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Mothering Sunday

Gisborne Anglican Parish

St John's Riddells Creek Saturday 5.30 p.m.
St Paul's Gisborne, Sunday 9 a.m.
Church of the Resurrection Sunday 10.30 a.m.

March 10/11th, 2018

Welcome

A warm welcome to our Parish

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 sides-persons.

Be lifted up Although it is not in the readings set for today, the words of Psalm 24 come to mind. *Be lifted up, O you gates, and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is the King of Glory. The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of Glory.* It was a song of ascent, sung as the ancients processed to the doors of the Temple. It was a request to come into the presence of God as they approached the glory and splendour of Solomon's mighty temple. For Moses, by raising a serpent in the wilderness made of bronze, healing from snake bite was afforded to the grumbling and ungrateful of Israel. To this day, it is still a symbol of healing found on hospitals and ambulances alike. For Jesus, this is the love of God that passes all understanding: the giving of his only Son upon the cross. Jesus is the new door to the presence of God. It is by looking on him we do not perish, but have the assurance of eternal life.

Readings for Today: Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 107.1-3,17-22; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21

Readings for Next Weekend: Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm 119.9-16; Hebrews 5.5-14; John 12.20-33

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.

The Gathering of the People

The people stand and sing the Trisagion as the minister/s process

This setting is intended to be sung three times.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal setting of the Trisagion. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,' and the second system contains 'Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature.

The invocation is then said by the Presider.

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.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts be open
all desires known
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Kyries may be said or sung:

All sing:

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Choir only: Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy

² All sing:

Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.

Choir only: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

³ All sing:

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Confession and Absolution

The minister introduces the confession with these words.

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

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

**Merciful God,
 our maker and our judge,
 we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 and in what we have failed to do:
 we have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
 we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
 Father, forgive us.
 Strengthen us to love and obey you
 in newness of life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Presider pronounces God's forgiveness to which the people reply Amen.

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all
who turn to him in faith:
✠ pardon you and set you free
from all yours sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The prayer of the day is said by the Presider.

God of steadfast love,
you have created us anew in Jesus Christ
for the doing of those good works
which you have prepared for us.
Set our hearts and minds on the One
who was lifted up for this world's healing,
and as we remember your goodness,
let us also live in your praise.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
who is one with you and the Holy Spirit,
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

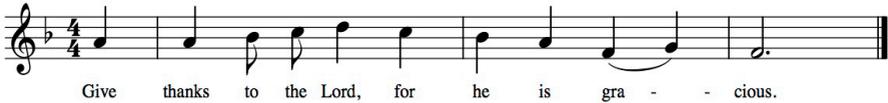
The people sit for the reading/s from the scriptures.

First Lesson: Numbers 21.4-9

After the Lesson, the reader says

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

Psalm 107.1-3,17-22



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say this,
those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
And gathered out of the lands
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Some were foolish and took a rebellious way,
and were plagued because of their wrongdoing.
Their soul abhorred all manner of food
and drew near to the gates of death.
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

He sent forth his word and healed them,
and saved them from destruction.
Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness
and the wonders he does for his children.
Let them offer his sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

Andrew Wright,
New Psalms for Common Worship

The people remain seated for the second reading.
Second Lesson: Ephesians 2.1-10

After the Lesson, the reader says

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

The people stand and the following may be sung for the gospel procession.

First time: Choir only

Second time: All



**The Lord is a great God,
O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.**

*The people remain standing and the appointed minister proclaims the gospel, first saying
The Lord be with you.*

And also with you.

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

The appointed Gospel from John 3.14-21 is now proclaimed.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking open the Word

Following the sermon a short period of silence is observed.

The people stand and the minister introduces an Affirmation of Faith

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:

**Gracious God,
you give us what we do not deserve
and you bless us with gifts beyond our imagining.
As you have so richly graced us,
so make us work untiringly for your kingdom.
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.

All may exchange a greeting of peace.

The offertory hymn is sung during which the gifts of the people – bread, wine, and money are collected and brought forward.

Offertory Hymn: Together in Song: 565 Author of faith, eternal Word

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.

**With joy, O God,
we prepare the table of Christ.
Let this feast of thanks and praise
render you fitting service
and make us able to express in our lives
the reconciliation brought us in Christ,
who lives for ever and ever. 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.

...for ever praising you and saying/singing:

**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.

Choir only: Hosanna in the highest

All sing:

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. It features a treble clef, a 15/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'Ho - san - na in the high - est' are written below the staff, with a long horizontal line under 'est' indicating a sustained note.

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

² All sing:

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn, identical to the first line. It features a treble clef, a 15/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'Ho - san - na in the high - est' are written below the staff, with a long horizontal line under 'est' indicating a sustained note.

Choir only: Heaven and earth are full of your glory

³ All sing

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn, identical to the first line. It features a treble clef, a 15/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'Ho - san - na in the high - est' are written below the staff, with a long horizontal line under 'est' indicating a sustained note.

...the prayer continues

A minister says

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith. □

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Choir only: Christ had died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

All sing:

Musical notation for the final line of the hymn. It features a treble clef, a 2/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.' are written below the staff. There are two fermatas (v) above the notes for 'ri' and 'sen'.

... 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:

Choir only: Amen, amen.

All sing:



The Presider says

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 say or sing 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 peace.**

or the following is sung:

**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.**

Choir only: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

All sing:



Choir only: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

² **All sing:**



Choir only: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

³ **All sing:**



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 Anthem at Church of the Resurrection
Here is bread
(Graham Kendrick)

The Sending Out of God's People

A minister says

Let us stand to pray:

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.**

Blessing of Simnel Cake

Almighty God, giver of all joy: Receive at our hands this cake, that it may be to us a symbol of our communion with you and with one another; as its flour was once scattered over our land as wheat and now is one, so let us be one in anticipation of your gift of the new Jerusalem which, as your redeemed people, is our joy, our hope, our destiny, and our home. Hear us, O Lord, through Jesus Christ your Son, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A hymn of Thanksgiving is sung:

Together in Song: 552 Come, my way, my truth, my life

Notices may follow.

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

May the God of light illuminate us all
that we may be filled with the splendour of your grace,
setting our minds on things
that are fitting and pleasing to the glory of Christ our Lord,
who is one with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and always. **Amen.**

The minister says

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

Postlude at Church of the Resurrection
Wenn wir in Höchsten Nöten sein
(When we are in the time of utmost need)
J.S. Bach

*If convenient, please remain seated for postlude,
or quietly exit to the Narthex*

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Next Week! Preparing for Easter!



4.30 p.m. in the St Paul's Hall
Helpers meeting, preparation
and prayer
4.00 p.m.



This Weekend!

Sunday 2.30 p.m.
Church of the Resurrection

Helen Ayres (violin)
Anna Goldsworthy (piano)
Timothy Nankervis (cello)

Mozart Trio in G major (KV 496)
Beethoven, Trio in B flat major, Opus 11
Schubert, Piano Trio No 1 in B flat major D 898

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Leading our Church into Growth – Group Gatherings, continued!

Session 3 - Our Heart (*Worship that helps the church to grow*)

Tuesday, March 20 1.30pm – Parish Centre

7.30pm – Church of the Resurrection

Wednesday, March 21 10.30am – Parish Centre, following 10am Eucharist

Let us come together this Lent to action leading our church into growth!

More information to follow

Mission Lunch March 25th, 2018 (Palm Sunday)

Where: Riddells Creek Hotel

Time: 12.30 pm

Cost: Lunch \$20 (two course lunch)

Donation \$5 for Broadmeadows Women's Community House.

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items to Church and place in the baskets (or to the Parish Centre).

WANTED! Lids off aerosol cans and liquid laundry bottles. If you can help, please hand over to Lorna Howard.

Twilight Barbecue: This Wednesday 14 March at 6pm St Paul's Guild will be having a social outing and will be meeting at the John Aitken Park, opposite Coles in Gisborne. It is a BYO everything, bque facilities available or bring a take-away or food of your choice. They would be delighted if other parishioners would like to join them, and all are welcome. Further details from Elaine, 5428 2522.

This Week!

Monday 12th	10.00am	Play Group, Parish Hall, Gisborne
Tuesday 13th	10.00am	Play Group, Parish Hall, Gisborne
Wednesday 14th	10.00am	Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne
	6.00pm	St Paul's Guild Barbecue, John Aitken Park
Thursday 15th	7.30pm	Open Night at Macedon, CoR
Saturday 17th	5.30pm	Eucharist, St John's, Riddells Creek
Sunday 18th	9.00am	Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist, CoR, Macedon
	4.00pm	Messy Church, Parish Hall

Greatly Appreciated: Anyone who has any spare braid or rick-rack, please could I have it for some craft (any colour or amount, would be fine), Thanks
Marg Wells

Morning Tea: Vision Australia will be holding a Bring and Buy Morning Tea at the Parish Centre this coming Tuesday 13 March, commencing at 10am. Admittance \$5.00. All members and friends are welcome to attend. A young man "Paul" a resident in this area will be speaking about his life as a blind person. For further information please contact Elaine on 5428 2522.

LENT & CREATION: During this Lenten season of prayer and fasting, our Parish Animal Welfare Network invites us to prayerfully reflect upon our stewardship of God's creation. Do our food choices mirror caring stewardship or do they contribute to the ongoing abuse of God's good creation? 'Cage egg hens' spend their entire life in a space about the size of an Ipad, unable to flap their wings or engage in other God-given behaviours. 'Free range egg' standards vary greatly and hens' freedom can be greatly compromised by stocking density per hectare so it is worth checking the latter. Male chicks are killed at birth in both production methods. 'Food' for thought! Janine Mc Dougall, Parish Animal Welfare Network.

Anglicare Broadmeadows Womens' Community House Grocery Appeal: Many thanks to all those who have donated generously to this ongoing appeal and for the donation of young childrens' clothes. BWCH was most appreciative of the delivery made this week. Grocery donations for all BWCH clients in need can be left in the baskets at St.Johns, COR or the Parish Centre. Thanks, Janine Mc Dougall, co-convenor, Parish Refugee Support Group.

Pastoral Care Committee: A reminder to the members of the Parish Pastoral Care committee that the next meeting is this coming Wednesday, immediately following the midweek Eucharist, 10.45 a.m.

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