



The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
19th January 2014
Second Sunday after Epiphany

Hymns: 212, 440, 515, 204



Behold the lamb of God

Introit Hymn

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book

SENTENCE

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *1 Corinthians 1.9*

THE COLLECT

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49. 1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendour.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due to me is in the Lord's hand, and my reward is with my God.' And now the Lord says – he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honoured in the eyes of the and my God has been my strength – he says: 'It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.' This is what the Lord says – the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel – to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: 'Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 40. 1-14

Response: Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad.

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure./R

He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.
Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie./R

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.
How great your designs for us!
There is none that can be compared with you.
If I were to proclaim them and tell of them
they would be more than I am able to express./R

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire but my ears you have opened;
Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required;
then said I: 'Lo, I come.
'In the scroll of the book it is written of me
that I should do your will, O my God;
I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'/R

I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips, and that, O Lord, you know.
Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth
from the great congregation./R

Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord;
let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me,
For innumerable troubles have come about me;
my sins have overtaken me so that I cannot look up;
they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.
Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me./R

SECOND READING

Corinthians 1. 1-9

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way – with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge – God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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In the | Word was life,
and the life was the light | of all people.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1. 29-42

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

You command us, Heavenly Father, through your prophet Isaiah to listen and pay attention, for we wander far away from you. Your Son, our Saviour, has been sent as our light in a dark world.

Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

Father God, you listen to us like you listened to the Psalmists when we sing our songs, cry our laments, and put our trust in your gracious mercy. Help us delight in your will and may we hear your call through the Scriptures, the singing of your

inspired hymns, and the praying of our prayers. When we hear you call, may we walk with you as readily as Andrew and Peter.

Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

We continue our pray for peace in your world, and especially for those involved in the process of reconciliation and bridge building between peoples, cultures or nations; for the cessation of hostilities in Syria, Iraq, South Sudan, and Egypt; for all involved in the political unrest in Thailand. We pray for all innocent victims of violence in war-torn parts of the world; help us wherever and whenever we can in our everyday lives to be instruments of your peace.

Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have called us to be saints together. As we grow in our faith in your Body, the church; we pray for all who minister in your name; for John our Bishop; for our parish; fill us with your spiritual gifts, that we may not be lacking in zeal or courage.

Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

Sovereign Lord, we pray for those communities impacted by the heat wave, suffered through bush fire; we give thanks and pray for all workers and volunteers involved in providing assistance and care in our community.

Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

We bring before you those whom we know need healing, hope, and heavenly help; for the sick and suffering especially the elderly and those in hospital; for the dying and those who care for them. As we name them in our hearts or aloud, touch them, and us with your presence.

Request for prayer from: *Heather Turnbull, Chris Schafer, David Flower, Tom Scrivens, Glen Turnbull, Darren Winfield, Norma Hedley, Justin Quigg, Kelly Quigg, Karen Goodger, Michael Farrell, David Parsons, Matthen, Nicole, Alex Impols, May McCormack, Dawn McCormack, Carol Boase, Lyn Ryan, Linda, Bruce Mitchell, Fr Michael Nelson, Mark Bennetts, Mandy, Seth Gunther, Adrian Walsh, Cliff & Glenda Stomann, Tom, Sandra & Bianca Davidson, Peter Cannon, Alma Smith, Suresh Jain.*

Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

We pray for the recently departed and for those who years mind occurs at this time. Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord; **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Heavenly Father, creator of a universe full of wonder and many still-hidden mysteries. Help us in our modern, sometimes confusing and fast changing world to pause and reflect on your glory and unending grace and hear us as we pray for ourselves hear us as pray as our Lord has taught us; **Our Father ... [pg. 124]**

Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: 19th William Clifton, Sybil Hutchinson, Agnes Gardiner Halpin; 20th Hazel Myers, 21st Lyall Christensen; 22nd Muriel Poulter, Olive Maher; 23rd James Guinelly, Margaret Neaum; 24th Joyce Wilkinson; 25th Ethel Goodman, Heather Dixon, Norman Fagg.

Saint's Days and Holy Days: 21st Agnes martyr at Rome, virgin (d. 304); 22nd Vincent, (deacon and martyr (d. 304); 24th Companions of Paul including Timothy, Titus and Silas.

Reflections on the Readings

Following on from Jesus' baptism, his mission is now proclaimed and affirmed in the readings this week. The prophetic song of Isaiah's servant holds challenging foreshadows of Christ's sacrificial life. The psalmist's commitment to serve God is echoed in Jesus' own ministry, as is God's gifting of followers of Christ in God's church. Finally, as John testifies, Jesus is the one who leads people into transforming encounters with God (baptism in the Holy Spirit) and who is the "Lamb of God" who will be killed for all people. The Scriptures this week hold Christ up for us as the example of one who is called, and one who has responded to that call, and is committed enough to make profound sacrifices in service of God's reign. Like the first disciples, we also find ourselves being called, and needing to respond and commit. Along with the call is God's equipping – the hope of God's ultimate glory (as reflected in the Psalm and Isaiah), the Baptism of the Holy Spirit given by Christ and the gifts God has given to God's church, spoken of by Paul. If God's reign of justice and love is to find a place on the earth, it will be through faithful, sacrificial followers of Christ who have responded willingly to God's call.

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SOUTH SUDAN CONFLICT EMERGENCY APPEAL

On 15 December 2013, fighting broke out between soldiers loyal to both sides in the capital Juba after President Salva Kiir accused the ex-vice President Riek Machar of attempting a coup which he denies. Mr Kiir is from the Dinka community and Mr Machar from the Nuer which has caused the political crisis to take on ethnic undertones. There have been over 1,000 deaths with an estimated 194,000 Internally Displaced People, many seeking refuge in UN camps and also in church compounds.

ABM has been supporting the Relief and Development arm of the Episcopal Church - Sudan Development Relief and Advocacy (SUDRA) - to respond to several resource and conflict-caused emergencies over the past two years since the country voted to be independent of Sudan in January 2011.

We are seeking your support to raise \$50,000 to assist the church to meet urgent needs of displaced and injured people, particularly in Bor Town and nearby areas.

Donations can be made online at: <http://www.abmission.org/southsudan>
OR by filling out the following form:

I would like to help ABM support: SOUTH SUDAN CONFLICT APPEAL

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Please circle Mastercard / Visa / Amex / Diners (min credit card amount \$10)

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Parish.....

Date.....

Send to: Anglican Board of Mission - Australia, Queen Victoria Building, NSW 1230 with your contact details. Donations may also be made by EFT to BSB 032880 and Acc# 130754. Please put your SURNAME and SSUDAN in the message in order for us to identify your contribution.

Note: Please email your details to finance.officer@abm.asn.au so we can issue a receipt if you donate by using EFT.

Notices

Your attention is drawn to the Pastoral letter from Bishop John posted on the notice board.

Retiring Collections & Appeals - Please continue to support the Bishop's NSW Bushfire Appeal & the ABM Philippines Appeal & South Sudan Appeal.

Parish Australia Day BBQ - There will be a 'bring and share' Parish Australia Day BBQ at Caroline's house (20 Chrystobel Way, Kilmore) next Sunday 26th January from 12.30pm. Please bring meat, salads, desserts and something to drink to share. All very welcome!

Parish Directory: The latest version (yellow cover) of the Parish Directory was distributed last Sunday. This will be a draft copy only as there are a couple of omissions (apologies to those affected). If your name and contact details aren't

in the directory, or need to be corrected, please contact Caroline in the next few weeks.

Parish Photos and Articles: To cover the whole parish on our Website, Facebook page and articles for the Advocate, it would be lovely to have someone from each centre to take photos and write articles (or give information) about any newsworthy occasion. If you would like to help out with this or want further information or clarification, please see Caroline.

Annual Reports - The Parish AGM will be held on 9th March 2014. Annual reports need to be prepared and given to Caroline as soon as possible, but by the end of January at the latest (email is preferred, but typed or hand-written acceptable!)

Direct Debit Offerings - Parish Account details: CBA Account Name 'Kilmore Anglican Parish'. BSB 063-698. Account Number 1018 4649.

Parish life this week

Third week of January

Thursday 22nd 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews
 10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade
 4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 23rd 10am - 4pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 24th 10am-12.30pm Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday: 26th January Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9.1-4; Ps 27.1-10; I Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-25

Christ Church	9am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Morning Prayer
St Stephens	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	No service this day

Parish Clergy:

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