



**15<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**Twentieth Sunday After**  
**Pentecost**



**Hymns: 445 453 551 456**

**Sentence**

This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. (*Isaiah 25:9*)

**The Collect**

Saving and healing God, you have promised that those who have died with Christ shall live with him: grant us grace to be continually thankful for all you have done for us, and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve and live for others, so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**First Reading**

*A reading from the book of Exodus, chapter 32, beginning at verse 1.*

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' The Lord said to Moses, 'I

have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.' But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." ' And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*Hear the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 106*

**R: Happy are they who do the will of the Lord.**

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever. Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise? Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times. **R...**

Remember me, O Lord, when you show favour to your people; help me when you deliver them; that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage. **R...**

Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly. Our ancestors, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wonderful works; they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love, but rebelled against the Most High at the Red Sea. **R...**

Yet he saved them for his name's sake, so that he might make known his mighty power. He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry; he led them through the deep as through a desert. So he saved them from the hand of the foe, and delivered them from the hand of the enemy. **R...**

## Second Reading

*A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians, chapter 4, beginning at verse 1.*

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia (yoo-O-di-a) and I urge Syntyche (SIN-te-kee) to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Hear the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Many hearts are called to the wedding banquet, but few are ready to receive the benefits of the feast.

**Alleluia!**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 22, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those

slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

*For the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### Prayers of the People

Generous God, we ask you to hear the cries of your people in distress.

Bring peace to warring factions in Israel and the Middle East, and protect children and families affected by the conflict. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Repair and safeguard the lives and fortunes of asylum seekers, victims of disaster, famine and poverty. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Guide leaders of the world to wise and selfless decisions for the people to whom they are accountable, and chasten those who stray towards egotism and vanity. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring this community together to embody the extravagant charity and creativity you call us to reflect and encourage. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reveal your saving love and life-giving Spirit to children, that they might teach their parents to better know and respect their Creator. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us to seek out not only those in material poverty, but those also in spiritual poverty, so that together we all might follow your Way and avoid destructive life choices. Lord, hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We bring before you those who have asked our prayers for your healing, grace and mercy: *Jonathan and Limor Rose, Jeanne Jones, Michelle Peponas, 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, Russel Taylor, David Valentine, Margaret Taylor, Peg and Ken Raeburn, Bishop John Parkes, Edie Simpson, Bruce Seaman, Thomas De Sousa, Mary Cassar, Vince Fazio, and Adeline Bickley.* Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bless the dying, give rest to those souls that have gone before us, and comfort the bereaved. We pray for the soul and family of Ray Daly, and those whose year's mind occurs at this time: *Bernie Castles, Herbie Chapman, Edith Rae, Katherine Jones, John Gardner, Glen Newlyn, James Humphries, Percival Bradshaw, Dorothy Loft, Donald Roberts, Robert Hannam, Edward Howes, Evelyn Williams, Harold Walton and Joan Collett.* Lord, hear us. **Lord, 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 Directory.**

Each centre of Kilmore, Broadford, Tallarook and Pyalong have been given a draft copy of the latest Parish Directory. Please can you check your details today and amend or add as required. Please make any amendments in the draft copy or email to me ([carolineburge@carolineburge.com](mailto:carolineburge@carolineburge.com)) It is hoped that once the final additions are completed then copies will be made for all parishioners by November.

### **Open-Air Diocesan Season of Creation Service**

This will take place on Saturday 28th October at Bishop's Lodge, Wangaratta at 10.30am. It is planned that 23 Seville Orange Trees representing the 23 Pastoral Charges of our Diocese will be planted. It would be great to have members of our parish there to witness 'our' tree being planted. RSVP's are requested by the Diocese by 24th October, either to Caroline Burge (who will RSVP on your behalf); by ringing the Diocesan Office 5721 3484; or by clicking on the QR code on the poster on our Parish Website.

### **Melbourne Cup Luncheon**

On Melbourne Cup Day (Tuesday 7th November) there will be a bring and share Parish Melbourne Cup "Chicken and Champagne" fundraising luncheon at Caroline Burge's house, from midday. Entry by donation and there will be a sweep stake on the race. Money raised will go towards ABM (Anglican Board of Mission). If you are unable to attend but would still like to donate to ABM, please put your donation in an envelope and give to Caroline, or bank it direction into our Parish Account and ensure that the deposit name is "ABM donation". Suggestions for the lunch: hot or cold chicken salad; cold meat platters, cheese platters, salads, sweets, casseroles, wine or soft drink. RSVP's aren't essential as it is bring and share, but numbers might be helpful for seating purposes. If you would like to donate a prize for the sweep stakes, please let Caroline know.

## 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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> October:** 10am-12pm Op Shop Trading  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October:** 1pm: Caladenia RACF service  
2.30pm: Dianella RACF service  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October:** 10am Mass, St Matthew's Broadford  
10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October:** 10.30am: Blue Cross RACF service  
10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading  
**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October:** 10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

<b>Next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost:</b> Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-33		
Christ Church, Kilmore	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew's, Broadford	11.00am	Morning Prayer
St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration, Pyalong	---	---

### Weekly Scripture Readings

	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Ps 105:1-22	Ps 105:23-45
<i>Hugh Latimer &amp; Nicholas Ridley</i>	2 Kings 2:1-14	Job 34:16-37

	Matthew 13:18-30	1 Peter 1:1-9
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Ps 106:1-24	Ps 106:25-50
<i>Ignatius of Antioch</i>	2 Kings 2:15-3:3	Job 35:1-36:4
	Matthew 13:18-30	1 Peter: 10-17
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Ps 103	Ps 22:23-32
<i>St. Luke</i>	Isaiah 55	Sirach 38:1-14
	2 Timothy 3:10-4:8	Colossians 4:7-18
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Ps 110; 111	Ps 112; 113
<i>Henry Martyn</i>	2 Kings 4:1-17	Job 36:5-21
	Matthew 13:44-58	1 Peter 2:4-10
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Ps 114; 115	Ps 116; 117
	2 Kings 4:18-37	Job 37:5-24
	Matthew 14:1-21	1 Peter 2:11-17
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Ps 121; 122; 123	Ps 119:129-152
	2 Kings 4:38-5:14	Job 38:1-18
	Matthew 14:22-36	1 Peter 2:18-25

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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**

We are quick to make judgments. The part of our brain that looks for bruises on apples at the supermarket tends to the same part we use when engaging with others. But like with apples, we can over- or underestimate appearances. Sometimes the apple bruises in transit when carrying it home. Sometimes the outer skin is flawless, but the inside is floury, bitter or even rotten. Before making judgments, make sure to read all possible sides of a person or situation. Get to know someone's mode of thinking, and you will get an idea of their values and motivations. Watch how they treat those in authority, those of different cultural background, those of different sex; those above and those below, so to speak. Narcissists will be charmers, trying to get everyone on side, worming their way into 'helpful' positions, or roles that theoretically command respect. But they are fragile people, given they are accustomed to getting their own way through natural 'gift of the gab'. Watch how they deal with awkwardness and faux pas, and you will get an insight into their true nature. The reddest, shiniest apples will often bruise easily, or even harbour a worm. Sometimes it pays to get to know a citrus fruit instead; thicker skin, harder to unpack, but get a good one, and it will be juicy, delicious and refreshing by comparison.