

Anglican Parish of Gisborne



Epiphany

January 6th 2019

Church of the Resurrection

Macedon

10 am

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:

Following on from last week's thoughts that see our scriptures being dynamic, and that each and everyone of us should not be afraid to grasp with the texts, today, let us, like Jacob with the angel of God, strive to make sense of what we hear, and what we think we know! This is a time of year when we actually tend to read into the texts more than which is actually there, synthesising many accounts together to make unity of what we have heard.

This is not a bad or a new thing: the first four verses of Luke is very much of the tradition of *trying to make sense of all that we've heard and read*. Luke sets out to make an ordered account. All of us are called to make an ordered account of what we have received, and then to be empowered to share it. Today, we come in homage to acknowledge the light that has come into the world. Let us see what that light is actually showing us, and what shadows are being cast!

This Sunday: Epiphany

Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-7,10-14
Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

Next Sunday: Baptism of Jesus
St John's, Riddells Creek

Isaiah 43.1-7 Psalm 29
Acts 8.14-17 Luke 3.15-17,21,22

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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The Gathering of God's People

As with gladness seers of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright:
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore your glory see.

As they offered gifts most rare
at your cradle rough and bare:
so may we with holy joy,
pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to your lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
one whom heaven and earth adore:
so may we with willing feet
ever seek your mercy seat.

Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds your glory hide;

in the heavenly country bright
need they no created light:
you its light, its joy, its crown,
you its sun which goes not down.
There for ever may we sing
hallelujahs to our King.

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William Chatterton Dix 1837-98 alt.

Symbols of gold, frankincense and myrrh are placed before the crib:

We come seeking the one whose star we have seen from afar.

O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us adore him: Christ the Lord.

We come to offer our adoration and praise.

O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us adore him: Christ the Lord.

The Word has become flesh and we have beheld his glory.

O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us adore him: Christ the Lord.

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.

The Presider welcomes the people

Let us attend to our own worthiness to come into before the Christ-child, born for us that our sins may be forgiven.

We offer ourselves as gold refined in the purifying fire of your Holy Spirit

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

In lifting up our praise like frankincense ascending to your throne, we acknowledge our limitations.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Through your victory over death, may your resurrection be healing to us as myrrh applied to your wounds.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Make clean our hearts within us, O Lord,

✠ forgive us our sins,

and lead us into the eternal light of salvation. **Amen.**

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.**

The Collect (prayer) of the Day

Let us pray:

God of all peoples,
 you consecrated this day
 by calling the first of the gentile nations
 to follow Christ as the bright star of morning
 and adore him as the Word made Flesh.
 Let the light of the Christian faith
 so illuminate the life of your people
 that all may see our good works
 and give you the glory.
 We make this prayer through Jesus Christ,
 who is one with you and the Holy Spirit,
 now and for ever. **Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

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

All sit for the Reading from the Old Testament or as appointed.

Isaiah 60.1-6

After the reading the reader may say,

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

Psalm 72: 10-15



May all nations be blest in him

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute;
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.
All kings shall fall down before him;
all nations shall do him service.

May all nations be blest in him

For all he shall deliver the poor that cry out,
the needy and those who have no helper.
He shall have pity on the weak and the poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

May all nations be blest in him

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
Long may he live,
unto him may be given gold from Sheba;
may prayer be made from him continually
and may they bless him all the day long.

May all nations be blest in him

The Reading from the New Testament (other than from the gospels).

Ephesians 3.1-12

After the reading the reader may say,

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

Please stand for the Gospel Reading.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The deacon or other reader may say

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Matthew 2.1-12

Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel, the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking Open the Word

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was 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 again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in 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.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God:
✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

At the end of the prayers, we are invited to pray together:

**Bless your Church, Lord,
and inspire its witness
to the presence and work of Christ.
Strengthen its weakness
and guide it to follow
the light of faith which you have kindled.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The prayer folder may be placed on the altar as a sign of our prayers offered to God.

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.

Arise, shine out, your light has come,
unfolding City of our dreams.

On distant hills a glory gleams:
the new creation has begun.

Above earth's valleys, thick with night,
high on your walls the dawn appears,
and history shall dry its tears,
as nations stream towards your light.

From wall surpassing time and space,
unnumbered gates, like open hands,
shall gather gifts from all the lands,
and welcome all the human race.

The sounds of violence shall cease
as dwellings of salvation rise
to sparkle in eternal skies
from avenues of praise and peace.

The dancing air shall glow with light
and sun and moon give up their place
when Love shines out of every face:
our Good, our Glory, our Delight.

Sing Praise 25
Brian Wren 1936 -

The Offertory

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.

**In your kindness, Lord,
look upon the gifts of your Church.
We bring no gold now,
no frankincense or myrrh,
but we celebrate the One
whose risen life these gifts proclaim:
Christ Jesus your Son,
who is alive now and for ever. Amen.**

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 direct our Prayers to God in Jesus' name.

We lift our hearts to you,
God eternal, good and faithful;
to you we offer thanks and praise
in the name of Jesus Christ.

A light to lighten the gentiles

Because on this day you revealed
the mystery of our salvation in Christ,
the light of nations;
and now that he has appeared,
incarnate in our mortal flesh,
you have created us anew in the glory
of his immortal life.

Eternal praise

And so with boundless joy,
your Church is untied to the praises of heaven
as we praise your holy name and sing:

**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.

Our thanksgiving continues

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:

On the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with the people he loved.
He took the bread, gave them thanks,
broke it to share with them, and said:
“Take and eat this: it is my body.”

With this cup:

Then he took a cup of wine.
Again he thanked them 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.”

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We remember Jesus:

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.

We ask for God to consecrate us to his service through the Eucharist:

God most high, look upon our celebration
sanctified by the Holy Spirit,
and sanctify us who receive these gifts;
unite us in the one living bread
as partakers in the body of Christ,
and through the one cup of his blood
let us taste communion in the Holy Spirit
and the joy of the age to come.

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

The priest breaks the bread. One of the following may be said.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

**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 not the table of the Church, but of the Lord.

All are welcome at his supper. Come.

Post Communion Prayer

Go before us, Lord, we pray,
always and everywhere with your celestial light,
that we may discern with a clear mind
and receive with pure affection
the mystery you have called us here to share.
and in witness to his Gospel.

**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

The first nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay
keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the king of Israel.

When they looked up they saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light
and so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the king of Israel.

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the king of Israel.

This star drew nigh to the north-west;
over Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the king of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three
and reverently, upon their knee,
they offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the king of Israel.

Now let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who has made heaven and earth from naught,
and with his blood salvation brought.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the king of Israel.

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Anon., English c.17th cent.

Dismissal

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the world;
and the blessing of God Almighty:
✠ Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier
be with you all, and ever more. **Amen.**

The Light shines in the darkness
and the darkness fails to comprehend it.
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
May the light of Christ be with us as we go. Amen.

Postlude: Tocatta in C <i>Nesem Ván noviny</i> (we are bringing you news) Anonymous 1760, possibly a student of Josef Seger (1716-1782) Christopher Teed, organist.

Gospel Text for today

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, Seers (or Wisemen) from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to rule my people “Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the seers and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped they were overwhelmed with joy.

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Blessing the Home at Epiphany

(Chalking the door!)

On the Feast of the Epiphany, the family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance. It can also be written somewhere inside the home.

+20 C M B 19+

The letters C, M, B have two meanings:

- They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.
- They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."

The "+" signs represent the cross and 2019 is the year.

Here's a suggested format for the blessing:

"Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here,
in the name of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Using chalk, write on the outside of your house or inside above the front main entrance, above or next to an entrance:

+20 Christus Mansionem Benedicat 19+
or +20 C M B 19+

Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star.
Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit.
May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness
and the keeping of your law.
Fill us with the light of Christ,
that our love for each other may go out to all.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 9 th	10.00am	Eucharist, <i>St Paul's, Gisborne</i>
Thursday 10 th	6.00pm	AA Meeting, Parish Centre
Saturday 12 th	9.00am	Working Bee, <i>Church of the Resurrection</i>
Sunday 13 th	10.00 am	Eucharist, <i>St John's, Riddells Creek</i>

There for Clare

Appreciation is extended to those who gave their support to the Clare Waites armband appeal. Together with two other groups we successfully raised \$565.00 which has been donated to support Clare's family.

Farmers' Drought Appeal

Recently, books were donated on behalf of the Gisborne Op Shop for the book sale held at the Gisborne Masonic Lodge and an amazing total of \$2,000.00 was raised. Together with fundraising from other district lodges, this brought the total to \$30,000.00. A cheque for this amount has been presented to Aussie Helpers who are assisting farmers, their families and farming communities in Victoria that are affected by the drought. Thank-you from Graeme Millar to the Op Shop volunteers who helped with this event.

The Almighty Book & Bric-a-Brac Sale

This will be held on Saturday 19 January in the Parish Hall. Helpers are required to set up prior to the sale and help on the day. Volunteers are asked to contact Graeme Millar, 0413 781 501.

Vision Australia Calendars


Large print calendars are available for sale priced at \$15.00 each from Elaine Millar, 54282522.

THESE WISE MEN...
 MAGI. THEY WERE PAGAN MAGICIANS OR SOOTHSAYERS,




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THE LEAST LIKELY TO KNOW THE TRUE GOD. YET THEY HAVE FAITH, UNLIKE HEROD, THE SO-CALLED KING OF THE JEWS.



SO, WISER MEN THEN.



MATTHEW 2:1-12

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