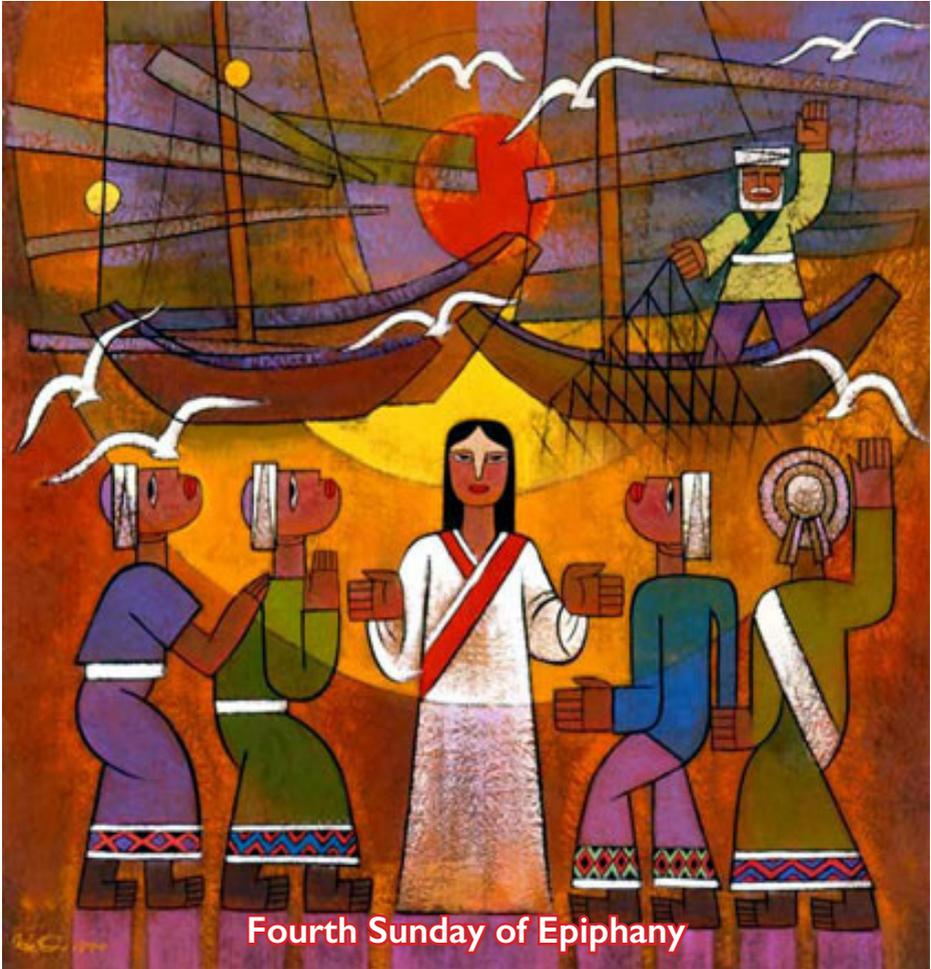


Gisborne Anglican Parish

St John's, Riddells Creek
St Paul's, Gisborne
Church of the Resurrection, Macedon



Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

January 28th, 2018
The Church of the Resurrection, Macedon,
10.00am

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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: Take Authority

During the ordination service, the bishop says to the candidate, Take authority... That authority is to proclaim, heal and be ministers of sacraments. Today's gospel reading begins with the fact that Jesus didn't simply interpret the Word of God, he taught it as if having authority. Moses, on the other hand, is given authority by God to pronounce and command the people.

It's often said that Australians don't like authority. We're rebellious by nature, yet, apart from a skirmish not far from here in the 1850s, there hasn't really been any revolution! Good authority is that which is founded on principles of justice, truth and love. It doesn't seek order for order's sake, but rather, keeps us focussed on what is required of us.

Sunday by Sunday, we are all given authority to go into the world and do something: love and serve the Lord. Is this something that you have considered as being a command to go? It is more than a polite church way of saying: GO HOME!

Readings for today: Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Psalm 111, Mark 1.21-28
Supplementary reading 1 Corinthians 8.1-13

Readings for next week: Malachi 3.1-4; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40 (Presentation of Christ in the Temple [transferred])

All centres begin normal times next week: Saturday 5.30 pm at St John's Riddells Creek; Sunday 9am at St Paul's, Gisborne, and 10.30 am at Church of the Resurrection, Macedon.

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.

The Gathering of God's People

The Presider welcomes the people

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.

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,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ, made visible in the flesh:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, justified by the Spirit:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, proclaimed to the nations.

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.**

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

God, before whom the forces of darkness flee,
you have given authority to your Christ
over every power that oppresses
and tortures the human spirit.
Renew in your Church the gospel that saves,
and let your people speak your words of liberation,
so that whatever enslaves or burdens humankind
may be overcome and banished
by the gentle rule of your Son,
who is alive and glorious for ever and ever. **Amen.**

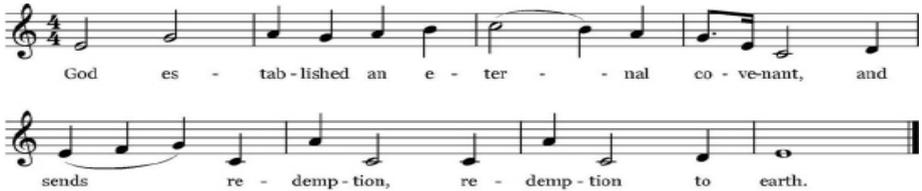
As we prepare to hear God's Holy Word through the scriptures,
open our hearts and minds, Lord. Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 18 beginning at verse 15.

Deuteronomy 18.15-20

Psalm 111



**God established an eternal covenant,
and sends redemption, redemption to earth.**

Praise the Lord.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who have pleasure in them.

Full of honour and majesty are the works of the Lord
whose righteousness endures for ever,
who has caused his wonderful works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful. *Response*

The Lord provides food for the faithful
and is ever mindful of his covenant.

The Lord has shown his people the power of his works
by giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of the Lord's hands are faithful and just;
the precepts of the Lord are trustworthy;
they are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. *Response*

The Lord sent redemption to his people
and has established his covenant for ever.

Holy and wondrous is God's name!

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practise it have good understanding.

The praise of the Lord endures for ever. *Response*

Please stand

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening:
You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 1, beginning at verse 21.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 1.21-28

Breaking Open the Word

After a time of reflection, we affirm our faith.

Today, as we continue the Epiphany season, we say together our Baptismal Creed, the Apostles Creed.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
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 from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God 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.**

Fr Dennis affirms the declaration of God's people:

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith:
We believe in one God:
✠Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Ministry of Prayer

Please sit or kneel for the prayers of the people.

At the end of the prayers we pray together:

As we, with one voice, offer our prayers, we place the names of those for whom our prayers have been asked on the altar, offering them to you with our gifts as we pray:

**Father in heaven,
the light of Jesus
has scattered the darkness of hatred and sin.
Called to that light
we ask for your guidance.
Form our lives in your truth,
our hearts in your love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

A man there lived in Galilee
like no one else before,
for he alone from first to last
our flesh unsullied wore;
a perfect life of perfect deeds
once to the world was shown,
that everyone might mark his steps
and in them place their own.

A man there died on Calvary,
above all others brave;
he gave to all, he saved and blessed,
himself he scorned to save;
no thought can gauge the weight of woe
on him, the sinless, laid;
we only know that with his death
our ransom price was paid.

A man there stands at God's right hand,
divine, yet human still;
that grand, heroic, peerless soul
death sought in vain to kill.
All power is his: supreme he rules
all realms of time and space;
yet still our human cares and needs
find in his heart a place.

Together in Song 235
Somerset Corry Lowry
1855-1932 *altered*

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.

**Lord, make us worthy to celebrate
the Supper of the Lord,
for as often as we do this
to celebrate his sacrifice,
the work of our redemption is made present.
We ask this through 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.

The prayer of thanksgiving continues

...for ever praising you and singing:

**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 Thanksgiving continues

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The prayer concludes...

...in songs of never ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.**

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.**

Communion

Music during Communion: *Come to me* by Margaret Rizza.

Post Communion Prayer

You refresh and renew, O God,
with the sacrament of salvation.
As we take up the mission you have given us
let this communion strengthen and increase
the faith you have planted in our hearts.

**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.**

Thanksgiving Hymn

Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind and soul;
with Christ we die and live again,
his selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace,
to spread the Word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

Then give us grace, Companion God,
to choose again the pilgrim way,
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrows's day.

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The Blessing

May God, through the gift of grace alone,
give you authority and courage to accept our call to service
and to be strengthened by the Spirit and be found worthy of the gifts we
receive:
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.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Notices:



The next EFM Interlude Book is :

We Are Theologians : *Strengthening the People of God* by Frederika Thompsett. We will be meeting to discuss it together on: Thursday 1st & Thursday 8th February 2018.

Time: 7.45 pm for 8.00 pm.

Start Dates : 1st and 8th of February

Where: The Church of the Resurrection

If you would like a hard copy we can purchase it for you for \$18.50. Let Alison or Debra know OR you can get an e-copy from Kindle, Amazon etc. We hope you will join us for the discussion but if the dates don't suit please join those who are reading it as a new year discipline. Just let us know.

RIDDELLS CREEK OP SHOP FASHION PARADE

Riddells Creek Community Centre Sunday February 4th 2 pm
Entry: \$15 - includes a glass of bubbly, afternoon tea and lunch door prizes. All items are available for purchase plus much more at our pop up "Op-Shop"



Raffles with great prizes for sale at the event. Funds raised support Bristol Night Owls Relay for Life team 2018.

Contact MELISSA HATLY 0417 657 014 prior to the event for tickets.

Gisborne Op Shop will re-open this coming Tuesday 30 January at 10am.

The annual volunteers' roster has been sent out, however if anyone has not yet received their copy please contact Elaine or Graeme Millar, 5428 2522 or email elgrae@bigpond.com Thank-you to the many helpers who assisted with the Book & Bric-a-Brac sale which raised \$1,700.00 to be donated to the Gisborne Secondary College Chaplaincy Fund.

Our prayers are especially noted for the **Mumford family** following the passing of Andrew during the past week. Many of you have been praying for Andrew and his family, following his fall and acquired brain injury last July. Please continue in your prayers to pray for Anne-Marie, and their children Cameron, Konrad, Alexandra-May, Rhys and Charlize, together with their family and friends as they prepare for Andrew's funeral later this week. The funeral will be held at Church of the Resurrection.

Wombat Innovation: this Wednesday at Trinity College. Bus going down: talk with Jim or Fr Dennis Cost: \$20 (includes bus)