: and scattered the proud in their conceit, Casting down the mighty from their thrones: and lifting up the lowly. God has filled the hungry with good things: and sent the rich away empty. He has come to the aid of his servant Israel: to remember the promise of mercy, The promise made to our forebears: to Abraham and his children for ever. **My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour**

*Silence may follow each reading.*

### **SECOND READING**

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews Chapter 10.5 – 10

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; <sup>6</sup> in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God” (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’ <sup>8</sup> When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and

burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

*Silence may follow each reading.*

### **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

Come, Emmanuel, God's presence among us, our King, our Judge: save us, Lord our God! Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke Chapter 1.39 – 45

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

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

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

*Silence may follow each reading.*

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Let us pray: A woman waits for the birth of her first child. Tenderly and lovingly she prepares a welcoming place for this new life. We, too, would prepare for this coming birth.

O God, we bring to you our prayers for your world. You laboured and brought forth and called the fruit of your labour good: help us, too, to cherish your creation. May your new life in us be brought to birth in justice and righteousness, that the earth may be set free from destruction and death and all your people live in freedom, safety and peace. Jesus, son of Mary, **dwelt in us.**

We bring to you our prayers for your church. You brought your church into being and commissioned us to bear your love to the world: help us to be faithful to our calling. May we be aware of the stirrings of new life within, that we may wait in joyful expectation for the mystery of your coming to unfold and proclaim your glory in all the world. Jesus, son of Mary, **dwelt in us.**

We bring to you our prayers for all in need. At your birth there was no room for you and you took your place with the lowly and the poor: help us to find room in our hearts for the lonely and forgotten, the sick and all who suffer. We pray especially for Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Sharron de Battista, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Beryl Kirby, Tom Scrivens, Geoff Kirby, Fiona Mctier, Robert Whalley, Candice Pearce, Russel Taylor, Kate Jessup, Jamie Meyer, David Valentine, Margaret Taylor, Jeanne Jones, Rebecca Wallis and Vince Fazio ... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer.*]. May your presence transform their grief, despair and pain, that they may come to know new dignity, comfort and hope. We give thanks for where healing blessings have been received. Jesus, son of Mary, **dwelt in us.**

We give you thanks for your faithful people of every age in whom you have been pleased to dwell and especially we give you thanks for the trust and obedience of the virgin Mary. We pray for the recently departed baby Dustin Kirby and the children of Devonport, Tasmania and those whom we remember today: Roy Sobey (19<sup>th</sup>); William Mandel, Neville Payne, Ian Poulter (20<sup>th</sup>); Kevin Elson, McGregor Kean, Edie Pattinson, Rick Calliste (23<sup>rd</sup>); Edna Moore, Kathy Hincks, John Kirby (24<sup>th</sup>); Christine Marshall, Alan Tomlinson (25<sup>th</sup>). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** O God, you know that birth is a painful business, sometimes a fearful business; you know that giving birth calls for effort and single-mindedness; help us to give our attention to this coming birth. May we who wait for your coming open to you the dark and secret places of our lives, make a place for your transforming love and rejoice when we recognize your presence. Jesus, son of Mary, **dwelt in us.**

We pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... Jesus, son of Mary, **dwelt 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 of the Lord's Supper with us. Non-Communicants are invited to come and receive a blessing.*

## Notices:

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 OP Shop committee Meeting** at Church-house at 12.30 pm.

**Parish Council meeting Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021** at 7.30pm at Kilmore.

**Direct Debit /EFT Offerings** – Account details: BENDIGO BANK – Account Name ‘Anglican Parish of Kilmore’; BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921. Reference: Offertory

## **PARISH DIARY [Regular Meetings and Events]**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month:** St Matthew’s Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm  
contact Edie Simpson ph. 5784 1246 for details.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month:** Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm

## **PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December      10.00am – 12.00pm Op shop: Trading, Drop off

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December    11.10am – Res Eucharist at Caladenia RACF  
02.10pm – Res Eucharist at Dianella RACF

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December    10.00am – Eucharist at St Matthew’s Broadford  
10.00am – 12.00 Op shop: Trading, Drop off, sorting

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December      10.00am – 04.00pm Op shop: Trading

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December    Op Shop Closed

<b>Next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December: First Sunday after Christmas:</b> 1 Samuel 2.18 – 20, 26; Ps 148; Colossians 3.12 – 17; Luke 2.41 – 52		
Christ Church, Kilmore	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
One Service only		

## Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 114; 115	Ps 116; 117
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 23.8 – 18	Isaiah 51.1 – 10
	Mark 12.13 – 27	Revelation
Tuesday	Ps 121;122; 123	Ps 119.129 – 152
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Isaiah 24.1 – 20	Isaiah 51.11 – 23
	Mark 12.18 – 40	Revelation 21.9 – 21
Wednesday	Ps 118.1 – 18	Ps 118.19 – 29
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Isaiah 24.21 – 25.9	Isaiah 52.1 – 12
	Mark 12.41 – 13.13	Revelation 21.22 – 22.5
Thursday	Ps 124; 125; 126	Ps 127; 128; 129
23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Isaiah 26.1 – 19	Isaiah 52.13 – 53.12
	Mark 13.14 – 37	Revelation 22.6 – 13
Friday	Ps 130; 131; 133	Ps 132
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 27.2 – 13	Isaiah 33.17 – 22
	Galatians 3.23 – 4.7	Revelation 22.14 – 21
Saturday	Ps 132.10 – 18	Ps 138
25 <sup>th</sup> December	Micah 4.1 – 8	Micah 5.2 – 5a
	1 John 4.7 – 21	Matthew 1.18 – 2.6

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## **TO ALL PARISHIONERS**

**Your attention is drawn to the following resolution passed by the Parish Council: -**

**To build a Ambulette Toilet at St Stephen's, Main Road, Tallarook.**

Comments on this proposal may be made by parishioners **in writing** to the Vestry/Parish Secretary, provided such comments are made within the period of exhibition, which must be for at least four (4) consecutive Sundays.

19<sup>th</sup> *Carols and Lessons in Kilmore* 6.00pm (Community Carols)

24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve

11.30 pm **Midnight Mass** Broadford

25<sup>th</sup> December - **Christmas Day**

09.00am Holy Eucharist – Christ Church, Kilmore

26<sup>th</sup> December – First Sunday after Christmas

10.00am Holy Eucharist – Christ Church, Kilmore

**Combined Service Kilmore** (one service only)

**Please support our Christmas Raffle. Three prices on offer \$2 p/ticket or 3 for \$5.**