



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta

The Parish of Kilmore

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

12th July 2015

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

HYMNS: 96, 181, 414, 165 [Tune 272]

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



Introit Hymn from the red Hymn Book

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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

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SENTENCE

Who shall stand in the Lord's holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their hands to what is false. *Psalm 24.3–4*

THE COLLECT

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19

[David brings the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem and as the Ark enters Jerusalem, David dances with all his might, but his wife, Michal sees him and despises him for it.]

A reading from the second book of Samuel

David again brought together all the able young men of Israel – thirty thousand. He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the Lord Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with castanets, harps, lyres, tambourines, rattles and cymbals. Now King David was told, ‘The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God.’ So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets. As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart. They brought the ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the Lord. After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord Almighty. Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 24

[A song affirming that the earth is the Lord's, along with all its inhabitants, because God is the one who created it, but only people of purity and integrity are able to enter into God's sanctuary. Then, God is welcomed with open gates.]

Response: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Response John McCann
v. 10b The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glo - ry.

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
For he has founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep./R

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?'
'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;/R

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in./R

'Who is the King of glory?'
'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'
Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in./R

'Who is this King of glory?'
'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory./R

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1.1-14

[God has blessed God's people in Christ, choosing us to be holy and to be adopted as God's children, and bringing us forgiveness through Christ, in whom we have also received an inheritance. God has given us the Holy Spirit as a down payment on this inheritance.]

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Paul writes, 'I Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes | of our hearts,
that we may know the hope to which | God has called us.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 6.14-29

[When Herod hears about Jesus, he thinks John the Baptist, has come back to life. When John's disciples hear of John's death, they take his body and lay it in a tomb.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

King Herod heard of Jesus' miracles and healing and that his name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when

Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

God of hosts, before whom David danced and sang, fill our hearts with such joy of your presence in our lives, that whenever we are confronted by lust, hate, or fear we will have the faith of John the Baptizer; when power threatens and seduces we will trust the wisdom of your Spirit; and when the power of your love is revealed let it be for the good of all people.

God of glory; **hear our prayer.**

God of the faithful we pray for your Church and all who confess your name, that we may be united in love for you and for one another; for all who minister in your name; for the Mission to Seafarers and the chaplains providing support to those who work the seas; for John our Bishop; for our parish and parish clergy that we may faithfully proclaim your gospel in sacrament, word and deed.

God of glory; **hear our prayer.**

God who seeks for peace, we continue our prayer for peace in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen and South Sudan; for a just resolution of the economic situation in Greece; for those refugees and asylum seekers risking their lives for a better future; pray for all refugees held in detention and those in camps around the world, giving thanks for those communities welcoming strangers.

God of glory; **hear our prayer.**

God source of all life we give thanks for all who contribute in various ways to the strengthening of our community; for our politicians and all tasked with leadership that they may serve with honesty and integrity; for families that children may grow in security and love and we pray for children abused and for those who would abuse others.

God of glory; **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we give thanks that in your son you are made known to us; hear us as we pray for all need; for those who are homeless or unemployed and those struggling to meet daily needs; for the sick and sorrowful that they may be comforted and find relief from pain and distress; we pray encouragement for those with anxiety, depression or despair and for those who have lost their way; for the dying and those who wait with them; we pray for for those known to us and those who have requested prayer;

Requests for Prayer: *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Tom Scrivens, Mark Bennetts, Margeurite Kisvardai. Jenny.*

Help us to reach out to those in need to bring comfort, healing and hope, and we give thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

God of glory; **hear our prayer.**

God of glory, you welcome those who have died in the faith into your abiding presence where tears and sorrow are wiped away; we pray for the recently departed, and those years mind we remember at this time;

Year's mind: *12th Harry Wilkie, Margaret Luckie; 13th Jim Still; 14th Mary Chapman, Phillis Climas; 15th Sidney Bradshaw, Benjamin Baines, Olive Shaw, Keith Jenkins; 16th Joseph Heintz; 17th Cassie Scanlon, Pauline Javor; 18th Cecil Lane.*

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

God of glory; **hear our prayer.**

God of glory, hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; gives us freedom to dance for joy of you, sustain us in the complexity of our humanity as you sustained David— playing the harp of youth, throwing stones at giant problems, loving our friends beyond wisdom, dancing worship, mourning children, breaking our hearts in psalms, longing for warmth in our old bones, and be for us our God now and always.

God of glory; **hear our prayer.**

Thanksgiving, blessing and praise be yours, God of the incarnation; because you care for us and for our prayer; may our love for you and our likeness to you be strengthened every time we pray. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love.

Reflections on the Readings

The readings today all reflect what happens when realms clash. In the continuing saga of David, the king brings the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, consolidating his kingdom, but his mocking wife, Michal (King Saul's daughter), finds the expression of his devotion detestable. This psalm celebrates two crucial elements of Israel's religious tradition: the whole creation as the possession of God alone, and the temple as the visible symbol of God's presence within creation. In Ephesians, Paul reflects on God's realm in which both Jew and Gentile are included in Christ, and to know adoption as God's children and the gift of God's Spirit. Finally, in Mark's Gospel, human power clashes with God's power as Herod executes John the Baptist in retaliation for his condemning prophecies. This story of Herod's rash promise to his paramour's daughter, Herodias is as much legend as fact. There is a stark contrast in the readings between human power and God's sovereignty. When human leaders become corrupt and set themselves up as the ultimate absolute authority, as with Saul and Herod, then God raises up prophets to challenge them with truth. The issue is not about how much power we have but how it is exercised for the good of God's reign and God's people; otherwise leaders must expect prophets to come calling.

NOTICES

Parish BBQ 12.30pm TODAY at Beris Hannam's home 37/33 Elms Blvd, Kilmore. Our winter menu will be soups and bakes (quiche, frittata), salads and a dessert. Please bring some to share.

Faith Enhancement Study Group meets 7.00pm this Friday @ 13 The Parade Broadford. If you would like to attend and need transport please contact Fr Kim.

Offering Envelopes there has been a delay in getting new offering envelopes from the printers. We have been provided with blank envelopes to see us through until the new ones arrive. Envelopes in bundles of 6 are available in the narthex.

Request for Prayer List Please provide Fr Kim with names to be added to the list of people requesting prayer. People must have given permission for their names to be listed.

Knitters: If squares, scarves or beanies for the Assumption College winter appeal for St Vincent de Paul have been made, please give to Caroline Burge or leave at Assumption as soon as possible. Thank you so much for your support.

2015 Bishop's Winter Appeal for Anglicare Hume - donations sought to support the programs provided by Anglicare which includes, counselling, emergency food distribution, parish programs and special needs. Donations are tax deductible, provide details if receipt needed.



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