

# The Anglican Parish of Gisborne



## *Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord*

*St Paul's Gisborne 9.00am  
The Church of the Resurrection Macedon 12noon*

March 30th, 2018

## Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone who joins us for our 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, our ministry or any needs please take one of our welcome brochures and/or speak to our Parish Priest, Fr Greg Davies or one of our welcomers.

## Great & Good Friday

Not doom and gloom Friday, but Good Friday! On this day we look into the eyes and heart of love—love at the heart of the universe. Love creating all things and holding creation in being. Love that is always becoming flesh and dwelling among us full of grace and truth. Love that goes to the cross rather than abandon us. Love that suffers and dies and rises eternally. The Good Friday liturgy is a celebration of the cross, the tree of life. On the dung heap, in the place of rejection and ridicule, outside the city walls, in the poor weak crucified Christ we encounter the power and wisdom of God as nowhere else. We hear the Passion according to John, we pray for God's world and church, we stand, kneel and touch the wood of the cross, we receive Christ crucified and living in holy communion. How good to be here on this Great and Good Friday!

*Order of service begins on page 4.*

## Our Mission Giving for the season of Lent.

Please support the Episcopal [Anglican] Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East in a special Anglican Board of Mission – Australia Appeal on this Good Friday. A special envelope is enclosed in the pewsheets for this purpose.

Parishioners are also requested to return their special Lent mission giving envelopes as soon as possible, either through the offertory or forward to the Parish Office.



***Response***

They divide my clothes among them,  
they cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me.

***Response***

I will tell your name to my people  
and praise you where they gather.  
All you who fear the Lord, sing your praises;  
all tribes of Jacob, give your glory.

***Response***

*The people remain seated for the second reading.*

Second Lesson:

Hebrews 10.16—25

*After the Lesson, the reader says*

For the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand and sing the Gradual hymn.*

**In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.**

**Through the cross, Christ's love empowers us  
worldliness and self deny;  
by his Spirit it inspires us  
him, through love, to glorify.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake us,  
hopes deceive and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake us,  
from it shines our peace and joy.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.  
In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.**

[Tis 349]

John Bowring 1792-1872 alt.

v.2

Charles Louis Fouvy 1928-

*The appointed Minister proclaims the gospel, first saying:*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John**.  
**✠ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The appointed Gospel from **John 18.1-19.42** is now proclaimed.*

*The people sit for the reading of the gospel. The minister will indicate when to stand towards the end of the reading.*

*After the Gospel, the minister says*

For the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon

Fr Dennis Webster

*Following the sermon a short period of silence is observed.*

*The minister says*

God shows great love for us in that while we were still  
sinners Christ died for us.

Let us confess our sins

**O Christ, we are stripped bare by your suffering.  
You see our dreams, our demons,  
and the secrets we keep even from ourselves.  
Forgive all that needs to be forgiven,  
heal all that needs to be healed,  
awaken all the good that sleeps in us,  
banish all the fears that paralyse us.  
Put the power of your cross into our lives for ever,  
and clothe us with hope and love.**

*The Presider says this or another absolution.*

We have turned our hearts to God in repentance  
and our sins are laid bare  
before the cross of Jesus Christ.  
In the name of the living God,  
your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

### The Solemn Prayers

*The people may stand or sit for the Solemn Prayers*

God sent his Son into the world,  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that the world might be saved through him.  
So let us bring the needs of the whole world  
to the foot of the cross of Christ.

*The intercessor/s leads the people in the biddings followed by a period of silence.*

*A minister then prays the appropriate collect.*

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Most merciful God,  
we commit ourselves to you  
and pray for the grace of a holy life,  
that, with all who have died  
and are alive in Christ,

we may come to the fullness of eternal life,  
and the joy of the resurrection  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A hymn is sung in preparation for the proclamation and veneration of the cross.*

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small:  
love so amazing, so divine  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

[Tis 342]

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

### The Proclamation of the Cross

*The people remain standing for this part of the liturgy.*

*As the cross is brought into the church, the bearer stops three times, and says:*

We adore you, O Christ and we bless you,  
**because, by your holy Cross you have redeemed the  
world.**

*After the third stop the cross is held by the Presider. The people are invited to come and gather in the sanctuary, and make an act of devotion to the crucified one by kissing or touching the cross and spending a moment of prayer before the cross.*

*During this time the choir will sing.*

*At the conclusion, a minister says*

O Saviour of the world,  
By your cross and precious blood  
you have redeemed us.

**Save us, and help us,  
We humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

*The offertory hymn is sung during which the gifts of the people are collected and brought forward.*

**My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh, and die?**

**He came from his blest throne  
salvation to bestow:  
but all made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know,  
But O my friend!  
my friend indeed,  
who at my need  
his life did spend.  
Sometimes they strew his way  
and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then 'Crucify!'  
is all their breath**

**and for his death  
they thirst and cry.**

**They rise and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save;  
the Prince of life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he  
to suffering goes,  
that he his foes  
from thence might free.**

**In life, no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death, no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heaven was his home;  
But mine the tomb  
wherein he lay.**

**Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.**

[Tis 341]

*Samuel Crossman 1624-84 alt.*

*The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's table and the Presider says*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation .....  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## Ante-Communion :The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

*During the singing of the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God), communion is brought to the Altar.  
The people say the Agnus Dei.*

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

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us your peace.**

*The Presider breaks the bread, then says*

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.**

*The Presider invites the people to receive the Holy Communion.  
The people come forward to receive the sacrament. All baptised persons are welcome to receive Holy  
Communion. Please follow directions of our welcomers.*

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. Amen.**

*When the administration of Holy Communion is completed a period of silence is observed while the  
elements are consumed and the table cleared.  
The people stand for the hymn.*

**We sing the praise of him who died,  
of him who died upon the cross;  
the sinner's hope though all deride:  
for this we count the world but loss.**

**Inscribed upon the cross we see  
in shining letters, 'God is love';  
he bears our sins upon the tree;  
he brings us mercy from above.**

**The cross – it takes our guilt away,  
it holds the fainting spirit up,  
it cheers with hope the gloomy day  
and sweetens every bitter cup:**

**it makes the coward spirit brave  
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;  
it takes all terror from the grave  
and gilds the bed of death with light;**

**the balm of life, the cure of woe,  
the measure and the pledge of love,  
the sinner's refuge here below,  
the angels' theme in heaven above.**

[Tis 347]

*Thomas Kelly 1769-1855 alt*

*The final prayer is said*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
The story of your suffering is written on our hearts,  
and the salvation of the world is in your  
outstretched hands.  
Keep your victory always before our eyes,  
your praise on our lips,  
your peace in our lives. **Amen.**

*The ministers and people depart in silence.*

