

Anglican Parish of Gisborne



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 13)

St John's, Riddells Creek Saturday August 4th 5.30 pm
Church of the Resurrection August 5th, 10.30 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 welcomeers.

Today's worship: (reflection by Rev'd Dr Kathryn Matthews)

Paul (or one writing in his name) writes the Letter to the Ephesians from jail to the church beyond prison walls, exclaiming, "How blessed is God! Long before [God] laid down earth's foundations, [God] had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of [God's] love, to be made whole and holy by [God's] love" (Ephesians 1:4; see Eugene Peterson's beautiful and easy-to-understand version of this entire letter in *The Message*).

These elegant words, from the first chapter of the epistle, set the stage appropriately for Paul's exhortation from jail to the church that walks free and empowered, not only long ago but today, in our time and in every setting of the church: Be reconciled, be one, be strong, strive to be worthy of your calling!

Our passage today is a moving reminder to us in the Church of who we are, and who we are called to be as followers of Jesus, to understand "what we are living for." Within our own congregations and within our denomination, we are called to be one, to be reconciled, to be strong, to strive to be worthy of our calling.

And yet we are called to seek that same unity across congregational and denominational lines, too, to reach out to our Christian sisters and brothers and to find common ground, common hope, common calling. All of this is to bear witness to the loving God who "laid down the earth's foundations," thinking of us, focusing an immeasurable love on us, intending for us to be whole and holy through the power of that love.

Scripture readings:

This Sunday: 2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a; Psalm 51.1-12;
Ephesians 4.1-16; John 6.24-35

Wednesday *St Dominic*

Next Sunday: 2 Samuel 8:5-9,14,31-33; Psalm 130;
Ephesians 4.25-5.2; John 6.35, 41-51

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Gathering of God's People

Introit Hymn: (St John's and Church of the Resurrection) Together in Song 429
Break now the bread of life

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.

Let us pray:

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are 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.**

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

You have revealed yourself as the way to the Father.

Lord, have mercy. or Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy. Kyrie Eleison

You have poured upon us the Spirit of truth.

Christ, have mercy. Christe Eleison

Christ, have mercy. Christe Eleison

You are the Shepherd of eternal life:

Lord, have mercy. Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy. Kyrie Eleison

The Absolution. Standing, the priest says

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

**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

God, whose gift is the true bread,
let the Spirit of holiness
teach and inspire your people,
so that with faith in your word
and believing in the One you have sent,
they may respond with understanding
to the hungers of this present age.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

The Ministry of the Word

First Reading: 2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a

At the end of the reading, the reader may say

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

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| Psalm 51, St John's and Church of the Resurrection, Together in Song 32 |
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Have mercy on me, O God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.

**O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.**

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.

**Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.

**O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall declare your praise.**

Second Reading Ephesians 4.1-16

At the end of the reading, the reader may say

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

Gospel Acclamation

All sing after the cantor.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

We do not live by bread alone,
But by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 6,
beginning at verse 24

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

John 6.24-35

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking Open the Word

After a period of short reflection, we stand to affirm our faith.

Let us stand to affirm our faith.

I believe in God

Source of life;

Creator of all things everywhere.

I believe in Jesus Christ

Word of life;

born fully human,

sharing our joys and sorrows,

suffering for our sake,

redeeming us by dying on the cross,

defeating Satan and death,

rising again to make us whole.

I believe in the Holy Spirit

Breath of life;

Indwelling wisdom of God,

Comforter, companion and healer.

**I believe in the Church Universal to be the body of Christ
commissioned to bear God's love, forgiveness, mercy
and healing to our broken world.**

I believe in God,

Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier

and the promise of life everlasting. Amen.

Margaret Bradley
1950-2013

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

At the conclusion of the prayers the intercessor says:

As we place our prayers on the altar, we pray:

**Loving Father,
hear the prayers we offer
for all our brothers and sisters;
look with compassion on those
whose work is hard and unrewarding
and support those who strive
for greater sharing and solidarity.
We ask you this
through your Son, Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

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.

The Offertory

St John's and Church of the Resurrection, Together in Song 516

Here, gracious Lord, we see you face to face

With this bread that we bring,

We shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring,

We shall remember Jesus.

Bread for body,

wine for his blood,

gifts of God to his table we bring.

Gracious God,

bless our fellowship at your table,

that we may become for you

an offering of worship in spirit and in truth.

Through Christ our Lord. . Amen.

The 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.

Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us the fish in the sea,
the birds of the air,
and every plant and tree;
the life that sleeps in the winter earth,
and awakens again in the spring.

You give us your love,
even when things go wrong.
Jesus knew hurt and pain.
Through him you wipe away our tears,
and fill us with your peace.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your 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.

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross

and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Why do we share this bread and wine?

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

Great is the Mystery of our Faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion

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

Anthem during Communion at Church of the Resurrection
Together in Song 500
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Post Communion Prayer
Lord, be the constant shield of those

who you renew by your gifts from heaven,
and as you never fail to care for us,
so make us worthy of everlasting redemption.

**Write your law into our hearts,
keep us mindful of you at all times,
speak kindly through our lips,
and guide our hands in all we do,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Thanksgiving Hymn: Together in Song 518

For the bread and for the wine

The Dismissal

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and
minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord;

and the blessing of God almighty,
the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude at Church of the Resurrection

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Notices

St Paul's Guild

Members are reminded to return their Bush Church Aid boxes for the yearly
count at their meeting on Monday.

Mission Lunch

The Missions Lunch will now be on Sunday, 26th August at 12.30pm at Riddells
Creek Hotel. Bookings should be made through Rosemary Homewood, Ph.
5428 7152. Cost \$20 + \$5 donation to ABM.

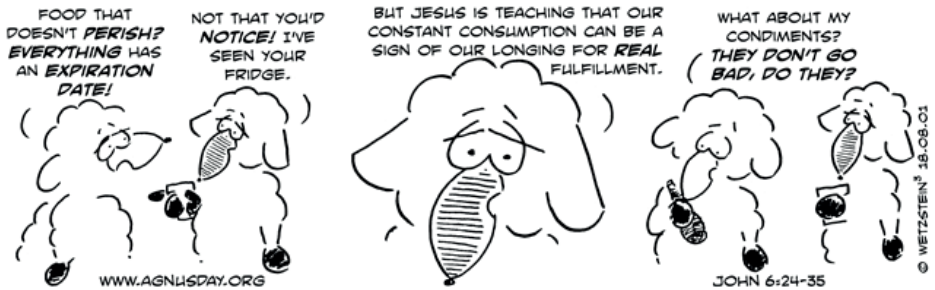
Stewardship

Don't forget that our weekly giving from our abundance for the work and mission of the Parish can be given in differing ways.

Envelopes are available at each centre. The numbers and names are not recorded but allow people to be confidential in their giving. They are placed in the collection plate at the Offertory.

Open plate donation: giving what you can.

Planned Stewardship via Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). Through the Anglican Development Fund (ADF), the Parish is able to receive your contribution by setting up a regular transfer. This is helpful for those who prefer to budget their tithe. Please talk with a Warden or the Parish Treasurer (Brett Collins) if you wish to set this up.



This Week

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| Monday 6 th | 10.00am | Play Group, Parish Hall |
| | 1.30 pm | St Paul's Guild, Parish Centre |
| Tuesday 7 th | 10.00am | Play Group, Parish Hall |
| | 1.30pm | Ladies Guild, CoR |
| Wednesday 8 th | 10.00 am | Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne |
| Thursday 9 th | 6.30 pm | AA in Parish Centre |
| Saturday 11 th | 9.00am | Working Bee, CoR |
| | 5.30pm | Eucharist, St John's, Riddells Creek |
| | 6.30pm | Kids Church Service, St John's, Riddells Creek |
| Sunday 12 th | 9.00 am | Eucharist at St Paul's, Gisborne |
| | 10.30 am | Eucharist at Church of the Resurrection |
| | 12.30pm | Baptism, Lotti Hindson |