



Walk in the way of Christ

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

Third Sunday of Advent

11th December 2022



*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. **The service for Holy Eucharist starts on page 119 and that of Morning Prayer on page 19 of A Prayer Book for Australia.***

HYMNS: 264; [265: 3rd verse and chorus: lighting of Candle]; 755; 533; 162

The lighting of the third Advent candle:

God our Father, you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age a son called John. He grew up strong in spirit, prepared the people for the coming of the Lord, and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us, who have been baptized into Christ, to be ready to welcome him into our hearts, and to grow strong

in faith by the power of the Spirit. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.** (*a person lights the candle*)

People of God: return! You are called to be God's own. From the mountains announce the good news. God comes in justice and peace, to all who follow his ways. You are God's children. **Lord, make us one in the peace of Christ today and forever. Amen** (*The congregation sings the 3rd verse and chorus of Hymn 265*)

Sentence:

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. *Mark 1.15*

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.

THE COLLECT

God of all peoples, whose servant John came baptizing and calling for repentance: help us to hear his voice of judgement, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of prophet Isaiah Chapter 35.1 – 10

¹ The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ² it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. ³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in

the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸ A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow each reading.

Responsorial Psalm: Song of Mary

Response: Rejoice 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. **Rejoice 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. **Rejoice in God, my Saviour**

Silence may follow each reading.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of James Chapter 5.7 – 10

⁷ Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow each reading.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 11.2 – 11

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?’ ⁴ Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.’ ⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” ¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray:

The coming of our God is at hand. Come, Jesus, **come and save us.**

We pray for the world, for all places of conflict and strife. We pray for the peoples of Ukraine, Russia, Syria, Palestine, Israel, Afghanistan, Yemen, Iran, Somalia, Sri Lanka and Myanmar. When you come, the broken, bleeding lands are healed, places of death blossom with new life. Come, Jesus, **come and save us.**

We pray for your people, for the persecuted and for those without food. When you come, the hungry are fed, the oppressed are set free. Come, Jesus, **come and save us.**

We pray for all people who live without dignity, for all who have no hope. When you come, the poor receive justice and the humble are lifted high. Come, Jesus, **come and save us.**

We pray for all who suffer, for the sick in body or spirit. When you come, the lame walk and the blind receive their sight. We pray especially for Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Beryl Kirby, Geoff Kirby, Fiona Mctier, Robert Whalley, Candice Pearce, Russel Taylor, Kate Jessup, David Valentine, Margaret Taylor, Jeanne Jones, Rebecca Wallis, Colin Jamieson, Alan Rose, Peg Raeburn, Bishop John Parkes, Glenda McDonald, Stan and Edie Simpson, Doreen Armstrong, Rae Sendall, Natalia Apaseray, Alison Mead, Fr Mark Willoszyn and Vince Fazio ... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer*]. We give thanks for where healing blessings have been received. Come, Jesus, **come and save us.**

We pray for the sad and lonely and for all who mourn. We pray for those suffering the devastation of the floods in Mitchell Shire and Victoria and in the rest of Australia. Those suffering the devastation of earthquakes in West Java, Indonesia. When you come, sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Come, Jesus, **come and save us.**

We pray for your church, for all who wait for your coming. We pray for your worldwide church, for Philip, our Archbishop, Clarence, our Bishop and for all clergy and pastors. When you come, we shall see the glory and majesty of our God. Come, Jesus, **come and save us.**

We pray for those who do not know your name. When you come your gospel will be proclaimed to the ends of the earth. Come, Jesus, **come and save us.**

We pray for all who followed you in life and know you now in glory. When you come, may you find us ready to greet you, that, with all your saints, we may be brought to a place of everlasting joy. We remember this week: William Isbister, Grace Patterson, Harry Lazarus (12th); Jane Rasmussen, Robert Freestone (14th); Karen Guinelly (15th); Kenneth Hammond, Silvie Knight (16th); Emmy Marschall, Andrew Bulman, William Potts (17th). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Come, Jesus, **come and save us.**

In a time of silence let us pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... (pause) Come, Jesus, **come and save 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 in the Lord's Supper with us. If you do not wish to share in the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Parents of children should encourage them to fold their arms, if they do not want them to receive the sacrament.

Notices:

Parish BBQ/lunch: We hope to restart our monthly parish BBQ lunch which will be on **Sunday 11th December** in the form of a "bring and share" Lunch at the rectory at 12.30pm.

Parish Council meeting Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 6.30pm at the rectory bring and share as we conclude the years activities.

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]

3rd Tues of the month: St Matthew's Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm
contact Edie Simpson ph. 5784 1246 for details.

PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK

Monday 12th December 10.00am – 12.00pm Op shop: Trading, Drop off

Wednesday 14th December 02.30pm – Res Eucharist Dianella RACF

Thursday 15th December 10.00am – Holy Eucharist St Matthew's Broadford
10.00am – 12.00 Op shop: Trading, Drop off, sorting

Friday 16th December 10.00am – 04.00pm Op shop: Trading
10.30am – Res Eucharist Blue Cross RACF

Saturday 17th December 10.00am – 12.00 noon Op Shop

Next Sunday 18th December: Fourth Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 7.10 – 16; Ps 80.1 – 7, 17 – 19; Romans 1.1 – 7; Matthew 1.18 – 25

Christ Church, Kilmore	09.00am	Morning Prayer
St Matthew, Broadford	09.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephen, Tallarook	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration, Pyalong	11.00am	Holy Eucharist

Daily Readings	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 99; 100	Ps 103
12 th December	Isaiah 10.33 – 11.9	Isaiah 11.10 – 12.6
	Mark 9.2 – 32	Revelation 15
Tuesday	Ps 101; 102.1 – 11	Ps 102.12 – 28
13 th December	Isaiah 13.1 – 13	Isaiah 13.14 – 14.2
	Mark 9.33 – 50	Revelation 16
Wednesday	Ps 108; 109.20 – 30	Ps 119.105 – 128
14 th December	Isaiah 14.3 – 23	Isaiah 14.24 – 32
	Mark 10.1 – 16	Revelation 17
Thursday	Ps 104.1 – 25	Ps 104.26 – 37
15 th December	Isaiah 15	Isaiah 16
	Mark 10.17 – 31	Revelation 18.1 – 10
Friday	Ps 105.1 – 22	Ps 105.23 – 45
16 th December	Isaiah 47.5 – 15	Isaiah 48.14 – 22
	Mark 10.32 – 45	Revelation 18.11 – 24
Saturday	Ps 106.1 – 24	Ps 106.25 – 50
17 th December	Isaiah 17.1 – 11	Isaiah 54
	Mark 10.46 – 11.11	Revelation 19.1 – 10

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God Bless Ukraine

Guard her people

Guide her leaders

And give her peace

For Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

Advent Bible Study on Tuesday 13th December 2022 at 06.30pm with bring and share finger supper. Christ Church, Kilmore.

Op Shop Christmas Special on Friday 16 December and Saturday 17th December 2022, with Sausage sizzle and cool drinks.

Service times for Christmas Season

18th December – 4th Sunday in Advent

05.00 pm Carols and Nine Lessons – Christ Church Kilmore

24th December – Christmas Eve

11.30 pm Midnight Mass Broadford

25th December – Christmas Day

09.00am Holy Eucharist – Christ Church, Kilmore

1st January 2023 – The Epiphany of our Lord

10.00am Holy Eucharist – Christ Church, Kilmore

Combined Service Kilmore (one service only)

The Op shop will be closed from the 23rd December 2022 and only be open from the 9th January 2023.