



14th January 2024
Second Sunday After Epiphany



Sentence

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the king of Israel!
(*John 1:41, 49*)

The Collect

Eternal God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, is now exalted as Lord of all, and pours out his gifts upon the Church: grant it that unity which only your Spirit can give, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel, chapter 3, beginning at verse 1.

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, 'Here I am.' And he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.' But Eli said, 'I did not call; go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Again the Lord called, 'Samuel!' And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.' 'My son,' Eli said, 'I did not call; go back and lie down.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. A third time the Lord called, 'Samuel!' And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.' Then Eli realised that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Then Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 139 (said by alternate verses)

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me: you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before.

You discern my path and the places where I rest: you are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue: but you, Lord, know it altogether.

You have encompassed me behind and before: and have laid your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: so high that I cannot endure it.

For you have created my inward parts: you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will praise you, for you are to be feared: fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.

You knew my soul, and my bones were not hidden from you: when I was formed in secret, and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect: and in your book were all my members written;

Day by day they were fashioned: and not one was late in growing.

How deep are your thoughts to me, O God: and how great is the sum of them!

Were I to count them, they are more in number than the sand: were I to come to the end, I would still be with you.

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 6, beginning at verse 12.

'I have the right to do anything,' you say – but not everything is beneficial. 'I have the right to do anything' – but I will not be mastered by anything. You say, 'Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both.' The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, 'The two will become one flesh.' But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are

outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies.
Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Very truly I tell you, you will see greater things than these, when the Son of Man comes in glory.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, 'Follow me.' Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' 'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked. 'Come and see,' said Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, 'Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.' 'How do you know me?' Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, 'I saw you while you were still under the fig-tree before Philip called you.'

Then Nathanael declared, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.' Jesus said, 'You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig-tree. You will see greater things than that.' He then added, 'Very truly I tell you, you will see "heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on" the Son of Man.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the preservation of the earth.

We give thanks for the beauty and abundance of the earth. Give us and all peoples grace to live in harmony with your creation, wisdom and generosity in our use of its bounty. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for peace and shared prosperity.

We give thanks for leaders who serve the common good. Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, that we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our nation.

We give thanks for this land and the diversity of its peoples. Grant that we may so honour one another that all may be enriched by our common heritage and freed from despair, poverty and exclusion. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the Church and its mission.

We give thanks for the good news of salvation for all people. Strengthen us for our work in the world, empower your Church to proclaim the gospel in service, word and sacrament. Unite in the truth all who confess your name, that we may live together in love to your glory. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for ourselves and our community.

We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities in which we live and work. We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbours and our friends. Enable us by your Spirit to live in love for you and for one another. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those in need.

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness. Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble. Give to those who care for them wisdom, patience and gentleness and, to us all, your peace. We remember those who have asked for our prayers: *Gail Piechowiak, Mary Dodge, Lyn Overend, Jonathan and Limor Rose, Jeanne Jones, Bill Edge, Sharon and John Simpson, Anni Grimwade, Madeline Allen, Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Jim Chatz, Barry and Val Watts, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Beryl and Geoff Kirby, Fiona Mctier, David Valentine, Peg and Ken Raeburn, Bishop John Parkes, Edie Simpson, Bruce Seaman, Thomas De Sousa, Mary Cassar, Vince Fazio, and Adeline Bickley.* Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your kingdom. We remember those whose year's mind occurs at this time: *George Glover, Mildred Ollett, Sydney Edge, Jennifer Bruce, Laurel Kennard, William Begley, Bruce Insley,*

Theodore McCall, Olive Pont, Yen Schneider, Ian Myers, William Clifton, Sybil Hutchinson, Agnes Halpin, Allan Pate, Basil Penrose, and Hazel Myers.

Lord, 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.**

Notices

Australia Day Parish BBQ

As is our custom, Australia Day will be celebrated with a Parish BBQ at the home of Caroline Burge on Friday January 26th from midday onwards. Bring and share meat, salads, sweets, wine or soft drink. All very welcome. This will be a time of giving thanks for this wonderful country we live in, and paying respects to the traditional owners of the land in which our Parish lies.

Love in Action

Love in Action wishes to thank the Anglican Parish of Kilmore, Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook for their ongoing support of the struggling families in our area through your weekly food donations and monetary donations towards food items and particularly for your Christmas donations. Families we look after are from all parts of our Parish. We know you see this as part of your action of your Faith and understanding of what it is to give to look after others as Jesus taught us. We appreciate Fr David coming up once a fortnight to help and talk to our people. We rely on your continual support. Some of you prefer to give monetary donations directly into our bank account so we are able to buy what is needed.

Bendigo Bank: A/c: Love in Action Broadford Inc.; BSB 633000, A/c number: 161132725.

Notice of Annual Leave

Fr. David will be away on leave from the 8th to the 25th of January 2024. Services will be lay-led during this time, and any issues, please refer to the Wardens of members of parish council.

Thursdays at St Matthew's

There will be no Thursday masses at St Matthew's Broadford until January 25th 2024.

Aged Care

Aged care services are paused until the first week of February 2024.

Bible Study

Our bible study group is in recess until February. We can continue the Tuesday evenings, but in the new year, we will also be looking towards daytime groups for people who have expressed interest. Stay tuned for more information.

Direct Debit /EFT Offerings – Account details: BENDIGO BANK – Account Name ‘Anglican Parish of Kilmore;’ BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921.

Reference: Offertory. An EFTPOS machine is available at Kilmore.

Next Sunday: Third Sunday After Epiphany: Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

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Online on the website.

Feel free to use the space on the back page to jot down some of your musings, profound or otherwise, that may be helpful to your spiritual nourishment over the course of the next week or so. Feel equally free to ‘compare notes’, that is, share your thoughts with friends and neighbours, either in the context of Sunday worship, or even just over a coffee some time. It helps the Vicar to get his brain droppings on paper every week; he encourages you to try it for yourself.