

Anglican Parish of Gisborne

Easter 7A
May 24th 2020

A Service of the Word
in Easter



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*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.

Welcome

A warm welcome to our Parish. We extend a very warm welcome to everyone who joins us for worship, alas for now, virtually and in prayers at home. We are committed to maintaining our worship together and acknowledge that our Lord reminds us that when two or three are gathered in his name, he is in the midst of us. Even though our gathering is virtual, our intent is corporate. Please feel free to download the video from the Parish website, www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au or Facebook/GisborneAnglican, or share this time of prayer with a loved one at home if appropriate.

Many of us, prior to the lockdown, were undertaking the study *Where do we go from here? Missional Bible Studies based on the Book of Acts - for Lent or anytime*. Brilliant prepared by Stephen Daughtry and Matthew Anstey for ABM, it followed the beginning of the early Church from Pentecost. Each week, we were challenged to examine the texts and then to reflect based on translating and applying the 5 Marks of Mission as articulated by the Anglican Consultative Council in 1984.

Following on from our Student Reader's (Ben Clements) excellent sermon on line may be this is the time for us as we look at our own roadmap and continue to explore "Where do we go from here?" in our own context.

The Five Marks of Mission, as applied to ABM are

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach and baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

The decisions for us include how we shape our ongoing mission of *making Christ's word fully known*.

This Sunday: Easter 7A

Acts 1.6-14

Psalm 68.1-10,32-35

I Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

John 17.1-11

Next Sunday: Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21

Psalm 104.26-36

I Cor 12.1-13

John 20.19-23

Bible references: NRSV bible.oremus.org

Social Isolation Policy

Please maintain all social distancing and isolation policies currently enforced by both the Commonwealth and State Authorities. We will return to a joyful Easter Celebration at a date to be determined, but wish to do so joyfully, together and well.

If you require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 5428 4038 or Fr Dennis on 9012 3365

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.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Opening Prayer

**Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.

1 Peter 5.6

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.
You are the High Priest of the Covenant.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
You build us as living stones in the temple of God.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
You make us fellow citizens with your saints.

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

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

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 1.6-14

When the disciples had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James,

and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

May your word live in us

and bear much fruit to your glory.

Psalm 68:1-8 (BCP)

Exurgat Deus

LET God arise, and let his enemies be scattered:
let them also that hate him flee before him.

Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away:
and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God:
let them also be merry and joyful.

O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name:
magnify him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse;
praise him in his Name JAH, and rejoice before him.

He is a father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows:
even God in his holy habitation.

He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house,
and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity:
but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.

O God, when thou wentest forth before the people:
when thou wentest through the wilderness;

The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God:
even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God,
who is the God of Israel.

I Peter 5

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in

your dealings with one another, for
‘God opposes the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.’

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. Greet one another with a kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.
May your word live in us

and bear much fruit to your glory.

Alleluia, **Alleluia!**

‘I will not leave you orphaned,’ says the Lord:

‘I am coming to you.’

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words

that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

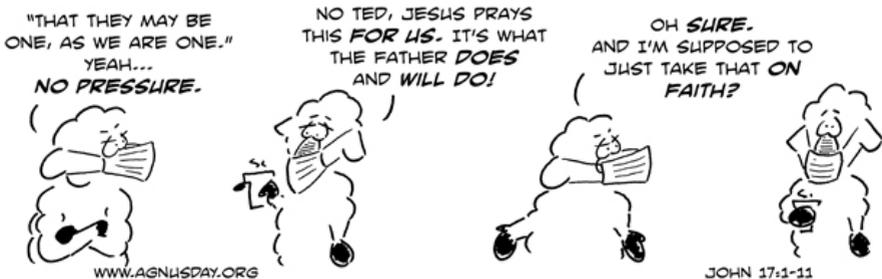
For the Gospel of the Lord
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Breaking Open the Word

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.**



God is gone up on high,
with a triumphant noise;
the clarions of the sky
proclaim the angelic joys!
*Join all the earth, rejoice and sing;
glory ascribe to glory's king.*

God in the flesh below,
for us he reigns above:
let all the nations know
our Jesus' conquering love!
*Join all the earth, rejoice and sing;
glory ascribe to glory's king.*

All power to our great Lord
is by the Father given;
by angel hosts adored,
he reigns supreme in heaven.
*Join all the earth, rejoice and sing;
glory ascribe to glory's king.*

Hymn
High on his holy seat
he bears his righteous sway;
his foes beneath his feet
shall sink and die away.
*Join all the earth, rejoice and sing;
glory ascribe to glory's king.*

His foes and ours are one,
Satan, the world, and sin;
but he shall tread them down
and bring his kingdom in:
*Join all the earth, rejoice and sing;
glory ascribe to glory's king.*

till all the earth, renewed
in righteousness divine,
with all the hosts of God
in one great chorus join.
*Join all the earth, rejoice and sing;
glory ascribe to glory's king.*

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Prayers of Intercession

The response is:

Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Praise to you, ascended Jesus, for you reign in glory over all the
world: hear us as we pray for your people.

Praise to you, ascended Jesus, for you rule the world with righteousness:
hear our prayers for the peoples of all nations.

Grant wisdom and integrity to all who govern, mercy and judgement to
those who administer the law.

Teach your people how to live in harmony,
and fill us with your truth, that we may be your witnesses in all the world.
Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Praise to you, ascended Jesus, for you make known to us he true and living
God: hear our prayers for your holy, catholic church.

Grant humility and vision to all who lead your church, fellowship to all who

eat at your table. Unite Christians everywhere in the bond of your love, and fill us with your power, that we may be your witnesses in all the world.

Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Praise to you, ascended Jesus, for you welcome the outcast and provide for the needy: hear our prayers for all with whom we share our lives.

Grant acceptance to all who are unwanted or unloved, care to the neglected and a voice to those who are never heard.

Teach your people to live in true community, and fill us with your love, that we may be your witnesses in all the world.

Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Praise to you, ascended Jesus, for you heal the sick and look with compassion on those who are in need: hear our prayers for all who suffer.

Grant hope to those in despair, consolation to those who grieve, relief to those in pain, and strength and patience to those who care for them.

Teach your people to share each other's sorrows, and fill us with your compassion, that we may be your witnesses in all the world.

Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Praise to you, ascended Jesus, for you call us to eternal glory:

hear our prayers for all who have died in the faith.

Grant your faithful people of every age a share in your eternal kingdom.

Fill us with your righteousness, that we may be your witnesses in all the world, and, when our work on earth is done, with all saints may we enter eternal life and receive the crown of glory.

Jesus Christ, ascended and glorified, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers asking that our eyes may be opened and our hearts warmed with faith, saying

**Look upon your people, O God,
gathered in prayer to await the gift of the Spirit,
as we place our trust in your providence,
keep us faithful to your word of life.
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.
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.**

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

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.

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness
and made us a light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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.

We depart in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Virtual Morning Tea Sunday 10.30 am

<http://bit.ly/GisAngVMT>

or simply PHONE in (video not needed) local call 7018 2005
and enter 4583766065 when prompted

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Planned Giving Envelopes

The current series of envelopes are due to run out at the end of this month. If you would like your new set for 2020-21 delivered, please contact Barb Annison, or leave a message with the Office and they will arrive, with a smile and a blessing!

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come commenced on Thursday. Please visit the Parish Website for resources, or download the TKC app for your smartphone.

Security at the Op Shop Shed

Notice to all users of the Key Lock Box at the Parish Hall.

As there have been some valuable items go missing in the Op Shop Sorting Shed prior to Covid-19 Lock down, we have decided to change the Access

Code on the Key Lock Box at the Parish Hall as of Thursday 21st May 2020.

This code will be provided by phone by Alison Kitching 0418 394 201 and a record will be kept of those who have the code as we do with the Parish Key Register. We ask that the new code not be given out by anyone else in order to maintain security.

With many thanks for the work you do in supporting parish activities and for your support in upgrading security in this way.

Alison Kitching – Vicar's Warden on behalf of the Executive.

Story time live with Lorna: a notice for Playgroup and Messy Church

Hello friends!

The Parish Council and Lorna met on Tuesday to look at what is required to get things up and going again, but unfortunately, the logistics required by DHHS presently are just too onerous.

Reluctantly, we came to the sad conclusion that we will look at the situation again mid-July.

There were lots of things that we needed to consider, and Lorna pointed out that what is required at the moment is unworkable.

In the meantime, and this is where we need Lorna to be big and brave!

Lorna has agreed to come onto Zoom once a week to read a story.

This, for Lorna, is a BIG ADVENTURE!

So, starting next Tuesday, at 10.30 am, Lorna will be "Live"

Follow this link to ZOOM.

<https://bit.ly/LornaStory>

Keep Lorna in your prayers and happy thoughts! I know she is looking forward to seeing many of you.

Keep warm, keep the hands clean, and thanks for the ongoing understanding.

We are all looking forward to coming back soon.

Fr Dennis with the Wardens, and most importantly, Lorna.

Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council will be meeting via ZOOM Sunday May 24th (Empire Day for those who remember bonfire nights!) The link is

<https://bit.ly/GisAngCouncil>

Fr Dennis can accommodate up to 2 extras at CoR Vestry (max 4) if you cannot ZOOM, or contact another member to get an invite!