

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



not really about
divorce

Jesus asks us to see the forest,
not just the trees.

Matthew 6:33

Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

February 15th and 16th, 2020

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

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:

We welcome this weekend our Parish Assistant Deacon Dr Alan Smith!

The Old Testament and the Psalm underpin the teaching of the law as Jesus continues the Sermon on the Mount. Last week's part of the Sermon reminded us that there is no reduction in our responsibility to uphold the Law of God. Still, there is also an expectation that we will need our take our part in the fulfilling of the Messianic Mission. Out of context, the portion set for today may seem rather harsh, and lacking in compassion. Read as a whole the Sermon shows Jesus' concern that we cannot pick and choose the comfortable 'me' moments all our life.

We live in a community in which there are many challenges. Black and white may well be a popular team choice for some, but the reality for many is that all the shades of the rainbow continue to challenge our cherished positions. Based on this teaching, Jesus challenged continuously not only the Pharisees but also his disciples as to how such difficult sayings are to be interpreted. Jesus opens the way for all followers to explore the nature of the kingdom of God fully and how we live as disciples in our communities.

This Sunday: Epiphany 6

Deuteronomy 10.12-22

Psalm 119.1-8

I Corinthians 3.1-9

Matthew 5.21-37

4.30 pm

Messy Church

6.00 pm

ABM Lenten Appeal Launch, South Yarra

Next Sunday: Transfiguration

Exodus 24.12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1.16-21

Matthew 17.1-9

Bible references: NRSV bible.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

TiS 160 Father all loving and ruling in majesty

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.

Jesus said, "If you remember that your brother or sister has something
against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled
to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

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 peace,
you call us to fulfil the spirit of your law
in righteousness, purity of heart and reconciliation.
Make us one in the bond of your charity;
take from our midst all enmity and malice,
so that by embracing one another in mutual forgiveness
we may offer at your altar
a gift that is worthy of your gospel.
We ask this 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 book of Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 10.12-22

At the end of the reading, the reader says:

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

Psalm 119.1-8



Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

Blessed are those whose way is pure,
who walk in the law of the Lord.
Blessed are those who keep his testimonies
and seek him with their whole heart,

Those who do no wickedness,
but walk in his ways.

You, O Lord, have charged
that we should diligently
keep your commandments.

O that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes.
Then should I not be put to shame,
because I have regard
for all your commandments.

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
when I have learned
your righteous judgements.
I will keep your statutes;
O forsake me not utterly.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I Corinthians 3.1-9

At the end of the reading, the reader says:

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord
No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 5,
beginning at verse 21.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 5.21-27

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:

Faithful God,

you promise to dwell with those
whose hearts are true and just.

Let the gift of your grace
make us worthy of your abiding presence.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

Offertory

TiS 254 O changeless Christ, for ever new

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.

**O God, at whose table
we are no longer strangers:
may we not refuse your call
through pride or fear,
but approach with confidence
to find our home in you
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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.

Why we meet to break the bread and share the cup:

On this, the day of the Lord,
you gather his disciples together
to celebrate the Passover of our redemption.
By your saving word you teach us,
and in the supper of the Lord
you feed us with the bread of heaven
and the cup that overflows with your Spirit.
In this, we come to know ourselves
as a people reborn to a living hope,
walking in one communion of love
and eagerly awaiting the coming of the Saviour.

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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin
of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Redeemer of the world:
grant us your peace.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin
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
Blessed are the pure in heart

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.”

Having feasted on heavenly food
we pray to you, Lord,
that we may always be hungry for that bread
by which alone we truly live.

**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
TiS 571 Forth in thy name O Lord we go

Blessing

May our God who is ever faithful
dwell in your hearts to make them true and just,
giving to you the gift of grace
that makes us worthy of the divine abiding presence:
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
Johann Krieger, *Praeludium*

Diary for the Coming Week

Later today:	4.30 pm	Messy Church
	6.00 pm	ABM Lenten Launch, South Yarra
Monday Feb 17 th	9.30 am	Playgroup, Parish Hall
	1.30 pm	Card Group, Parish Centre
Tuesday Feb 18 th	8.15 am	Retreat, St John's (Parish of Sunbury)
	9.30 am	Parish Office Open
	10.00 am	Play Group, Parish Hall
Wednesday Feb 19 th	10.00 am	Eucharist, St Paul's
	11.00 am	Parish Pastoral Care Team Meeting
	2.30 pm	The Oaks, Communion (tbc)
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice, Macedon
Thursday Feb 20 th	9.30 am	Parish Office open
	10.00 am	Play Group: Kinde, Parish Hall
	7.00 pm	AA, Parish Centre
Saturday Feb 22 nd	8.15 am	Parish Staff Day (Sunbury) St John's
	5.30 pm	Eucharist, St John's Riddells Creek
Sunday Feb 23 rd	9.00 am	Eucharist, St Paul's Gisborne
	10.30 am	Eucharist, Church of the Resurrection
	3.00 pm	EfM, Church of the Resurrection
	6.00 pm	Sunday "Light" <i>tbc</i>

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)

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 available from each centre 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 24th, 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?

World Day of Prayer - the local service will be held at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Victoria Street, Macedon on Friday 6 March at 10.30am. Everyone welcome to attend.

Twilight Barbecue - St Paul's Guild will sponsor this popular event on Tuesday 17 March at the John Aitken Park, opposite Coles, commencing at 5.30pm. Barbecue facilities available. BYO everything. A warm welcome to all parishioners.