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Beloved, Be Loved, Be Love

**Easter 5**

May 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

*St John's Riddells Creek Saturday 5.30 pm*

*St Paul's Gisborne Sunday 9 am*

*Church of the Resurrection, Macedon Sunday 10.30 am*

*The Anglican 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 welcomers.

Last week's theme was "Love is a Verb". The word translated as "Good" with relationship to Jesus the Shepherd is more nuanced than being 'good'. Being good is an attribute that is indeed worthy. To be good: to live this out, is to be virtuous. This implies more than behaviour, it is more akin to living out a calling to be noble, enriching and an active witness to our faith.

Each week, we are told to *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord*. We are told to leave and do something, not because it is our duty, but because this is our way of life.

Every time we eat of the bread and drink of the cup, we proclaim Christ crucified until he comes again in glory. To proclaim this is to give witness. To give witness is to account for what we do out of our convictions.

In Ezekiel 34, God points out that he is our shepherd: we are his people. In Jesus, the virtuous shepherd cares for the fold, even to the point of death. With Jesus, he may well lay down his life but he also lifts it up again, for such is the power of God's love.

This week, the metaphor moves to being part of the vine. If disconnected from the vine, no fruit will be borne. To be one with God in Jesus Christ is to be in essence wholly in the love of Christ. Together, bearing much fruit, the power of love is known. How is it known?

**Because we are witnesses of these things through the whole world,  
beginning in Jerusalem.**

**Beloved**

**Be Loved**

**Be Love.**

Today's worship:

Easter 5	Acts 8.26-40	Psalm 22.26-31
	1 John 4.7-21	John 15.1-8

Next Week's Readings:

Easter 6	Acts 10.44-48	Psalm 98
	1 John 5.1-12	John 15.9-17

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## Gathering Hymn

Christ is alive, with joy we sing;  
we celebrate our risen Lord,  
praising the glory of his name.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

He is the grain of wheat that died,  
sown in distress and reaped in joy,  
yielding a harvest of new life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

He is the sun which brings the dawn:  
he is the light of all the world,  
setting us free from death and sin.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

He is the vine set in the earth,  
sharing our life, from birth to death,  
that we might share in God's own life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

He is the bread that comes from God,  
broken to feed us in our need,  
given to bring eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

O Christ the Stranger, Christ the wounded and the weak,

**We greet you!**

Christ the Teacher, Christ the Wisdom of God,

**We praise you!**

Christ the Living One, risen to blaze a trail for us into a land flowing  
with milk and honey,

**We worship you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,**

**to whom all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**

**cleans the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name,**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In a moment of quiet, let us confess to God all that holds us back from the free-fall of faith in his Risen Christ.

Lord of the living and the dead:  
because we treat the resurrection as a nice story that has no real power to interrupt and convert our lives,

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

Because we would rather be miserable than embrace the joy of your resurrection life:

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

Because we would prefer a tamer god, a more domesticated god, and go nicely contained in the tomb of our small-mindedness,

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

*President*

Almighty God of love and power  
pardon 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.**

*All stand.*

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.**

## Collect

Let us pray.

Christ, our true vine,  
let your word cut out from us  
the deadness of indifference  
and the corruption of untruth,  
so that abiding in love  
we may bear much fruit  
and face your judgment without fear,  
for in life that is eternal and bounteous  
you are one with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

## The Ministry of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 8, beginning at verse 26

Acts 8.26-40

*At the conclusion the reader may say:*

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

Psalm 22.26-31



Response: *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
I will perform my vows  
in the presence of those that fear you.  
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;  
their hearts shall live for ever. *R*

All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.  
For the kingdom is the Lord's  
and he rules over the nations. *R*

How can those who sleep in the earth  
bow down in worship,  
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him? *R*

He has saved my life for himself;  
my descendants shall serve him;  
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.  
They shall come and make known his salvation,  
to a people yet unborn,  
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it. *R*

A reading from the first letter of John, chapter 4 beginning at verse 7.

1 John 4.7-21

*At the conclusion the reader may say:*

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

*Please remain standing to greet the Gospel:*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

“I am the first and last” says the Lord, “and the living one:  
I was dead and behold I am alive.”

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 15,  
beginning at the first verse

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

John 15.1-8

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Breaking Open the Word

*After a time of reflection, we affirm our faith.*

### An Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,**

✠ **Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### The Ministry of Prayer

*A member of the Parish leads us in prayer.*

*At the conclusion of the prayers, as the intercessor places the prayer requests on the Altar, we pray together:*

**Hear the prayer of your Church, O God,  
and fulfil the work you have begun  
in the resurrection of your Christ;  
so that through the gospel  
your truth may be made known,  
and through the witness of your people  
the world may see your salvation.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### The Greeting of Peace

Christ has reconciled us to God by one body on the cross.

**We meet in his name and share his peace.**

The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may share a sign of peace with those around them.*

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the collection plate is not passed, but your tithes and donations may be placed in the bowl or bags adjacent to the entry of the Church.*

## The Offertory

*During the singing of the Hymn, our gifts of bread, wine and money are collected and then offered at the Altar.*

1 Bread of heav'n, on you we feed,  
for your flesh is food indeed:  
ever may our souls be fed  
with this true and living bread,  
day by day with strength supplied  
through the life of him who died.

2 Vine of heav'n, your blood supplies  
this blest cup of sacrifice:  
Lord, your wounds our healing give;  
to your cross we look and live:  
you our life, O let us be  
fed by you eternally.

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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.

**God, whose name we praise,  
let our hearts be set on Christ,  
and our lives be lived in thanksgiving  
for all your blessings to us.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## 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.**

*Why we give thanks and praise:*

It is truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
to praise you, Lord God, in every season,  
but most of all in these most holy days  
when Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed.

*What Jesus has done for us:*

In Christ, the world of the past is gone,  
and the fullness of life is restored to us.

*We join the eternal song:*

And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**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.**

*Making Holy that which has been given:*

We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.  
Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

*With this bread that we bring:*

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'



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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
 which have been gathered together and made one bread:  
**so may your Church be gathered**  
**from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**



The dis - ci - ples — knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.  
***The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.***

The bread which we break, alleluia!  
 is the communion of the body of Christ. R

We are one body, alleluia!  
 For though many, we share one bread. R

*The invitation to communion is given in these words.*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
 This is the table, not of the Church but of the Lord.  
 All are welcome to his table. Alleluia!

*Communion is distributed in one kind only.*

*An anthem may be sung.*

Ave verum corpus, Elgar  
 Sing, O heavens, James Kent

## The Sending out of God's People

'Peace be with you,' says the Lord.  
'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

In your abiding love, O God,  
be present to your people,  
and as you have fed us with the gifts of heaven,  
so make us pass into newness of life.

**Most loving God,  
you send us out into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

### Post Communion Hymn

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from his table take leave.  
The supper is ended: may now be extended  
the fruits of his service in all who believe.  
The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for all humankind.  
His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us  
to work for his kingdom, his purpose to find.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face,  
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing as neighbours all those of each race.  
One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,  
unite us as one in his life that we share.  
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,  
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear

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### Blessing and Dismissal

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;

and the blessing of God Almighty:  
the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be with you all evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Daily Prayer (4.30 pm) for Myanmar:

God of the still small voice of calm,  
We pray for concord and peace in Myanmar.  
Send your Spirit to console those whose loved ones  
have had their lives cut short  
for marching in peaceful demonstrations.  
Send that same Spirit into the hearts  
of any who are afraid  
of what the future might bring.  
This we ask through him who is the Prince of Peace,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church of the Resurrection Ladies Guild ANZAC Stall

A very big thank you from the Ladies Guild to all who so generously supported our stall in a variety of ways. We have banked \$2,022, with a little more expected, and with the addition of some existing funds will be our donation to the missions we have chosen to support:

Gisborne Community Food Bank, KidzFlip, Lort Smith Domestic Violence Animal Relocation, Orbost Anglican Community Assistance and the Brotherhood of St. Laurence.

## Woodend Lifestyle Carer's Group (WLCG)

Established in 2012, the WLCG is a volunteer-led, not-for-profit charity that is committed to supporting people in the Macedon Ranges and surrounds who care for loved ones living with dementia.

Recently, the WLCG acquired Macgregor's Farm on Old Lancefield Road, Woodend. It is planned to develop this into a fully-supervised day care cottage for people living at home with early stage dementia to offer short-term respite to carers.

With community support, the WLCG plan to develop a training program for volunteer and professional caregivers, and extend the short-term respite service to a longer-term prospect as part of additional residential accommodation overseen by qualified staff supported by volunteers.

Macedon Ranges was listed as one of the Top 5 Local Government Areas to experience a high prevalence in the growth of dementia diagnoses.

Macgregor's Farm will provide much needed support to community members caring for loved ones with dementia, while providing a non-clinical, home-like environment allowing recipients the opportunity to enjoy a rural ambiance.

A gala fundraising launch will be held at Top of the Range Tea Rooms on May 14th, 6.30 pm. Further information: please contact [cherry03@bigpond.com](mailto:cherry03@bigpond.com) or Patron, Athol Guy AO



## Mission Mash continues!

*Don't worry if your bison slips off the plate and ends up  
under the table...*

*Plenty more bags are available!*

*1 kg is just \$3*

*2 kg just \$5*

*Available in your favourite Church  
and all good Op Shops near you!*



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Parking Restrictions still apply in Honour Avenue, even though the main 'festival' has come to an end.

What this means is that between 9 am and 5 pm it is illegal to stop or park on Honour Avenue. Traffic Wardens will be enforcing this over the week-end.

Please park in the Church Car Park or on the grounds below the Labyrinth. Restrictions will be lifted after Mother's Day.

I CAN ASK FOR  
ANYTHING I WANT!?



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IF JESUS' WORDS ARE IN  
YOU, THEN WHEN YOU SPEAK  
YOUR DESIRES, THEY WILL BE  
THE WORDS OF JESUS.



THERE'S ALWAYS A  
CATCH ISN'T THERE?



JOHN 15:1-8

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