

Anglican Parish of
St Paul's, Gisborne, with the Church of the Resurrection,
Macedon Ranges, and St John's Riddells Creek



Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
February 9th, 2020

*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:

The Sermon on the Mount continues in the lectionary reading set for today. Following on immediately from the Beatitudes, Jesus gives three clear instructions. We are to be like the salt of the earth, let our lights shine, and that he is not present to displace the law and prophets but rather fulfil the laws. In understanding this, fulfilling is consistent with the Messianic mission that calls for believers to not only love God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength, but to be mindful of those who are marginalised in the community, often by circumstances beyond their control. The blind, the poor, the lame, the mute, the deaf, the prisoner, and those who seek refuge in our lands. Not one commitment to restoration into the life and fold of the community will be lifted until this is all fully achieved. Salt is essential: it flavours, and it preserves. Light illuminates the path for the righteous and knowing what is required is at the heart of our baptismal covenant. As Christ's body, his eyes, ears and hands, we have a lot more to achieve in the world, and until it is fully achieved, the requirement to be both salt and light remains. It's a tall order, but one that is essential for us as the Body of Christ to maintain and persevere until that glorious time when Christ will come again.

This Sunday: Epiphany 5

Isaiah 58.1-9a

Psalms 112

I Corinthians 2.1-13

Matthew 5.13-20

Next Sunday: Epiphany 6

Deuteronomy 10.12-22

Psalms 119.1-8

I Corinthians 3.1-9

Matthew 5.21-37

4.30 pm

Messy Church

Bible references: NRSV www.oremus.org

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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Gathering in God's Name

Glory to God on high!
Let heaven and earth reply,
'Praise, praise his name!'
Angels his love adore
Who all our sorrows bore,
And saints cry evermore,
'Worthy the Lamb!'

Join, all the ransomed race,
Our Lord and God to bless:
Praise, praise his name;
In him we will rejoice,
Making a cheerful noise,
Shouting with heart and voice,
'Worthy the Lamb!'

All those around the throne
Cheerfully join in one,
Praising his name;
We, who have felt his blood
Sealing our peace with God,
Sound his dear fame abroad,
'Worthy the Lamb!'

Though we must change our place,
Yet we shall never cease
Praising his name;
To him we'll tribute bring,
Hail him our gracious King,
And without ceasing sing,
'Worthy the Lamb!'

James Allen
1734-1804 *alt*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Saint Peter wrote to the Church, "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, so that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."

We bring to mind ways in which we have fallen short of God's commands
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate
Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy

You are loving to all, and your mercy is over all your creation:
Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:
Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The Vicar pronounces the Absolution of Sin:

✠ May God forgive you, Christ befriend you, and the Spirit renew you and change your life. **Amen.**

Gloria

**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 of the Day

Let us pray:

God of integrity,
you demand that what we preach
be also that which we perform.
Let your Holy Spirit make manifest among us
the power of Christ crucified
so that our words may season the world
with the taste of holy wisdom
and our works be true to that same justice
which you expect from those who worship you.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word
As we prepare to hear God's holy word through the scriptures,
open our hearts and minds, O Lord.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 58.1-9a

At the end of the reading, the reader says:

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

Psalm 112



Light rises in the darkness when justice rules our lives.

Praise the Lord.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in God's commandments!
Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches are in their house,
and the righteousness endures for ever.
They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful and righteous. *Response*

It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
For the righteous shall never be moved;
they will be remembered for ever. *Response*

They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, trusting in the Lord.
When they see their adversaries,
their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid.
They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever;
their horn is exalted in honour.
The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 2.1-13

At the end of the reading, the reader says:

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

The Commissioning of the Rev'd Dr Alan Smith
as Honorary Deacon;
and
Benjamin Clements
as Student Reader

The Vicar says

After careful prayer and discernment, the Rev'd Dr Alan Smith has been nominated by myself in consultation with the Wardens of this Parish to be Honorary Assistant Deacon in the Parish of Gisborne; and Mr Benjamin Clements has been appointed to the Parish as a Student Reader during his time of discernment and study at Ridley College.

Friends in Christ,
we celebrate this new stage in the ministry within this parish.
I now invite the churchwardens to present Alan and Benjamin.

The churchwardens stand with Alan and say:

People of God, we present to you Alan Smith, who has been nominated to serve as assistant deacon in this parish; and Benjamin Clements who is to be commissioned as Student Reader.

The Vicar says

It is good that Alan and Benjamin have accepted the call to serve Jesus Christ in this parish.

I gladly proceed to commission them for this ministry.

Alan, at your ordination you affirmed your conviction that you were called to serve God and build up God's people, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ and the order of the Anglican Church of Australia. I now ask you, in the presence of this congregation, do you stand by that conviction, and commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Alan responds, saying

**I do believe I am called to this ministry,
and commit myself to it, by the grace of God.**

The Vicar addresses the congregation:

Friends in Christ, Alan has committed himself to serve Christ in this place, and given assent to the required oaths and declarations.

Will you likewise renew your commitment to Christ and his Church?

We will, with God's help.

Will you support both Alan and Benjamin

and pray for them in their ministry among you?

We will, with God's help.

Let us pray for God's Spirit to guide and empower us in this new beginning.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus



Ostinato:

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

(Come, Holy Spirit)

A Cantor sings above the chant:

Come from the four winds, O Spirit,
come, breath of God;
disperse the shadows over us,
renew and strengthen your people.
Veni, Sancte Spiritus.

Father of the poor, come to our poverty.
Shower upon us the seven gifts of your grace.
Be the light of our lives.– O come.
Veni, Sancte Spiritus.

You are the only Comforter, Peace of the soul.
In the heat you shade us;
in our labour you refresh us,
and in trouble you are our strength.
Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Kindle in our hearts the flame of your love
that in the darkness of the world
it may glow and reach to all for ever.
Veni, Sancte Spiritus.

Jacques Berthier
1923-94 TiS 752

The Vicar then says:

Alan, I commission you to take your place in this Parish as the Honorary Assistant Deacon. May the Lord bless your going out and your coming in from this time forward.

God our Father, shepherd and guide of all your faithful people,
look with favour on your servant Alan,
now called to be Assistant Deacon in this parish,
and Benjamin, duly commissioned as Student Reader.
Send your Holy Spirit upon your people,
that they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,
and serve you in love, joy, and peace.
We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world says the Lord.

Whosoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Rev'd Dr Alan Smith reads the Gospel.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 5,
beginning at verse 13.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the end of the Gospel, the deacon says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Affirmation of Faith

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

A minister asks:

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.**

The Presider 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.

Prayers of Intercession

A member of the Parish leads the Intercessions.

At the conclusion of the intercessions, as the folder is placed on the Altar, we pray together:

God, you only are good

and without you no one is found righteous.

Bid us, we pray, so to walk before you

as to be worthy of your great goodness.

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

Greeting of Peace

Let our light shine before others:

that we may give glory to our Father in heaven.

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory

Christ is the world's light, he and none other;
born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high.

Christ is the world's peace, he and none other;
no one can serve him and despise his brother.
Who else unites us, one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high.

Christ is the world's life, he and none other;
sold once for silver, murdered here our brother –
he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father;
Glory to God on high.

Give God the glory, God and none other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;
give God the glory, God in man my brother;
Glory to God on high.

Frederick Pratt Green

1903 – 2000

TiS 246

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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 of God to his table we bring.

**Creator God,
you provide food and drink
to sustain us on this earth.
Grant that this bread and wine
may be the sacrament of our eternal life.**

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.

We begin our great thanksgiving to God

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

The necessity of the Incarnation

Through Christ, the fruit of the Virgin's womb,
you brought redemption to the human race,
whom sin and death had made its slave.
By your eternal Son you created all things,
now through his coming in human form
you have begun the new creation.
Where sin had triumphed over Adam
in the weakness of our mortal flesh,
your justice has prevailed and sin is overthrown
by your one Godhead in that same flesh incarnate.

The joining of Earth and Heaven in singing praise to God:

And so, with angels and archangels
and with all the powers of heaven
we glorify your holy name,
in this, their ageless hymn 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.

One in the Spirit

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 that we bring:

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 wine that we bring:

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."

We gladly remember

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.

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Empower us by your Spirit

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.

In Christ we pray for our unity

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.
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.**

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.**

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

Anthem during Communion
Be still, for the presence of the Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them."

Merciful God,
whose love draws us in to share
in the one bread and the one cup
send us out to live as one in Christ
and to work for the salvation of all.

**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

Holy Father, God of might,
throned amid the hosts of light,
take our life, our strength, our love,
King of earth and heaven above.

Hear the songs your people raise,
Songs of joyful thanks and praise,
Calling all created things
To adore you, King of kings.

Christ, be with us as we go,
Let this blind world see and know,
Burning in our lives, the sight
of its only saving light.

So will all exalt your name,
and your kingship all proclaim,
heaven and earth in unity
praise the blessed Trinity.

Richard Conolly 1927 -
TiS 622

Blessing

May the Incarnate presence of God lift the light of countenance on you,
that together, we may all be faithful to your commandments,
doing always what is right and good:
and the blessing of God most loving:
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be with you all, now and ever more. **Amen.**

The Deacon says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Kleine fuge, T Forchhammer

Herald Sun, 5/2/20



Diary for the Coming Week

Later today:	3 pm	Seraphim Trio, Church of the Resurrection
Monday Feb 10 th	9.30 am	Playgroup, Parish Hall
	1.30 pm	Card Group, Parish Centre
Tuesday Feb 11 th	9.30 am	Parish Office Open
	10.00 am	Play Group, Parish Hall
Wednesday Feb 12 th	1.30 pm	Bible Study, Parish Centre
	10.00 am	Eucharist, St Paul's
Thursday Feb 13 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice, Macedon
	9.30 am	Parish Office open
Saturday Feb 15 th	10.00 am	Play Group: Kinde, Parish Hall
	7.00 pm	AA, Parish Centre
Saturday Feb 15 th	9.00 am	KYB4M, McDonald's
	5.30 pm	Eucharist, St John's Riddells Creek

Worship timetable up to Lent One

Saturday 15th /Sunday 16th February Epiphany 6
St John's 5.30 pm /St Paul's 9 am; CoR 10.30 am/Messy Church 4.30 pm

Saturday 22nd /Sunday 23rd February Transfiguration
St John's 5.30 pm /St Paul's 9 am; CoR 10.30 am/Sunday LIGHT 6 pm

Ash Wednesday February 26th

10 am St Paul's Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes (Fr Graham)
5.30 pm St John's Evening Prayer and Imposition of Ashes (Dr Alan)
7.30 pm CoR Sung Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes (Fr David)

Saturday Feb 29th /Sunday March 1st LENT 1
St John's 5.30 pm /St Paul's 9 am; CoR 10.30 am

Raffle: RSPCA welfare project to protect and heal animals hurt in the fires

A raffle will be ongoing throughout Lent to raise funds for animal welfare following the devastation caused by the recent fires. Tickets \$12 each or 3 for \$5 are available from Elaine Millar, Gisborne, Marg Poyser, Riddells Creek, Rosemary Homewood, Macedon and Op Shop.

ABM Lenten Appeal Launch

Sunday February 16th at Christ Church South Yarra, 6 pm.
Guest preacher: Rev'd Dr Peter French, Area Dean of Stonnington

11th Annual Peter Barcham Memorial Lecture

Monday February 26th 7.30 pm at the Gisborne Uniting Church,
Brantome Street.

Guest this year is Bronwyn Pike, CEO of the UCA Victoria/Tas Synod.

Topic: Have the agencies of the Churches' community services outgrown their faith based parents?

Parish Diary

A major update of the Parish Diary/Calendar has been undertaken on the Parish website. Hard copies could be printed off if you like, but in the interests of the environment, we encourage you to visit

www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au/parish-diary

Links to the reading are at the top of each day, marked "CW". Simply click!

Mission Lunch: Sunday March 1, 12.30pm at Riddells Creek Hotel.

Cost \$20 for a 2 course meal - plenty of choice including vegetarian - plus a \$5 donation to the RSPCA bushfire appeal. There will be a raffle and lucky door prize. Please book with Rosemary Homewood 03 5428 7152.