



27th August 2023
Thirteenth Sunday After
Pentecost



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Sentence

Martha said, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'*(John 11:27)*

The Collect

O God, fount of all wisdom, in the humble witness of the apostle Peter you have shown the foundation of our faith: give us the light of your Spirit, that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus, chapter 1, beginning at verse 8.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.' Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him.

'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 124

R: Our help is in the name of the Lord

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side —let Israel now say— if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; **R...**

then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters. **R...**

Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. **R...**

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans, chapter 12, beginning at verse 1.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus said: you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 15, beginning at the 10th verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the People

Lord, you turned Simon Peter from stumbling stone into the rock on which to build your Church; touch and strengthen our ordinary lives so that we too might edify your presence in this world.

We pray for all who toil on the land; for farmers, their work and their wellbeing. May their harvests be plentiful and their hearts full of your love and patience. We pray too for environmental protection, and concerted action to mitigate climate change. May we treasure and nurture the land with which you have blessed us.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for peace in our time; for nations around the world that are riven by conflict, corruption and greed; for wise and responsible leaders to be upheld around the world; for the preservation of indigenous cultures and reconciliation with our First Peoples; for an end to racism and all forms of discrimination.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the poor and needy; for those who have no food or shelter, those who are unemployed, those who are facing burnout, physically, mentally or spiritually; for the lonely, the unloved and the depressed. May we reach out to your forgotten children, and may they open their hearts to you, as you open yours to them.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those seeking healing, wholeness and redemption in their lives; for the sick, the hospitalised, victims of trauma and mental disorder, and those in the throes of despair. Lighten their burdens and bring relief to their pain. We pray especially for those known to us: *Father John Young, Jeanne Jones, Michelle Peponas, Bill Edge, Sharon and John Simpson, Anni Grimwade, Madeline Allen, Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Beryl and Geoff Kirby, Fiona Mctier, Russel Taylor, David Valentine, Margaret Taylor, Peg and Ken Raeburn, Bishop John Parkes, Glenda McDonald, Edie Simpson, Bruce Seaman, Thomas De Sousa, Mary Cassar, Vince Fazio, and Adeline Bickley.*

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the faithful departed, that their souls may find rest in the heavenly kingdom; bless all who mourn the loss of loved ones, and comfort them with the promise of eternal life. We remember those whose year's mind occurs at this time: *Brian Wright, Gayle Witty, Leslie Gullifer, Edward Elleray, Lily Smith,*

Anthony Zammit, William Balderson, Thomas Hannam, Peter Wallder, Trevor Johnson, Gayle Zolnierczyk.

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

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

Bible Study

Our next Bible Study session is Tuesday 29th August, at 7.30pm, at Christ Church Kilmore. All are welcome to join, as we start our journey through Jeremiah.

Safe Church Protocols

The Diocese need to keep their Safe Church registers updated for auditing purposes, so if you are a volunteer who has undertaken the Safe Church training, could you make sure that either Caroline or Fr. David have copies of your WWCC and Police Check by the end of August.

Love in Action

This week, Love in Action is seeking goods for Father's Day. We assist a number of single dads and homeless men, and we'd love to be able to give them a small gift, such as coffee cups, chocolates, licorice, etc. If we could get these ASAP, or alternatively, you can make a donation to the following account:

Love in Action Broadford, BSB: 633000, Acc. No.: 161132725.

Wanted – CD Player and Remote Control

Does anyone have a CD player with remote control they no longer use? If so, Christ Church would love to take it off your hands. Please contact Caroline Burge if you can help out. The CD player needs to have the red and white ports in the back of it, to plug into the new sound system. Thank you.

Hakuna Matata Children's Choir

We have been offered the prospect of the Hakuna Matata children's choir from Kenya performing at Christ Church, most likely some time in February 2024. They contribute to the welfare of orphans in Africa as they tour Australia. This will only be possible if we are able to find ways to accommodate the 15 young members and

their 4 guardians over the weekend in which they perform. If you would be willing to help with accommodation, or have ideas as to how we might achieve this, please contact Fr. David.

Combined Diocesan Clergy Conference

Fr. David will be away in Melbourne from Monday 4th September to Thursday 7th September, joining clergy from the Wangaratta and Riverina Dioceses on their combined conference.

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 28th August: 10am-12pm Op Shop Trading

Tuesday 29th August: 7.30pm Bible Study, Christ Church Kilmore

Wednesday 30th August: 2:30pm Dianella RACF Service

Thursday 31st August: 10am Mass, St Matthew’s Broadford

10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Friday 1st September: 10.30am: Blue Cross RACF Service

10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Saturday 2nd September: 10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Next Sunday 3rd September: Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost: Exodus 3:1-15;		
Christ Church, Kilmore	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew’s, Broadford	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephen’s, Tallarook	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration, Pyalong	---	---

Weekly Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday 28th August	Ps 143; 146	Ps 119:153-176
<i>Augustine of Hippo</i>	2 Samuel 24:1-14	Job 1
	Acts 21:1-14	Romans 14:13-23
Tuesday 29th August	Ps 145	Ps 147
<i>Death of John the Baptist</i>	2 Samuel 24:15-25	Job 2
	Acts 21:15-26	Romans 15:1-13
Wednesday 30th August	Ps 148; 149	Ps 144; 150
	1 Kings 1:1-31	Job 3
	Acts 21:27-39	Romans 15:14-21
Thursday 31st August	Ps 83:1-18	Ps 109:1-19
<i>John Bunyan</i>	1 Kings 1:32-53	Job 4
<i>Aidan of Lindisfarne</i>	Acts 21:40-22:16	Romans 15:22-33
Friday 1st September	Ps 1; 2	Ps 3; 4
	1 Kings 2:1-12	Job 5:1-16
	Acts 22:17-30	Romans 16:1-16
Saturday 2nd September	Ps 126	Ps 116
<i>New Guinea Martyrs</i>	Wisdom 3:1-9	Jeremiah 15:15-21
	Revelation 6:9-11	2 Corinthians 6:1-10

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or you can type in Anglican Parish of Kilmore Facebook into the search bar and it should come up. It's also on the link Services Online on the website.

Thoughts for the Week

How is one meant to find comfort in the uncomfortable? They say Christianity is meant to comfort the upset, and upset the comfortable. Believers know this to be true of the faith. But religion, however, the sanctioned expression and practice of the faith, is quantifiably uncomfortable. People don't like you talking about Jesus. Or if they do, they certainly don't like you talking about God. He's the one that makes all the bad things happen, remember? Like tsunamis and cancer. The truth is that God weaves the patterns of life; he can't micromanage the pattern, or it will stop tessellating or fitting together. Biology is the uncomfortable bit, not God. If you put two genetic codes together in certain conditions, you will get an outcome that is not always favourable by human standards. You can't have a being in a static state, or it stops being 'of God'; only humans can make robots. God deals in a different kind of perfection, not associated with automata. Another uncomfortable bit is the fact that humans could actually manage unfavourable situations, but either choose not to out of spite or laziness, or they put a whopping great price tag on the potential management plan. Billionaires together could end food shortages in developing nations, but they choose not to. One finds comfort in the discomfort (read: intangibility) of God, because the alternative is even more uncomfortable: human ignorance. That's the best the secular, so-called post-Christian world has to look forward to: discord, apathy, egotism, and an economy based on cost-counting and profit, rather than equitable distribution of resources. But of course, people don't like to hear about this, because (surprise!) they start to feel guilty. And nobody likes to feel guilt. But it is our duty as Christians to be constructive, diligent and discerning with people's guilt; helping them towards a point of repentance and renewal, rather than holding it against them. Their iteration of God might do the latter, but the one true God always seeks after the former.