



18th June 2023
Third Sunday After
Pentecost



Hymns: 575 567 535 569

Sentence

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God my Saviour.

The Collect

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption; for you live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis 18, verses 1 to 15.

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my

husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116, verses 1-7

R: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous.

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. ...**R**

Then I called on the name of the Lord, "O Lord, I pray, save my life!" Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is merciful. The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you. ...**R**

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans, chapter 5, verses 1 to 11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ask the Lord to send out labourers into his harvest.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 9, beginning at the 35th verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the People

Gracious God, Lord of the Harvest, you sent your Son to raise up and care for labourers in your fields; hear the prayers we ask in his name.

We pray for the nations of the world: for your people who daily face conflict and oppression; for those who live in poverty and deprivation; for leaders of nations, for all who govern and for those who administer the law. Equip us for your service, and send us out to labour for you, that we may work for a world of righteousness and peace.

Lord of the Harvest, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your worldwide church: for the leaders of churches and ecumenical councils; for missionaries, evangelists and chaplains; and for all who work to bring your gospel to others. We pray for Geoff, our Primate; Philip, our Archbishop; Clarence, our Bishop; and David, our parish priest. Equip us for your service, and send us out to labour for you, that we may help to proclaim to the world the good news of your reign.

Lord of the Harvest, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community and for all whom we love: for those without food and those with nowhere to live; for those without work and those with too little rest; for civic authorities, welfare agencies, and all working to provide aid to the needy. Equip us for your service, and send us out to labour for you, that we may work to create a more just and compassionate society.

Lord of the Harvest, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in trouble or distress: for those without the support of friends or family; for the sick and the dying and those who mourn; for medical staff and pastoral workers and for all who care for the suffering.

We pray especially for *Madeline Allen, Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Gwen Bushell, Debbie, Chilcott, Beryl and Geoff Kirby, Fiona Mctier, Robert Whalley, Russel Taylor, David Valentine, Margaret Taylor, Peg and Ken Raeburn, Bishop John Parkes, Glenda McDonald, Edie Simpson, Bruce Seaman, Thomas De Sousa, Mary Cassar, Joan Grimwade, Vince Fazio, and Adeline Bickley.* Equip us for your service, and send us out to labour for you, that we may bring comfort to the sad, healing to the sick, and new hope to those in despair.

Lord of the Harvest, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died in the faith: for those of every generation who have laboured faithfully to bring in your harvest; for those who have been the community

of faith in this place. We pray for the repose of the soul of Bessie Evans, and we remember those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

Adam McLeod, Lorna Cockroft, Stuart Hicks, Eileen Hall, Reginald Dyer, Fenley McDonald, Leonard Elson, Charles Hoad, Alex Gibson, Harold Smith, John Battman, Raymond Evans, Helen Shiel, Lorraine Terrill, and Arthur Winnell.

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

Equip us for your service, that we also may labour for you, and bring us home, with all the saints, to share in the glory of your everlasting reign.

Lord of the Harvest, 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

Parish Council

Parish Council will meet this Tuesday June 20th at 7.30pm at Kilmore.

Outreach Think Tank

In the interest of making new inroads into the community, it would be good to start establishing a think tank and/or prayer group for generating ideas, discerning gifts and helping Fr. David to network with existing community groups. For example, an art group, meditation, connecting with schools. If you would like to be a part of this think tank, please email rector@anglicankilmore.org.au.

Prayer List

If you know of someone who is in need of prayer for any reason, please let Fr. David know so that they can be put on the parish prayer list.

Pastoral Visiting

If you know of someone who could use a visit from a priest, e.g. illness, loneliness, grief, spiritual counselling, preparation for baptism or confirmation, please let Fr. David know. Call 0439 288 070.

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.

This Week in the Parish:

Monday 19th June: 10am-12pm Op Shop Trading

Tuesday 20th June: 7.30pm Parish Council

Wednesday 21st June: 2.30pm: Dianella RACF Service

Thursday 22nd June: 10am Mass, St Matthew's Broadford

10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Friday 23rd June: 10.30am: Blue Cross RACF Service

10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Saturday 24th June: 10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Next Sunday 25th June: Fourth Sunday After Pentecost: Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 10:24-39		
Christ Church, Kilmore	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew's, Broadford	9.00am	Morning Prayer
St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration, Pyalong	----	No service

Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 110; 111	Ps 112: 113
19 th June	1 Samuel 14:52-15:16	Sirach 7: 18-36
	Acts 9: 32-43	2 Corinthians 11:7-15
Tuesday	Ps 114; 115	Ps 116; 117
20 th June	1 Samuel 15:17-35	Sirach 10:12-28
	Acts 10:1-16	2 Corinthians 11:16-29

Wednesday	Ps 121; 122; 123	Ps 119:129-152
21 st June	1 Samuel 16	Sirach 11:15-28
	Acts 10:17-33	2 Corinthians 11:30-12:5
Thursday	Ps 118: 1-18	Ps 118:19-29; 120
22 nd June	1 Samuel 17:1-23	Sirach 14:20-15:8
Alban, first British martyr	Acts 10:34-48	2 Corinthians 12:6-13
Friday	Ps 124; 125; 126	Ps 127; 128; 129
23 rd June	1 Samuel 17:24-40	Sirach 15:9-20
	Acts 11:1-18	2 Corinthians 12:14-21
Saturday	Ps 50:1-15	Ps 71
24 th June	Judges 13:2-7,21-25	Malachi 3:1-6
Birth of John the Baptist	Luke 12:49-59	Matthew 11:2-19

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Thoughts for the Week:

They say it takes a village to raise a child. But I'd like to ask: who raises the village? It's a conundrum we face in the modern world. Human society was meant to exist primarily in small, dispersed communities, and yet as the world gets faster, bigger, more advanced, we feel like we need to start making larger communities. Cities, both physical and digital, and their respective crowds become increasingly attractive. To an extent. But globalisation is not the be-all and end-all. Villages and village mentality has not slipped out of our DNA. We just have this generation now that doesn't know how to reconcile village mentality with this desire to globalise. Young people are moving out of rural settings to be closer to the noise and the action and activity of urban hubs. They have lost the desire to settle in villages for fear of being cut off or isolated. And yet, the irony is, the closer we get to big cities, the greater the sensation, nay the sting, of loneliness. Our heart is in the village. We just don't know how to admit it. In a sense, parishes and faith communities are an answer to this silent call of the village. They encourage communal contemplative prayer, leading to localised, considered social action. It's not just the fact of groups being formed, it's the purpose and mantra of these groups. We all have different gifts, and part of the discontent of abandoning the village for the city is that people develop a dichotomy between paid jobs and volunteering. Villages, however, nurture this paradigm of vocation, which is an admittedly uncomfortable blend of the two. But sticking with one's sense of vocation, regardless of whether it's religious or not, is finding one's purpose, finding how one can truly serve one's neighbours, and fill that distinct void we think we can escape through our urban (mis)adventures. It does indeed take a village to raise a child, but likewise does it take a child to raise a village. In other words, our place as faith communities is to instil a love of vocation in the people we serve, particularly the young, who are so quick to dash to the city in search of work. What are we actually doing to build up our youth's desire to serve others, rather than leaving them to pursue a primal but fleeting interest to follow bright lights, sadly like a moth to a flame?