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## THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

a journey through Advent and Christmas



1st Eucharist of Fr Alan Smith

Church of the Resurrection  
Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup>, 10.30 am  
St Paul's, Gisborne  
Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 am

*The Parish of Gisborne would like to acknowledge that we meet on Kulin Nation country.  
We pay our respects to Kulin Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect  
to any First Nations people who are present today.*

*We acknowledge that Aboriginal sovereignty has not been ceded.  
The Parish of Gisborne is committed to being a Child Safe organisation.*



## The Gathering of God's People

*The congregation gather around the table.*

*The ministers, having already entered stand and call the people to worship.*

Come people of God and worship.

**Let us together walk the path of peace**

God awakens us from our slumber.

**Let us all be ready to worship our God.**

*The community sit in silence. Quietly we meditate.*

*It may be helpful to close our eyes and listen to our breathing.*

*A useful phrase may include saying to yourself, "Come, Lord Jesus."*

*A period of quiet music may be played to bring our minds back into the space that is our community.*

*The Wardens escort Neo-Presbyter Fr Alan Smith to stand before the altar.*

*They present Fr Alan to the Vicar, Fr Dennis saying:*

Dennis, Vicar of the Parish of Gisborne,

we present to you Alan Smith,

duly ordained and licensed as Assistant Curate in the Parish of Gisborne.

*Fr Dennis replies*

My brother Alan, it is good for you to be here.

I rejoice in at your ordination, and now welcome you here as you share in the cure of souls as entrusted to me by the Archbishop.

The Lord preserve your going out and coming in from this time and forever more. Amen.

*Fr Alan replies*

May the Lord give me grace and guidance as I work with the people of this Parish as Assistant Priest.

*Whilst being acclaimed by the people, Fr Dennis takes Alan by hand and leads him behind the Altar.*

*Alan offers incense as a thanksgiving.*

*The Presiding Priest [Fr Alan] invites all to stand and says:*

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed is our God now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden;  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
so that we may truly love you  
and worthily praise your holy name;  
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

### The Confession and Coming of Light

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

cf 1 Corinthians 4.5

Heavenly Father,  
you have created a universe of light: forgive us when we return to darkness.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,  
you are the light of the world: cleanse and heal our blinded sight.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit,  
you give us light in our hearts: renew us in faith and love.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
✠ forgive your sins  
and make you holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Advent Candle is lit:*

People of God: awake!

**The day is coming soon  
when we shall see God face to face.**

Remember the ways and the works of God.

**God calls you out of darkness  
to walk in the light of his coming.**

You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ today and for ever.**

The Collect of the Day

Eternal God,

through long generations you prepared a way

for the coming of your Son,

and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths:

renew us in faith and hope

that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts

and claim our love;

to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

As we prepare to hear God's Holy Word through the Scriptures

**open our hearts and minds, Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

The Ministry of the Word

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*At the end of the reading, the reader says:*

May your word live in us

**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19

***Turn us again, O God;***

***show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.***

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you that led Joseph like a flock;  
Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,  
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.  
Stir up your mighty strength  
and come to our salvation.

***Turn us again, O God;***

***show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.***

O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?  
You feed them with the bread of tears;  
you give them abundance of tears to drink.  
You have made us the derision of our neighbours  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

***Turn us again, O God;***

***show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.***

Let those who burnt it with fire, who cut it down,  
perish at the rebuke of your countenance.  
Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand,  
the son of man you made so strong for yourself.  
And so will we not go back from you;  
give us life, and we shall call upon your name.

***Turn us again, O God;***

***show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.***

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Jesus said, "About that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert!

**Alleluia!**

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 13,  
beginning at the twenty fourth verse.

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

Jesus continued: “But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

*After the Gospel is proclaimed:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Breaking Open the Word

Affirmation of Faith

*Where possible, we stand.*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

cf Ephesians 3

### The Ministry of Prayer

*Please kneel or be seated.*

We wait for the Shepherd of Israel to come to save us.  
Come, Jesus, from your heavenly dwelling place,  
come, and let us see your face;  
come, and in your mercy,  
**Save your people.**

We pray for the peoples of the world.  
Teach us to share justly the resources of the earth,  
that we may live in harmony with your creation  
and at peace with one another.  
Come, Jesus, and make known your mighty deeds;  
come, and in your mercy,  
**Save your people.**

We pray for your church, your clergy and people.  
Teach us to turn from all that is evil and welcome You to our hearts,  
that at your coming we may stand blameless before you.  
Come, Jesus, and rekindle our faith and  
strengthen our will:  
come, and in your mercy,  
**Save your people.**

We pray for this community, and for all whom we hold dear.  
Teach us your ways of gentleness, unselfishness,  
forgiveness and care, that we may live and work  
together in love for one another.  
Come Jesus, and let your light shine upon us;  
come, and in your mercy,  
**Save your people.**

We pray for all in sorrow, grief, pain or despair.  
Teach us to trust in your unfailing kindness,  
that we may bear our troubles with courage

and uphold others in their times of adversity.  
Come, Jesus, and bring healing and hope to your people;  
come, and in your mercy,

**Save your people.**

We give thanks for your servants of every time and place.  
Teach us to follow their example of faithfulness,  
that at your coming we too may be ready and go joyfully to meet you.  
Come, Jesus, and gather your elect into your presence;  
come, and in your mercy,

**Save your people.**

We wait for the Holy One of God to come in glory.  
Come, Jesus, from your heavenly dwelling place,  
come, and let us see your face;  
come, and in your mercy,

**Save your people.**

Almighty God,  
you have promised to hear our prayers:  
**grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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### The Greeting of Peace

*Please stand.*

May the God of peace make you completely holy,  
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### Preparation of the Table

*A collection for the work of the Church is taken. Bread and wine are prepared for our participation as guests at the Lord's Table.*

### Offertory Prayers

As this bread was scattered  
and then gathered and made one,  
so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.

**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

Wisdom has built her a house;  
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world  
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,  
we now watch for the day

when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven

to proclaim your glory

for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues...*

Mystery of Faith:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

Acclamation

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion  
We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

The Fraction

Jesus, Lamb of God  
**have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
**have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, redeemer of the world:  
**grant us your peace.**

The Invitation to Communion  
Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.  
All are welcome at his supper. Come

*A reminder that during this time of pandemic, communion is administered in one kind only.*

Post Communion Devotions

With love and compassion,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**  
With judgement and mercy,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**  
In power and glory,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**  
In wisdom and truth,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

The Blessing and Sending Out  
May God the Father, judge all-merciful,  
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. **Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power,  
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,  
joyful in hope and constant in love. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God most loving:  
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

### The Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### SERVICES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Wednesday 10 am Communion, St Paul's Gisborne  
Saturday Evening, 5.30 p.m. Communion, St John's, Riddells Creek  
Sunday Morning, 9 am The Eucharist, St Paul's Gisborne  
Sunday Morning, 10.30 am The Eucharist, Church of the Resurrection

BOOKINGS ARE DESIRABLE

[www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au/Emmaus](http://www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au/Emmaus)

### Services going forward

There are a few changes effective next Sunday.



Attendance: St Paul's: Maximum 30

St John's: maximum 25

Church of the Resurrection: maximum 70, plus 5 in the sanctuary.

Bookings: Still book – we still need to keep a record of attendance.

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to check in using a QR code on your phone. Once you've done this, it will

be like a comfy cardigan going forward. You must check in or book prior to each service. Pen and paper will still be available to use.

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