



The Diocese of Wangaratta  
**The Anglican Parish of Kilmore**  
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook  
**29th March 2015**  
**Palm Sunday**



**Hymns: 333, 348, 279, 357**



## **The Palm Sunday Liturgy**

*The community gathers with the children, animals and palms outside in the gardens.*

Grace and peace to you from God.  
**God fill you with truth and joy.**

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the church throughout the world. Christ entered Jerusalem this day in triumph, a triumph that led through suffering and death to resurrection and new life. In faith and love may we follow this messiah, the humble ruler, who comes riding on a donkey.

Let us pray.

*Silence*

God of our salvation, help us to enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts by which you have given us fullness of life; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Sovereign God, for the acts of love by which you have set us free. On this day Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly to suffer and to die and was greeted with branches of palm. Let these branches be for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty. May we who carry them follow Christ in the way of the cross which leads to life; through Christ who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

*Palms are distributed if not already.*

Let us go in peace.

**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

*Hymn 333 for the procession and as we enter the church with the palms*

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 always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

*The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book*

## **SENTENCE**

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2.10-11*

## **THE COLLECT**

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 50.4-9a**

[A prophecy of the obedient servant, beaten and mocked, but vindicated by God.]

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah*

The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**



death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Gradual Hymn 348*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

**Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death  
even death | on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above | every name.

**Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 11. 1-11**

[Jesus makes his entrance into Jerusalem riding a donkey to the cries of the crowd waving palms and spreading their garments on the ground. He then enters the temple and leaves because it was late.]

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Lord Jesus you who disturbs the complacent and the righteous, you come riding on a donkey to usher in God’s new kingdom; people like us raise their branches and voices in celebration of the hope of new life singing, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord”; grant us the grace, to sing and pray with our hearts as well as our lips, and to serve you with our deeds as well as our prayers. **Lord hear us.**

In places where the church celebrates with joy today, where it laughs with little children and praises with elderly saints, where clergy call for hosannas that overflow from every loving heart;

May your kingdom come: **Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

In places where the church gathers in sorrow or fear today, weeping with Christ Jesus for the cross that must be carried in the face of misunderstanding and abuse;

May your kingdom come: **Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

In places where there are small hopes begging to be kept alive, programmes of compassion needing to be supported, and the beginnings of faith requiring recognition and encouragement;

May your kingdom come: **Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

In places where ordinary people are disillusioned when greed and injustice wants the poor and the weak blamed for the deprivations that afflict them;

May your kingdom come: **Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

In places where people are at their wits end, angry or frightened, ready to hit out violently at those around them, or falling into despair and planning to take their own lives;

May your kingdom come: **Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

In places where people suffer with sickness, pain, grief or loneliness;

May your kingdom come: **Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

In places where people cry out in need for prayer especially those known to us and those who have requested prayer ....

**Request for prayer from:** *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Alex Impols, Cathy Moseley, & Melissa & family, Seth Gunther, Cliff & Gwen Stomann, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Tom Scrivens, Jenny Curry, Dianne Mitsakis, Mark Bennetts, Barry Watts, Joan Hiscock.*

We give thanks for healing and blessings where ever received.

May your kingdom come: **Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

In places where the dying and those who wait with them surrender themselves to your love;

May your kingdom come: **Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

For those who have departed this life to enter your nearer presence and those who years mind occurs at this time;

**Year's mind:** *29th Vern Dodge, Joseph Kranz; 30th Margaret Dumaresq; 31st Francis Walker, Bruce Walter, Graeme Martin; April 1st Shannon Burr; 2nd Kelvin Prosser; 3rd Johannes de Niet; 4th Ian Kelm, John Butler.*

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord: **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker, day by day the weary are sustained with your word and we are gently encouraged us to place our trust in you; accept our prayers through him who turns our sorrows into joys and shows us the way of righteousness and peace, and taught us to pray: **Our Father** .....[pg. 124]

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### **Reflections on the Readings**

The archetype of the Fool is an important and subversive one, since the fool, traditionally, was the only person who could speak truth to power. The musical Godspell portrayed this through dressing Jesus in clown make-up and clothing. Rather than being an irreverent and mocking way of thinking of Christ, the fool image is a prophetic and transforming way of encountering Christ's message and work, and this is particularly true as we think of the rather foolish image of a Christ processing into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey – not the most compliant of species at the best of times. What makes this even more subversive and comical is the comparison with the second procession that would have been happening in Jerusalem that day – Pilate, on his white war horse, and his Roman troops arrayed in their best and most intimidating military finery. In Mark's account of this event, the strangeness of the procession is further heightened by the fact that Jesus does not immediately overturn the tables in the Temple. Rather, he simply looks around and leaves – leaving the crowds, perhaps rather bewildered and certainly anti-climactic. It is only the next day, when the “safety in numbers” is no longer there, that Jesus does his work of cleansing the Temple. It is clear that Jesus is working hard here to reveal that God's Reign is present, but to avoid either the excess of a military dictatorship, or the uprising of a bloody and violent revolution (which may well have arisen if he had done his table-turning with the crowds in attendance – in spite of what the other Gospels may say). How willing are we to appear ‘foolish’ in the eyes of the world for the sake of the Gospel, which is actually the wisest way to live? For living in God's Realm offers real strategies for addressing our world's crises, and the seeming wisdom of the world's systems which foster inequality, injustice, climate change, ethnic and religious violence and terrorism. When the simplicity, humility, generosity, compassion, justice, and grace of Christ are fully embraced – as foolish as these qualities may seem in today's competitive world – the impact on our world is life-giving, healing and peace-making.

*Adapted from John van de Laar (2015) [www.sacredise.com](http://www.sacredise.com)*

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### **We Have a King Who Rides a Donkey**

We have a king who rides a donkey, We have a king who rides a donkey,  
We have a king who rides a donkey, We have a king who rides a donkey,  
and his name is Jesus.

*Jesus the King will rise, Jesus the King will rise,  
Jesus the King will rise. Early Easter morning.*

Trees are waving a royal welcome, Trees are waving a royal welcome  
Trees are waving a royal welcome, Trees are waving a royal welcome  
for the king called Jesus. *Chorus*

We have a king who cares for people, We have a king who cares for people,  
We have a king who cares for people, We have a king who cares for people,  
and his name is Jesus. *Chorus*

A loaf and a cup upon the table, A loaf and a cup upon the table,  
A loaf and a cup upon the table, A loaf and a cup upon the table,  
bread-and-wine is Jesus. *Chorus*

We have a king who rides a donkey, We have a king who rides a donkey,  
We have a king who rides a donkey, We have a king who rides a donkey,  
and his name is Jesus. *Chorus*

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## Notices

**Service times for Holy Week** are below in Parish Life this Week.

**Thanks to the Palm Cross crew** including Church4Kids mob who made the Palm Crosses for this morning.

### **Easter Day**

All are welcome to the Parish Breakfast at Christ Church after the 7am Easter Vigil. **Note** there is no service Easter Day at St Matthews Broadford - join with St Stephens Tallarook or Transfiguration Pyalong at 4pm.

**Property Committee Meeting** cancelled because of Holy Week. The next meeting will be 6th May 7.30pm at St Matthews.

**Monthly Parish BBQ** - Next BBQ will be Sunday 12 April 12.30pm at home of Robyn & Len Whitehouse, 4 Kurkurac Court, High Camp. All very welcome. BYO meat, and salads, sweets and drinks to share.

**Confirmation 2015** - There will be a parish confirmation service in September anyone desiring to be confirmed please see Fr Kim.

**Christ Church Op Shop - Situations Vacant** – An energetic person is required for the position of **Op Shop Manager** - responsibility for Op Shop operations, training provided. **Volunteers** required to assist in the Op Shop; variety of positions and times available, training provided. Please contact Fr Kim or Dianne Dixon 5782 1446 for more information.

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

## Parish Life this Week

First week of April - Holy Week

Monday 30th	7.30am Eucharist Christ Church 7.30pm Meditation on Holy Week St Stephens
Tuesday 31st	7.30am Eucharist Christ Church 11.00am Chrism Mass Wangaratta 7.30pm Meditation on Holy Week St Matthews
Wednesday April 1st	7.30am Eucharist Christ Church 10.00am Eucharist Christ Church Seymour 7.30pm Meditation on Holy Week Christ Church
Thursday 2nd	7.30am Eucharist Christ Church 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews 10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade 4.00pm Eucharist Dianella 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy Christ Church 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop Church House
Friday 3rd	9.00am Good Friday Liturgy Christ Church 11.00am Good Friday Liturgy St Matthews 11.00am Good Friday Liturgy St Stephens 4.00pm Good Friday Liturgy Transfiguration Op Shop Church House CLOSED
Saturday 4th	Op Shop Church House CLOSED

### Next Sunday: 5th April 2015 - EASTER DAY

Christ Church	7am	Easter Vigil, Lighting of the new fire
	8am	Parish Breakfast
	9am	First Mass of Easter
St Matthews		No service - combined with St Stephens
St Stephens	11am	Mass of Easter combined with St Matthews
Transfiguration	4pm	Mass of Easter

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