

Anglican Parish of Gisborne  
Easter 2  
April 19th 2020

A Service of the Word in Easter

The Greeting

*The minister greets the people and says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.**

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

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Opening Prayer

**Faithful one, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
for the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.  
We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

Absolution

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

God of abiding mercy,  
each year, as the feast of Easter returns  
you kindle the fire of faith among your people.  
Make us understand more deeply  
the baptism of Christ, in which we are reborn  
and the blood of Christ, by which we are redeemed.  
We ask this in his name, our Saviour,  
now and for ever. Amen.

Reading

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

*After each reading*

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

Acts 2.14a,22–32

14 Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:  
'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and  
listen to what I say.

22 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a  
man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that  
God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— 23this man,  
handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of  
God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. 24But  
God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossi-  
ble for him to be held in its power. 25For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover, my flesh will live in hope.  
27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
28 You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

29 ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.”  
32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

[NRSV]

from Psalm 16

***You are my inheritance, you are my inheritance, O Lord.***

O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup,  
you it is who hold fast my lot.  
I set the Lord ever before me  
with him at my right hand  
I shall not be disturbed.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices  
my body too abides in confidence  
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld  
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

You will show me the path to life,  
fullness of joys in your presence:  
the delights at your right hand forever, forever.

I Peter 1.3–9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7so that the genuineness

of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. [NRSV]

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**

Jesus came and stood among the disciples  
and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

**Alleluia!**

A reading from the The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

John 20.19–31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Breaking Open the Word  
Fr Dennis

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.  
Amen.**

Hymn

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
he is the king of creation.  
*Alleluia, alleluia...*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ;  
now we shall live for ever.  
*Alleluia, alleluia...*

God has proclaimed his gracious gift:  
new life for all! Alleluia!  
*Alleluia, alleluia...*

Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour.  
*Alleluia, alleluia...*

## Prayers of Intercession

*This response is:*

Jesus, Lord of life:

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Gracious God, like Thomas we will still face times of doubt and uncertainty but we know that we are not alone in our doubts. We give you thanks for our fellow Christians here in the Macedon Ranges Shire. We give thanks for all the hard work the team are putting into online worship and for the way it keeps us together in worship even though our churches are closed.

Jesus, Lord of life:

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Creator God we pray for our nations; our government both State and Federal, and those on the front line protecting our community. where We particularly raise before you our concerns about the Covid-19 pandemic as the numbers affected continue to rise.

Jesus, Lord of life:

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Father God, we pray for the times when our doubts, our fears and our blinkered vision prevents us from taking care of our immediate family and household or when through our busyness, we take no part in the life of our neighbourhood or wider community.

Jesus, Lord of life:

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Faithful God, we hold before you, those whom life has damaged and all who find it difficult to trust in you. We pray that you will push aside their doubts and fears and bring them hope, comfort, and healing and with it an inner peace.

We bring to mind those for whom our prayers are particularly asked.

Jesus, Lord of life:

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Merciful God we pray for those who approach death with great fear and those who have died unprepared to meet you. Have mercy on us them, forgive them all that is past and gather them into your everlasting kingdom of peace and joy.

We give you thanks for Antonio Cursio, and pray that his wife Michelina and daughter Rosanna, together with Joshua and Ella may be upheld in

their grief.

Jesus, Lord of life:

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Everlasting God we thank you that our time of worship presented on different media renews our faith and trust in you and your risen son Jesus Christ. Help us during the coming week ready to show our gratitude and live the Good News of Easter.

We pray together:

**God of unity,**

**you have gathered a multitude of peoples  
to acknowledge your name.**

**Grant that all who are reborn in baptism  
may be united in one faith  
and be of one mind in love.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praise into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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.**

Praise

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**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.**

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.**

He has made us light to the world.

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**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

**Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

Postlude

*Toccata Anon.*

Virtual Morning Tea Sunday 10.30 am

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