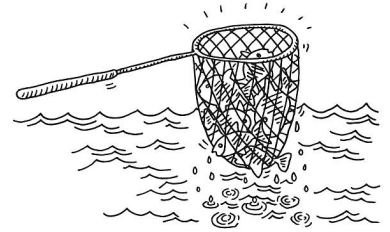




21st January 2024

**Third Sunday After
Epiphany**



Sentence

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel. (*Mark 1:15*)

The Collect

Bountiful God, through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom: teach us, like Christ's first apostles, to hear the call to discipleship, and, forsaking old ways, to proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading

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

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: 'Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.' Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, 'Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.' The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.' When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 62, verses 5 to 12 (said by alternate verses)

Nevertheless, my soul, wait in silence for God: for from him comes my hope.

He only is my rock and my salvation: my strong tower, so that I shall not be moved.

In God is my deliverance and my glory: God is my strong rock and my shelter.

Trust in him at all times, O my people: pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

The children of Adam are but breath, the children of earth are a lie: place them in the scales and they fly upward, they are as light as air.

Put no trust in extortion, do not grow worthless by robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

God has spoken once, twice have I heard him say: that power belongs to God,

That to the Lord belongs a constant goodness: for you reward each one of us according to our works.

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 7, beginning at verse 29.

What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Whoever would be my disciple, let him take up his cross and follow me.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!' As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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: *Lyall Christensen, Peter Salmon, Vicki Drusko, Margaret Newbold, Muriel Poulter, Olive Maher, Warren Davies, James Guinelly, Margaret Neaum, Joyce Wilkinson, Ethel Goodman, Heather Dixon, Norman Fagg, Jessie Smith, Marie Lyons, Douglas Hall, Digger Forwood, Alan McLay, and Edna Pearce.*

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: Fourth Sunday After Epiphany: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Ps 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

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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.