

The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta
The Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook



14th February 2016

First Sunday in Lent

Hymns: 211(ii), 131, 573, 684, 591

A warm welcome to everyone, please stay and enjoy hospitality after the service.



Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation for the Easter celebrations. In observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians recall Jesus' withdrawal into the desert for self examination. Lent is traditionally marked by prayer, meditation on scripture, other spiritual exercises and through fasting, both from food and festivities.

Introit Hymn from the red Hymn Book

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,

Whose mercy endures for ever.

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace

A Litany for the beginning of Lent

Jesus invites us to a way of celebration,
meeting and feasting with the humble and poor.

Let us walk his way with joy.

Jesus beckons us to a way of risk, letting go of our security.

Let us walk his way with joy.

Jesus challenges us to listen to the voices of those who have nothing to lose.

Let us walk his way with joy.

Jesus points us to a way of self-giving, where power and status are overturned.

Let us walk his way with joy.

Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross,
where despair is transformed by the promise of new life.

Let us walk his way with joy.

Jesus journeys with us to the dark desert places of our souls

Let us allow Jesus to be our companion now and always.

Lord of all that is silent and all that is spoken, because our lives are full of detail and deadlines, much to be done and little time in which to do it all, we find few moments in which to savour the beauty of the world, to contemplate the fierce endurance of everything that lives, to enter the thin space; that timeless realm of divine mystery which surrounds us, entered only in silence. Yet even we know that this place exists and is close to us, O God, grant us a glimpse of this inner sanctuary, and the desire and calm to dwell there in prayer.

Time of silence

As we begin this journey through Lent, help us to make more time for prayer, for study, and more time for silence, that we may hear your voice in our lives. Open us to hear the words of Jesus in new ways, as they were new to those who first heard them.

Challenge us and renew us in this holy season that we may be worthy to be called your people, and as we journey with you O Lord, grant us peace and be our comfort and guide. Amen.

The Liturgy continues on page 119 green Prayer Book

SENTENCE

Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him. *Luke 4.8*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Let us ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

THE TRIASGION ¶ 10 [Sung]

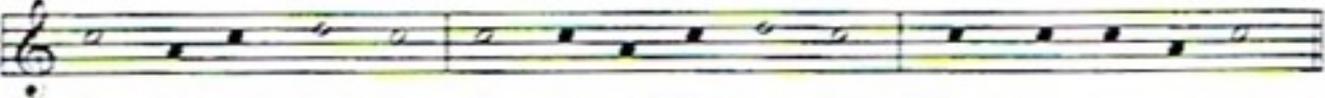
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal have mercy on us.

Cantor:



Ho - ly God.

All:



Ho - ly and migh - ty. Ho - ly and im - mor - tal. Have mer - cy on us.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray; O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

[Instructions to bring the first produce from each crop as a thanksgiving offering to God, and a recognition of God's care, provision and liberation of God's people in the past and the present.]

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

When you have entered the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land that the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name and say to the priest in office at the time, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: 'My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians ill-treated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labour. Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.' Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 91. 1-2, 9-16

[A psalm celebrating God's care and protection of those who dwell in God, and make God's presence their safe refuge.]

Response: You are my God in whom I trust.

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cf. v. 2 You are my God in whom I trust. **Simon Lesley**

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,
my God, in whom I put my trust.'/R

Because you have made the Lord your refuge
and the Most High your stronghold,
There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your tent./R

For he shall give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.
They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone./R

You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
Because they have set their love upon me,
therefore will I deliver them;
I will lift them up, because they know my name./R

They will call upon me and I will answer them;
I am with them in trouble,
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.
With long life will I satisfy them and show them my salvation./R

SECOND READING

Romans 10.4-13

[The message of faith in Christ that ensures that we will never be disgraced, because all who call on God's name are saved.]

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Romans

Paul writes, 'Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: 'The person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that is by faith says: 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the deep?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,' that is,

the message concerning faith that we proclaim: if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.' For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of endless glory!

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One does not live by | bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the | mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Luke 4.1-15

[Jesus is tempted by the devil in the wilderness. He is challenged to turn stones into food, to jump from the top of the temple, and to gain all the world's wealth and glory by bowing to the tempter. But, he resists, using God's word as his guide.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." ' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Commissioning of Revd Maryann Leonard

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Holy God, your son Jesus, in his isolation, was tried and tempted by the forces of evil; grant that we be never ashamed of temptations, rather give us the strength to face them without giving way; help us choose the way of faithfulness rather than popularity, service rather than fame, sacrifice rather than power; in time of need may we know the reassurance that your support is close at hand.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we pray for the whole family of your church; may all your people be built up in faith and show in their lives the love we see in Jesus; help those who lead us in our Lenten disciplines; for John our Bishop; and all priests and deacons; and for our parish; give courage to those who find it hard to follow you; give us vision that leads to action and strengthen us to serve you in the places where we live.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we pray for all in positions of authority and leadership in every nation that they do not misuse their powers but nourish and care for your created world and all peoples; we pray for those living in hunger, poverty and through natural disasters –those suffering from the earthquake in Taipei, all affected by the drought in East Africa, and the 276 detainees under threat of return to Nauru; we thank you for the care and support given by many varied organisations.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we pray for our loved ones, our friends and neighbours; for those who are ill and in pain, longing to live full lives, for those who are sad and hurt in any way; for all in need, for those known to us and those who have requested prayer:

Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Tom Scrivens, Franca Caia, Tom & Sandra Davidson, Bianca Davidson, Jenny Curry, Seth Gunter, Barbara Kaye, Sarah, Lisa, Alex Impols, Elizabeth, Mark Bennetts, Penny, Belinda Shannon, the Bott Family, Bruce Scott, Susan, Jean Evans.

We give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we pray for those saddened by the death of loved ones, for all who mourn; may they know your comfort; we commend to your everlasting love and care those who have died and those years mind occurring at this time;

15th Wilfred Diamond; 16th John Bowen, Bill Brown; 17th Fred Dixon; 18th Mary Dow; 19th Ivor Hitchman.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord; **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May we all come to your eternal transforming joy

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, hear us as we pray for ourselves....., help us to see this time of Lent as an opportunity to develop our discipleship and discipline, and help us to be aware of what we are asking that our prayers may change us also.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, build a road in the deserts of our hearts, O God—a road of worship and thanksgiving—and guide us in our journey of faith in this and every season of our lives, that we might be ever closer to you and to your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Reflection on the readings

What is interesting about the readings for this week is that the focus, rather than being on Jesus' temptation, is on God's care, protection and provision for God's people. When the temptation narrative is placed in that context, our focus shifts dramatically – and importantly – away from fear of failure or succumbing to evil, and on to God's resources that are at our disposal to keep us strong and faithful. With little scratching of the surface, the three temptations of Jesus are no different than the ones we wrestle with in the world today – power and influence, wealth and consumption, personal appetites and greed. Are there any of the big justice issues that don't fall into one of these general categories? But, it is important for us to focus on God's care and protection, or we can easily fall into the trap of fighting this evil on its own terms. Jesus refuses to do so. Trusting in God, and immersing himself in God's word, Jesus simply embraces a different set of values – self-giving, humility and servanthood, fasting and self-control. Even in the big global issues, simply working to create communities of trust in God's ways that live out these alternative values is a significant way to contribute and to push back the forces of evil. The knowledge that it is only “under the shadow of God's wing” that we can hope to face such issues satisfactorily – that the three Lenten disciplines emerge – fasting (to confront our consumption and appetites); giving of time, abilities and resources (to confront our love of power and pride); prayer (to confront our self-dependence and security issues). As individuals, and as faith communities, embracing these practices – not just in Lent – is the easiest way to confront the evil within and without. As Mother Teresa famously said: “It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness.”

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NOTICES

Monthly Parish BBQ TODAY 12.30pm at Caroline Burge's home 20 Chrystobel Way, Kilmore.

Bunnings Craigieburn BBQ Sausage Sizzle Saturday 27th February. Thank you to all who volunteered. The roster for the times is available at the back of the Church - please contact Robyn Whitehouse.

Church4Kids is back 4th Sunday Month 28th February 5.00pm. Christ Church.

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

Parish life this week

Tuesday 16th 1.30pm St Matthew's Friendship Group, Gavan Hall
 5.00pm Bishop in Council Wangaratta

Wednesday 17th 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting Gavan Hall

Thursday 18th 10.00am Eucharist, St Matthew's Broadford
 10.00am Eucharist, Willowmeade
 11.30am Eucharist Caladenia
 4.00pm Eucharist, Dianella

Friday 19th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House
 11.00am Deanery Meeting Seymour

Saturday 20th 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop, Church House

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

21st February 2016 – Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.1-9

Christ Church	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephens	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4.00pm	Holy Eucharist

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