



4th June 2023

Trinity Sunday

Hymns: 449 453 547 560

Sentence

The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed, “the Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.”
Exodus 34:6

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus chapter 34, verses 1 to 8

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain. No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain.’ So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the

Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, 'The Lord .' The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed, 'The Lord , the Lord , a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.' And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth, and worshipped.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Song of the Three Young Men 29 – 34

R: Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, the God of our forebears: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. Blessed is your holy and glorious name: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. Blessed are you, glorious in your holy temple: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever...**R**

Blessed are you who behold the depths: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. Blessed are you in the heights of heaven: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever...**R**

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's second Letter to the Corinthians chapter 13, verses 11 to 13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 28, beginning at the 16th verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the People

Blessed are you, O God, for you abound in mercy for your people; hear the prayers we bring for your world and your church.

Blessed are you, O God, our Creator. For you have brought to birth a universe of beauty and splendour. We pray for the safety and preservation of the earth; for peace in our time; for justice and reconciliation for our First Peoples; for integrity

and wisdom in all who govern. Look with compassion on your creation and teach us how to live as one, as you are one with the Son and Spirit.

Triune God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Blessed are you, O God our Redeemer. For your love and forgiveness are steadfast and sure. We pray for the church: for disciples across the world, and those who disciple them; for the newly baptised and confirmed, and those seeking to be so; and for all who struggle with their faith, or influences that draw them away from it. We pray for Geoff, our Primate; Philip, our Archbishop; and Clarence, our Bishop. Grant them wisdom and discernment in their ministry. Forgive divisions and discord in your Church, and teach us to live as one, as you are one with the Son and Spirit.

Triune God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Blessed are you, O God our Comforter, for you are with us always, in times of sorrow and times of joy. We pray for all in need: for all who grieve the loss of loved ones; for the sad, the lonely, and the unloved; for those in pain of body or anguish of mind; and for all who seek to give comfort, hope and relief. We pray especially for *Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Gwen Bushell, Debbie, Chilcott, Beryl and Geoff Kirby, Fiona Mctier, Robert Whalley, Candice Pearce, 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.*

Keep company with those who suffer and teach us to live as one, as you are one with the Son and Spirit.

Triune God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Blessed are you, O God, Creator, Redeemer and Comforter, for you bring your people from death to everlasting life. We give thanks for all who have died in the faith: for prophets, martyrs, teachers and evangelists; for those who have taken your gospel to the ends of the earth. We pray for those who have lost their lives

through tragedy and misadventure; for those whose death comes as release from suffering; and those who have died not knowing the fullness of your love.

We remember those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

Tom Dorrón, Ann Johnson, Herbert Chapman, Ivy Sobey, Violet White, Thomas Hannam, Fiona Hill, Wilfred Horwood, Phillip Downie, Jack Pontin, Margaret Austin, Alan Winnell, Greg Potts, Winifred Barber, Alan Busch and Joan Hiscock.

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

Teach us to follow you in obedience and trust, that we may come, with all your saints, to live as one, as you are one with the Son and Spirit.

Triune God, 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

Diocesan Synod 2023

Thank you to our representatives who attended Synod over the weekend. Please continue to pray for the governance of this Diocese and for those being elected to new responsibilities this year.

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.

Twelve Angry Jurors

This is the last week to catch Fr. David performing with the Shepparton Theatre Arts Group in their production of 'Twelve Angry Jurors'. Thursday 8th June to Saturday 10th June. Tickets available online at <https://www.stagtheatre.com>.

The Op Shop needs volunteers on Mondays: Please let Kathy Cassar know if you are willing to assist on Monday mornings 9.00am - 12.30pm.

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 5th June: 10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Wednesday 7th June: 2.30pm: Dianella RACF Service

Thursday 8th June: 10am: Eucharist, St Matthew's Broadford (Corpus Christi)

10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Friday 9th June: 10.30am: Blue Cross RACF Service

10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

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

Next Sunday 11th June – Pentecost 2: 1 Samuel 8: 4-20; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5.1; Mark 3:20-35		
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 this week

Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 82; 84	Ps 85; 87
5 th June	1 Samuel 1:1-20	Proverbs 1:1-19
Boniface of Mainz, bishop and martyr	Acts 4:5-22	1 Corinthians 16:1-12
Tuesday	Ps 86	Ps 88
6 th June	1 Samuel 1:21-2:11	Proverbs 1:20-33
	Acts 4:23-31	1 Corinthians 16:13-24
Wednesday	Ps 90	Ps 119:89-104
7 th June	1 Samuel 2:12-26	Proverbs 2
	Acts 4:32-5:11	2 Corinthians 1:1-11
Thursday	Ps 89:1-18	Ps 89:19-38
8 th June	1 Samuel 2:27-36	Proverbs 3:1-18
Corpus Christi	Acts 5:12-26	2 Corinthians 1:12-22
Friday	Ps 89:39-53	Ps 91
9 th June	1 Samuel 3:1-4:1	Proverbs 3: 19-36
Columba of Iona, abbot and missionary	Acts 5:27-42	2 Corinthians 1:23-2:11
Saturday	Ps 92; 93	Ps 94
10 th June	1 Samuel 4:1-22	Proverbs 4:1-19
	Acts 6:1-7	2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6

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Thoughts for the Week:

The doctrine of the Trinity remains a mystery to this day, even to lifelong Christians. We can tie ourselves up in (Celtic) knots figuring out the pragmatics of HOW it works. But at the end of the day, I feel it's better to think more about WHY it works. God didn't make the Trinity, God IS the Trinity. That is, he is innately community. His very being is a relationship. Why? Because God is innately love, and for love to exist, which we know it does by virtue of human experience, a relationship needs to exist. But for God to be perfect love, he needs something even beyond himself to project or demonstrate that love towards. He needs the Other. So he made an Other. And that's us. We are the recipient of God's affections and attention, in the hope that we will come to reciprocate. Unrequited love is not perfect, but then neither is love that is forced; God does not seek to tie us down and make us see things his way. That would be an abusive relationship, and would rob us of the very dignity otherwise afforded us by grace. And yet God still needs us as an outlet for his love. Like a courting gentleman, he hopes that his advances may sway our interest. For if we love God, we too become innately community. Innately interconnected at a profound level. Not all of us hear or see God's advances at the same time, or in the same way. We have different likes, dislikes, expectations, qualms; but the love of God differs from the capricious love of man in that it affirms who we are. God knows we are the Other, the last vital piece in establishing his true nature. He wants to show us that, as much as he wants to show us himself. So he reveals through the Son and empowers through the Spirit, the love of the Father that created us. As such, the WHY of the Trinity is to build us up in that same understanding of community that constantly seeks the Other. We were created not to be needy lovers, but inquisitive ones, just as God is inquisitive about us. He wants to know the YOU that he made you to be, not the YOU the world defines without your consent. Seek out the lover who lifts you up, not the one who stifles you; the one who reveals what he knows, rather than conceals what you don't.