



Anglican Parish of Kilmore, Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook Third Sunday of Advent

13th 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**

Sentence: Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God. *Isaiah 61.1-2*

The lighting of the Third Advent candle:

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory forever. Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light. May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming kingdom, Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.**

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

Eternal God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son: grant us wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ who is coming in power and glory to establish his rule of peace and justice; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah Chapter 61.1 – 4, 8 – 11

¹ The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. ⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the

former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. ⁸ For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. 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.

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

Silence may follow each reading

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Song of Mary

Said: Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

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.

Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

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.

Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

Silence may follow each reading

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's first Letter to the Thessalonians Chapter 5.12 – 28

¹² But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; ¹³ esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we urge

you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. ¹⁵ See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil. ²³ May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. ²⁵ Beloved, pray for us. ²⁶ Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. ²⁷ I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. ²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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 John Chapter 1.6 – 8, 19 – 28

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, ‘I am not the Messiah.’ ²¹ And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ ²² Then they said to him, ‘Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ ²³ He said, ‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord,”’ as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, ‘Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?’ ²⁶ John answered them, ‘I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.’ ²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray:

O God, for whom we wait and long, we bring to you our prayers for your world and for your church.

Promise of righteousness, come. Feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and hear the cries of all who plead for justice. Come, O God for whom we wait, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Promise of freedom, come. Bring good news of release to the oppressed, free those in chains of misery and despair. Come, O God for whom we wait, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Promise of peace, come. Heal ancient feuds and hatreds and deliver your people from horrors of war. Come, O God for whom we wait, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Promise of forgiveness, come. Look with mercy on our wrong doings and help us to turn from our sinful ways. Come, O God for whom we wait, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Promise of salvation, come. Remember your people, according to your ancient promises, and send your Messiah. Come, O God for whom we wait, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Promise of love, come. Hold in your tender embrace all who are lonely, friendless, forgotten and rejected. Come, O God for whom we wait, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Promise of comfort, come. Bring the balm of your presence to all who know pain, anguish, sorrow or grief. We pray especially for Kathy Slade, 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*]. Come, O God for whom we wait, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Promise of hope, come. Let us see that the time of your coming is near and keep us watchful for your return. Come, O God for whom we wait, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Promise of glory, come. Draw your saints, in this world and the next, into the light of your eternal presence. We pray for the faithful departed we remember this week, Jane Rasmussen, Robert Freestone (14th); Karen Guinelly (15th). Kenneth Hammond, Silvie Knight (16th); Emmy Marschall, Andrew Bulman, William Potts (17th); Jeffrey Morgan, Robert Pratt, Gladys Martin, Elsie Chutter, Dianne Humm (18th); Roy Sobey (19th); Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Come, O God for whom we wait, and, 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) Come, O God for whom we wait, and, 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:

Parish Council meeting our next meeting date is 16th December 2020. Please let us have your reports by Tuesday 15th December.

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 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.

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.

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

Wednesday 16th December 07.00pm Parish Council meeting at Broadford.

Thursday 17th December 10.00am – Eucharist at St Matthew, Broadford

Op Shop meeting on Friday 11th December at 10.00am at Christ Church for all volunteers to discuss preparation and procedures for Op Shop to open. Please pass this message on to ensure all will be present.

Next Sunday 20th December: Fourth Sunday of Advent		
2 Samuel 7.1 – 11,16; Ps 89.1 – 4, 19 – 27; Romans 16.25 – 27; Luke 1.26 – 38		
Christ Church, Kilmore	09.00am	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 108; 109.20 – 30	Ps 119.105 – 128
14 th December	Isaiah 10.33 – 11.9	Isaiah 11.10 – 12.6
	Mark 9.2 – 32	Revelation 15
Tuesday	Ps 104.1 – 25	Ps 104.26 – 37
15 th December	Isaiah 13.1 – 13	Isaiah 13.14 – 14.2
	Mark 9.33 – 50	Revelation 16
Wednesday	Ps 105.1 – 22	Ps 105.23 – 45
16 th December	Isaiah 14.3 – 23	Isaiah 13.14 – 14.2
	Mark 10.1 – 16	Revelation 17
Thursday	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
Friday	Ps 107.1 – 22	Ps 107.23 – 43
18 th December	Isaiah 17.12 – 18.7	Isaiah 55
	Mark 11.12 – 26	Revelation 19.11 – 21
Saturday	Ps 110; 111	Ps 112; 113
19 th December	Isaiah 19.1 – 15	Isaiah 56
	Mark 11.27 – 12.12	Revelation 20.1 – 10

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Love in Action thank you all for your ongoing support.

Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place as soon as the current restrictions allow us to do so. A fourteen-day notice will be given.

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