

Anglican Parish of Gisborne



Scar of Bethlehem
Walled Off Hotel,
Jerusalem
Banksy



Christmas I

December 29th 2019

Church of the Resurrection, Macedon

10 am

*The Parish of Gisborne acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land,
the peoples of the Kulin Nations,
and we pay our respects to their elders, living, past and emerging.*

The Parish of Gisborne is committed to being a Child Safe organisation.

WELCOME

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone who joins us for worship. Whether you are a visitor or a regular parishioner of the Anglican Church, you are invited to join us in Holy Communion. Please make yourself known to us and if you would like more information about our community and ministry, then please take a copy of our welcome brochure, visit our website or ask one of our sidespersons.

Today's worship:

On the front cover is Banksy's latest work from the Walled Off Hotel of Jerusalem. Made of fragments of the dividing wall, the gunshot scar on the wall (which was built to promote harmony between Palestine and Israel) represents the star shining over the nativity scene of Mary and Joseph. Needless to say, this image has caused 'great offence' in some parts of all three of the Abrahamic faiths. I wonder, looking at it, "Why?" Is this representation reminding us of the ongoing violence and injustices being perpetuated in the Holy Land today any worse than the slaughter of the Holy Innocents featured in today's gospel? It would seem to me that the prophecy of Jeremiah of voices weeping in Ramah is still being played out today, and that the rest of the world, paralysed by fear of offending is unable to bring comfort. Jesus also lamented *Jerusalem, Jerusalem....* If only we could bring to life Psalm 122:6-9 and in praying for Jerusalem bring prosperity, peace and security between her walls.

This Sunday:

Isaiah 63.7-9, Psalm 148
Hebrews 2.10-18; Matthew 2.13-23

Next Sunday: Epiphany

Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-7,10-14
Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

Parish Fire Policy:

If a **CODE RED** day is declared [this is the most extreme rating] and this occurs on a Saturday or Sunday – then please note that all services and/or parish activities will be cancelled on that day.

This policy will also apply during the week and to all our centres. For other fire danger ratings, it is important that everyone implement their own fire plan.

Your own fire plan must always take precedence even if you are on a rostered duty.

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The Gathering of God's People

Unto us a boy is born!
King of all creation,
came he to a world forlorn,
the Lord of every nation.

Herod then with fear was filled:
"A prince," he said, "in Jewry!"
All the little boys he killed
at Bethlem in his fury.

Cradled in a stall was he
with sleepy cows and asses;
but the very beasts could see
that he us all surpasses.

Now may Mary's son, who came
so long ago to love us,
lead us all with hearts aflame
unto the joys above us.

Omega and Alpha he!
Let the organ thunder,
while the choir with peals of glee
now rends the air asunder.

TIS 293
Anon., Latin 15th century
tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936) alt.

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

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Presider welcomes the people

Let us attend to our own worthiness to come into God's house with joy and praise.

Christ, made visible in the flesh –
we acknowledge our sins of deed and omission.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, justified by the Spirit –
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts and minds

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Christ, proclaimed to the nations –
empower us to take your message of love to all the world.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us,

✠ forgive us our sins,

and lead us into the eternal light of salvation. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect (prayer) of the Day

Let us pray:

God of all grace,
you have chosen us in Christ to be your people.
Teach us the ways of your wisdom,
that the word of Christ may dwell in us,
the peace of Christ rule our hearts
and the love of Christ bind us together
in a harmony of gratitude and praise.
We ask this in the name of Christ,
who is one with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

As we prepare to hear God's Holy Word through the scriptures,
open our hearts and minds, Lord. Amen.

All sit for the Reading from the Old Testament or as appointed.

Isaiah 63.7-9

After each reading the reader may say,

May your word live in us
and bear much fruit to your glory.

The Reading from the New Testament (other than from the gospels).

Hebrews 2.10-18

Gradual Hymn (please stand)

Glory to God above!
Heavens declare his love;
praise him, you angels,
praise him all you high and heavenly host.
Worship him sun and moon;
stars complement their tune
grounded in God's good purpose
let his grace become your boast.
O sing hallelujah, and praise God for ever more!

Glory to God below,
let depths of ocean show,
lightning and hail, snow, wind
and cloud perform at his command!
Let every mountain range,
forest and grove and grange,
creatures of earth and air and sea
praise God in every land.
O sing hallelujah, and praise God for ever more!

'Glory to God your King!'
leaders and people sing;
women and men of every age unite to praise the Lord.
Worship God's holy name
and let your lives proclaim
God's saving power extends
to those who love and serve his word
O sing hallelujah, and praise God for ever, evermore!

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Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading.

The deacon or other reader may say

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Luke 3.41-52

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel, the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking Open the Word

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church.

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

The Prayers of the People

At the end of the prayers, we are invited to pray together:

**Gracious God,
bestir your people
to sing the angels' song of glory
and actively to seek
the peace which they proclaimed,
so that you may be truly glorified.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The prayer folder may be placed on the altar as a sign of our prayers offered to God.

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

And also with you.

We share a sign of peace with one another.

The Offertory

Child in the manger,
infant of Mary;
outcast and stranger,
Lord of all!
Child who inherits
all our transgressions,
all our demerits
on him fall.

Once the most holy
child of salvation
gentle and lowly
lived below;
now, as our glorious
mighty Redeemer,
see him victorious
over each foe.

Prophets foretold him,
infant of wonder;
angels behold him
on his throne;
worthy our Saviour
of all their praises;
happy for ever
are his own.

TIS 319

Mary Macdonald (1789-1872)

tr. Lachlan Macbean (1853-1931) alt.

With this bread that we bring

we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring

we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body,

wine for his blood,

gifts from God to his table we bring.

Eternal God,

in the Word made flesh

you joined together heaven and earth.

Make us holy by sharing in this table

and make us joyful in giving you praise.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

We direct our Prayers to God in Jesus's name.

We lift our hearts to you,

God eternal, good and faithful;

to you we offer thanks and praise

in the name of Jesus Christ.

We celebrate the wonder of the Incarnation,

by which our human state

is freed from its ancient earthly destiny

and raised up in Christ to a new and heavenly birth.

And so with boundless joy,

your Church is untied to the praises of heaven

as we praise you holy name and sing:

The ancient song of praise:

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.

Our thanksgiving continues

God of the feast, your household is hungry
for the bread of heaven and the cup of life.
Send your Spirit on us and on our celebration,
so that we may eat at this table and be satisfied
with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

With this bread:

On the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with the people he loved.
He took the bread, gave you thanks,
broke it to share with them, and said:
"Take and eat this: it is my body."

With this cup:

Then he took a cup of wine.
Again he thanked you and told them:
"Drink this, all of you: it is my blood,
shed for you and for many
so that sins may be forgiven.
Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me."

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We remember Jesus:

So we delight to remember Jesus:
the faithfulness of his life,
the victory of his cross,
the glory of his resurrection,
the joy of the Holy Spirit poured out for the Church.

We dedicate ourselves to service:

O God, holy Wisdom, merciful and generous,
accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Make us good stewards of creation,
with justice in our hearts,
courage in our actions
and power in our speech
to bear witness to the truth.

Protect us with your glory,
unite your church in loyalty and love,
and bring us home with all your saints
to feast with you for ever.

Doxology

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
and in the Spirit's grace,
with heart and soul and mind and strength
we love and worship you alone, O God,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**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 the Communion

The priest breaks the bread. One of the following may be said.

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.

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.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed 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.**

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

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you have revealed your Christ
as the light of the world.
By this communion,
renew us in the love of Christ
and in witness to his Gospel.

**Take our hands and work through them;
take our lips and speak through them;
take our minds and think through them;
take our hearts and set them on fire with love for you.**

Post Communion Hymn

**The north wind is tossing the leaves,
The red dust is over the town,
The sparrows are under the eaves
And the grass in the paddock is brown,
As we lift up our voices and sing
To the Christ child, the heavenly King.**

**The tree ferns in green gullies sway,
The cool stream flows silently by,
The joy bells are greeting the day,
And the chimes are adrift in the sky,
As we lift up our voices and sing
To the Christ child, the heavenly King.**

TiS 322

John Wheeler, William G. James

Dismissal

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
gladden your hearts at his coming;
and the blessing of God Almighty:
✠ Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier
be with you all, and ever more. **Amen.**

The Word became flesh and dwells amongst us:

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo

Johann Sebastian Bach

Today's organist is Christopher Teed

Christmas Bowl

Our Christmas Bowl campaign continues until the end of Christmas (Epiphany!) Please take an envelope and place your donation in with your normal offertory, or place your donation in the bowl against the tent pole in the Narthex.

New Year's Day

A low-key Eucharist will be offered at St Paul's on Wednesday 10 am to welcome the New Year.

KYB4M

- Know Your Bible for Men will be continuing on Saturday 4 January, and the usual arrangement of the first and third Saturdays of the month during 2020 at 9.00 am. at McDonalds Gisborne. All Welcome

Advent Raffle

Thank you to all who either donated prizes to the Advent Raffle or purchased tickets. The raffle raised \$513 for missions at the Anglicare Broadmeadows Women's Shelter and ABM-A Mynamar Appeal. Special thanks to the doctors at the Neal Street Clinic for their kind donation of a hamper.

Services this coming week

January 1st, 10 am

Naming and Circumcision of Jesus
St Paul's, Gisborne

January 5th, 10 am

Epiphany, St John's Riddells Creek