

Prayer Fasting Works of Love



First Sunday of Lent

February 20th/21st, 2021

St John's Riddells Creek

Saturday 5.30 pm

St Paul's Gisborne

Sunday 9 am

*The Anglican 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.

God remembers.

Today's worship

Sometimes we need a reminder. A sign is a reminder that points to something specific and concrete. Unlike symbols, which can represent deeper and more nebulous meaning, a sign represents a more direct marker and identifier even if it also contains symbolic value.

The rainbow is both a symbol and a sign. As a symbol, it holds multiple meanings reflecting theological themes. As a symbol, it invites us to explore those meanings and the implications on our lives and faith journey. As a symbol, we might be tempted to consider it as only a theoretical proposition with no substance. But the rainbow is both symbol that reflects God's commitment, abundant love, and grace and sign that points to the events of this portion of the Genesis narrative. The first eleven chapters of the Bible do not address a particular group of people. There is no need to universalize the concepts and the stories; it begins from a universal perspective. In fact, the tribalism that marks so much of the human condition comes into motion after these events. Noah does not usher in a new nation, he participates in the first movement toward a new creation. The promise God extends to humanity through him does not only apply to his progeny, it applies to the entire world that God has created.

The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, United Churches of Christ, USA

Readings:

This Sunday:	Genesis 9.8-17	Psalm 25.1-10
LENT 1B	1 Peter 3.18-22	Mark 1.9-15
Next Sunday:	Genesis 17.1-7,15-16	Psalm 22. 24-32
LENT 2B	Romans 4.13-25	Mark 8.31-38

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 the People

The ministers enter in silence.

The words printed in bold type are said or sung by the people.

✠ Bless the Lord who forgives our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.

The Presider greets the people in these words.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Reception of Ashes

A minister continues

Friends in Christ, as we have already commenced this Holy Lent, we journey in hope towards the dawn of the New Day and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Due to the community's need to undertake due care and diligence during this pandemic, it was not possible to receive ashes as is traditional on the first day of Lent.

This year, we distribute the ashes by a simple act of sprinkling.

Throughout the Hebrew scriptures, we recall that it was customary to turn away from our sins, mourning or commanding that sackcloth and ashes placed as an outward sign of repentance.

As we prepare to receive the ashes, let us return to God with a genuine and contrite heart.

Confession and Absolution

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence may be kept.

Most holy and merciful God,
**we confess to you and to one another,
and before the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned by our fault,
by our own fault,
by our own most grievous fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy,
and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other
people, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith
that is in us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to
injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neigh-
bours, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from
us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for
those who come after us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

The Presider takes the blessed ashes and symbolically sprinkles them on the head of all in the sanctuary, saying:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
Repent, and believe the Gospel

The congregation may come forward, spaced 1.5m apart.

Ashes may either be sprinkled on the head, or in the hands and are received in silence.

4A hymn or anthems (Trisagion, Lenten Prose) may be sung.

After the ashes have been distributed, the Presider prays:

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in the world.
By the cross and passion of your Son, our Saviour,
✠ forgive us again, and give us grace to begin anew,
so you may bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.
Amen.

The Prayer of the Day (Collect)

God of the new and eternal covenant,
as the forty days of the great flood
swept away the world's corruption
and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life:
Grant to us,
who are washed clean and born again in the saving flood of baptism,
the wellsprings of your grace,
that your gift of new life may flourish once again;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Ministry of the Word

The people sit for the reading/s from the scriptures.

If the Hebrew Scripture is omitted, then the New Testament reading goes here.

First Lesson: Genesis 9.-8-17

After the Lesson, the reader says

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

Psalm 25.1-10



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; to you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. O Lord, make me know your ways.
O Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. *Response*

Let us together affirm our faith.

**We believe in one God, creator of all life,
maker of past, present and future.
Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's Word of grace, and love made flesh,
who came to declare good news to those in despair,
to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor,
to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.**

**We believe in God's Holy Spirit,
who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again,
who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage,
who resurrects us to new life.**

**We believe that the Church is of God
and will endure to the end of time,
and calls us into a life of love and service.**

**Blessed is our God:
✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The people may stand or sit for the prayers. The Presider says

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

The prayers end with this as the folder is placed on the Altar:

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:

**God, our guide,
you have made known to us the way of life.
Guide your Church along this path,
and bring us home to you,
for with you is our lasting peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace and Offertory

All stand for the Greeting of Peace with these words.

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you, maintaining your 1.5m social distance.

The offertory hymn is sung during which the gifts of the people are prepared.

During the pandemic, we are asked not to pass the plate, which is adjacent to the entry of the Church. It will be there until the conclusion of the service.

Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled:

let us your endurance share
and from earthly greed abstain,
with you watching unto prayer,
with you strong to suffer pain

And if Satan on us press
flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint or fail.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by your side,
that with you we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

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George Hunt Smyttan (1822-70)
and Francis Pott (1832-1909) alt.

The gifts of the people are presented and the Presider says

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.

**Creator God, we pray you to fashion our lives
in the likeness of Christ,
whose table we share
and of whose life we partake.
We ask this through Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing and the Presider says

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 continues

...for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

or the following may be sung. The choir sing the 'cantor' part.

Response to the Choir's bidding:



Ho - san - na in the high _____ est. _____

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes for 'Ho - san - na' and eighth notes for 'in the high'. There are two long horizontal lines representing rests for 'est.' and the end of the phrase.

Choir: Hosanna in the highest.

Response: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Response: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Choir: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Response: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Choir: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

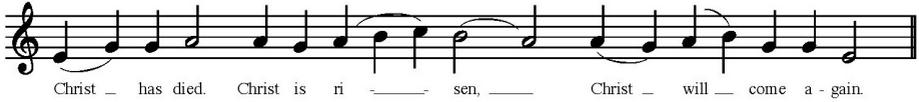
Response: **Hosanna in the highest.**

...the prayer continues

A minister says

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**



... in songs of never-ending praise:

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

or the following is sung:



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.**

The Breaking of Bread and the Communion

The Presider 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 people then say or sing:

**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 peace.**

or the following response is given to the cantor's tropes (verses)

The image shows two lines of musical notation on a five-line staff. The first line is for the response 'Have mercy on us'. The notes are: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note D5, and a quarter note E5. The lyrics 'Have', 'mer', 'cy', 'on', 'us.' are written below the notes, with lines indicating where the notes fall. The second line is for the response 'Grant us peace'. The notes are: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note D5, and a quarter note E5. The lyrics 'Grant', 'us', 'peace.' are written below the notes, with lines indicating where the notes fall. The word 'Final time:' is written above the second line.

The Presider invites the people to come and receive Communion with these words.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

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

Communion today will be in one kind only.

The Sending Out of God's People

The Presider says a post-communion prayer.

God of mission,
who alone brings growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
and power to our witness.

**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.**

A hymn of Thanksgiving is sung:

1. O love how deep, how broad, how high!
it fills the heart with ecstasy
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

2. He sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place
but wore the robe of human frame
himself, and to this lost world came.

3. For us he was baptised, and bore
his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

4. For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions, thus
still seeking not himself but us.

5. For us to wicked hands betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us at length gave up his breath.

6. For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign,
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.

7. To him whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through his Son,
to God the Father, glory be
both now and through eternity.

Attrib. Thomas à Kempis
1379-1471
tr. Benjamin Webb
1819-85 alt.
TiS 194

Notices may follow.

The Presider says a prayer over the people in place of the usual blessing during Lent.

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,
that you may find in him crucified,
a sure ground for faith,
affirm support for hope,
and the assurance of sin forgiven. **Amen.**

A minister says

We go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

At Church of the Resurrection:

Postlude
J S Bach, *Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ*
(I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ).

**2021 Autumn Festival
Autumn in Macedon**

The Autumn season brings many visitors to the Macedon Ranges with Honour Avenue and its beautiful Oak Trees offering one of the main attractions. In the last few years Honour Avenue has seen 2-3,000 visitors per weekend walking and driving along the Avenue. The Council is working in partnership with local residents and organisations to address the traffic and parking issues arising from the influx of visitors. This year an opportunity has been identified to provide additional temporary parking, in the rear paddock at the Church of the Resurrection.

The proposal is to offer temporary parking in the rear paddock on the weekends between 27th March to the last weekend in April, concluding on ANZAC Day – 25th April. This is a fundraising opportunity for the Parish (a \$5 donation will be charged per park) as well as providing a visible welcome to the many visitors to the Macedon Ranges during the beautiful autumn season.

The Parish Executive is working with Council to ensure this will be a safe car park. Traffic management attendants appointed by Council will direct traffic on and off Mt Macedon Road, however parking attendants are required on the Parish land.

Two attendants/3hr session are required to support car parking in the Paddock. All volunteers will be provided with a briefing and a visible tabard to wear while on duty. Each volunteer is asked to donate 3hrs/session to assist with parking and welcoming the visitors.

The Parish Executive seek your support with this new initiative.

A Roster has been drawn up and we ask that you advise Margarita Caddick (via mob – 0448 368 774 or email – caddick@bigpond.com.au) the time/s that you could donate to assist with this significant fundraising opportunity.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Morning Shift (9.15am – 12.15pm)</i>	<i>Afternoon Shift (12.15-3.15pm)</i>
<i>Saturday 27th March</i>		
<i>Sunday 28th March</i>		
<i>Fri 2nd April (Good Friday)</i>		
<i>Saturday 3rd April</i>		
<i>Sunday 4th April (Easter Day)</i>		
<i>Monday 5th April</i>		
<i>Saturday 10th April</i>		
<i>Sunday 11 April</i>		
<i>Saturday 17th April</i>		
<i>Sunday 18th April</i>		
<i>Saturday 24th April</i>		
<i>Sunday 25th April</i>	<i>opening at 10</i>	
<i>Monday 26th April (tbc)</i>		

Thank you from Debra

Dear Friends,

I want to thank each of you for the prayers, the good wishes and the wonderful support to me over the last months as I headed toward my ordination on February 6th. Nothing less than absolutely extraordinary! And on the day – even though so many of you could not be there in person, I felt that same support and same prayers were all around me.

On the Wednesday ahead of the Ordination, there is a practice in the cathedral before you go into retreat. All those to be ordained were anxious, worried, scared, questioning. On the morning of our ordination as we gathered for breakfast and prayers together, there was a great calm and peace amongst each of us and someone said : ‘ it’s because God is with us and we are surrounded by prayer.’ It didn’t stop that ‘oh my! it’s really happening’ feeling, as you step into the cathedral, - Dennis spoke of this the Sunday before - but it certainly meant I knew you were travelling with me.

How extraordinary too, to walk the length of the cathedral to the opening hymn – Christ is made the sure Foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone.

And then on Sunday to see you all and be part of my own parish in such a joyful and happy service. Thank you and thank you to Fr Dennis and Fr Alan for their guidance and support, as well as Alison and Ngaire who have been my referees throughout the last year.

Lastly, thank you for the very generous gift you have all contributed towards. I’m not sure what to use this for just yet – but I have my thinking cap on and I do know I will want to always say ‘this was my parish’s gift at my ordination’ so when I know what it is I will let you know.

In the meantime, its back to work as the Head of Chaplaincy at the Brotherhood of St Laurence and looking forward to my role as Honorary Assistant Curate here in the parish. My prayers for each of you as we continue to minister together in this place.

Blessings

Debra



*The newly ordained deacons
on the steps of the cathedral with the
Archbishop*



*After the service – family and friends
... Can you spot Fr Dennis?
He just made it!*



*With my boys - Joshua
and Angus*

Weekly Diary

Mon	Feb 22 nd	10.00 am	St Paul's Play Group
		1.30 pm	Card Group (provisional)
Tues	Feb 23 rd	8.30 am	LLEN Bullengarook SS, Parish Centre
		10.00 am	St Paul's Play Group
		10.30 am	Lenten Study, Riddells Creek Hall
		7.00 pm	EfM
Wed	Feb 24 th	8.30 am	LLEN Gisborne SC, Parish Centre
		10.00 am	Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne: St Matthias
		1.30 pm	Lenten Study, Parish Centre
		3.30 pm	Property and Space Committee Op Shop/Centre
Thurs	Feb 25 th	10.00 am	Kinde program, Parish Hall
		7.00 pm	AA, Parish Centre
		7.30 pm	Lenten Study, Church of the Resurrection
Sat	Feb 27 th	5.30 pm	Eucharist, St John's Riddells Creek
Sun	Feb 28 th	9.00 am	Eucharist, St Paul's Gisborne
		10.30 am	Eucharist Church of the Resurrection, Macedon

COMING UP

Saturday March 6 th	9.00 am	KYB4M, Parish Centre
Friday, March 5 th	10.00 am	World Day of Prayer St Paul's, Gisborne
Saturday March 13 th		Pathways Retreat Mission Focus Group
Sunday, March 21 st		Seraphim Trio Church of the Resurrection
Sunday March 28 th	10 am	Palm Sunday at St Paul's
April, 1st to 3 rd		Triduum (Sacred Three Days)
April 4 th		Easter Day

Lenten Study

Lenten Studies commence this week. Although there is not one listed for SUN-DAY, please talk with the Parish Clergy if a Sunday (probably late afternoon) would be convenient.

Other times: Tuesday 10.30 am Riddells Creek Hall
 Wednesday 1.30 pm Parish Centre, Gisborne
 Thursday 7.30 pm Church of the Resurrection

ZOOM is an option for all sessions. Cost \$10

Child Safety Update and Clearances

Due to ongoing changes to the Child Safety provisions by law, the Diocese requires each of us to add to our WWCC two more addresses:

Kooyoora Ltd, PO Box 329, Canterbury, Vic, 3126

Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, 209 Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000

Using your SERVICE VICTORIA app (QR code thingy!) you can update this yourself. Over the next few weeks, you will be contacted by either myself, Lyndsey, Marilyn or Alison, and we'll guide you through this. We will also apply for your interim clearance check that is now required.