



22nd October 2023
Twenty-First Sunday After
Pentecost



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Sentence

Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God, the things that are God's.
(*Matthew 22:21*)

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: grant that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in proclaiming the Cross to be the way that leads to life eternal; 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 33, beginning at verse 12.

Moses said to the Lord, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight." Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.' He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.'

The Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.' Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The Lord"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But', he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' And the Lord continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 99

R: The Lord our God is holy indeed

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! **R...**

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! **R...**

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them. He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them. **R...**

O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy. **R...**

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians, chapter 1, beginning at the first verse.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Our God is not a God of the dead, but of the living.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 22, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. The same day some Sadducees came to him, saying there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question, saying, 'Teacher, Moses said, "If a man dies childless, his brother shall marry the widow, and raise up children for his brother." Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married, and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother. The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh. Last of all, the woman herself died. In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her.' Jesus answered them, 'You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is God not of the dead, but of the living.' And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.

For the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the People

Merciful God, we bring you the innermost prayers of our hearts.

Help us to listen to the groaning of nature, and give us wisdom and patience to care for the earth's resources. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Protect children in areas that are ravaged by war, and strengthen the bonds of family, even across nations. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Refresh and revive your holy church, and draw the lost away from corrupting influences into your saving presence. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open the hearts of the exorbitantly rich and selfish to address financial crises that continue to plague each passing generation. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help those who are overworked and unfulfilled to find not only a job, but a vocation that nourishes their spirit. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Enable those whose lives are marred by addiction or mental illness to find and receive the help they need. 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 Lorraine Kemp, and those whose year's mind occurs at this time: *Clifford Adamson, David Hunter, Barry Clifton, Millicent Harwod, John Fyfe, Lorraine Drew, Frederick Lang, Allan Ramage, Ted Emmerson, Barry Noonan, Mary Still, Debra Siphthorp, Valerie Peterson, Gweneth Edwards, Rita Still, Nellie Holcomb, Frederick Wickham and Jack Gray.* 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

Bible Study

Our next bible study session is Tuesday October 24th, from 7.30pm, at Christ Church. Come join us as we continue our journey through the book of Jeremiah.

Funeral

The funeral of Lorraine Kemp will take place at Christ Church on Thursday October 26th at 11am. As such, there will be no Mass at Broadford on that day.

Combined Service

Next Sunday, October 29th, we will have a combined Parish Mass at Christ Church Kilmore at 10am. This is due to roadblocks in Broadford making the church rather inaccessible on that day. All are welcome to join us at Christ Church at 10am.

All Souls Day

There will be a service of Blessing of the Graves at Broadford Cemetery on Thursday November 2nd, at 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend and pray for those loved ones we have lost over the last 12 months. BYO folding/camping chair is advised.

Christ Church Rosters

The rosters at Christ Church need renewing. Rosters include Reading, Welcoming, Morning Tea and Dusting (dusters very much needed, as roster very short). And if you have the time, then the Church grounds would welcome a tidy up - the Memorial Garden (between the church and the Rectory) are in need of some TLC for anyone willing to take this on. Please contact Caroline as soon as possible.

Working Bee at Christ Church

We have been informed by the Shire Council that we need to get rid of the Shipping Container off our property. This will need to be cleaned out. If anyone would like to organise a working bee, please let Caroline know.

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) 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.

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 23rd October: 10am-12pm Op Shop Trading

Wednesday 25th October: 2.30pm: Dianella RACF service

Thursday 26th October: 11am Funeral, Christ Church Kilmore
NO Mass at Broadford
10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Friday 27th October: 10.30am: Blue Cross RACF service
10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Saturday 28th October: 10.30am Tree Planting, Bishops Lodge
10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

Next Sunday 29th October: Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13; Matthew 22:34-46		
Christ Church, Kilmore	10.00am	Combined Service
St Matthew’s, Broadford	---	---
St Stephen’s, Tallarook	---	---
Transfiguration, Pyalong	---	---

Weekly Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday 23rd October	Ps 124; 125; 126	Ps 127; 128; 129
<i>James, brother of Our Lord</i>	2 Kings 5:15-27	Job 38:19-38
	Matthew 15:1-20	1 Peter 3:1-7
Tuesday 24th October	Ps 130; 131; 133	Ps 132; 134
<i>United Nations</i>	2 Kings 6:8-23	Job 38:39-39:12
	Matthew 15:21-39	1 Peter 3:8-16
Wednesday 25th October	Ps 135	Ps 136
	2 Kings 6:24-7:2	Job 39:13-30
	Matthew 16:1-12	1 Peter 3:17-4:2
Thursday 26th October	Ps 137:1-9; 138	Ps 139
	2 Kings 7:3-20	Job 40:1-14
	Matthew 16:13-28	1 Peter 4:3-11
Friday 27th October	Ps 140	Ps 141; 142
	2 Kings 8:1-15	Job 40:15-41:11
	Matthew 17:1-13	1 Peter 4:12-19
Saturday 28th October	Ps 125; 126	Ps 116
	Jeremiah 3:11-18	1 Maccabees 2:42-66
	Ephesians 2:11-22	John 14:15-26

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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

I recently heard a preacher say, 'don't tell jokes in your sermons, or no one will take you seriously'. I'm afraid I beg to differ. Granted, comic timing is not everyone's forte, but I believe the best sermons start with a laugh and end with pin-drop silence. Humour, well-used, is a leveller of priest and people, or even Christian and non-believer. Preachers shouldn't be afraid to show the kind of humanity that Jesus showed. That is, a desire to have one's mind set on divine things, but one's conscience set on the salvation of mankind. Don't be so pious that you forget the point of religion: it's not about you, it's about the Other. And communication with the Other is an emotional and linguistic dynamic, rather than pure theory. God smiles when we get others to smile.