

Anglican Parish of
Gisborne



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MORNING PRAYER

Pentecost 15A

September 13th, 2020

The Parish of Gisborne would like to acknowledge that we meet on Kulin Nation country. We pay our respects to Kulin Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to any First Nations people who are present today.

*We acknowledge that Aboriginal sovereignty has not been ceded.
The Parish of Gisborne is committed to being a Child Safe organisation.*

Morning Prayer
(Second Order: APBA p19)

Gathering in God's Name
Through Christ let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God,
the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Hebrews 13.15

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1.3

These or similar responses are used.

Open our lips, O Lord,
and we shall declare your praise.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The minister continues in these or similar words.

Friends in Christ,
we come together to meet with God,
and to take our part in the building up of his Church.
We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise,
hear from God's holy word,
and pray for this world, and for ourselves.
The Bible tells us to approach God confidently,
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
As we do so, we must confess our sins,
seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

Let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together:

**God of all mercy,
we humbly admit that we need your help.
We have wandered from your way.
We have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us,
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit
that we may live the new life to your glory.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

The minister declares God's forgiveness.

God desires that none should perish,
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.
God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.
Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The minister may read one of these sentences of Scripture.

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2.1–2

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38–39

The minister says

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His steadfast love endures for ever!

The minister greets the people, who may greet one another.

Grace and peace be with you
and also with you.

**Come, let us sing to the Lord,
shout to the rock of our salvation.
Serve the Lord with gladness,
come before his face with songs of joy.**

The Ministry of the Word

The minister offers this prayer, or a suitable alternative, in preparation for the reading and teaching of the Scriptures.

Heavenly Father,
give us wisdom and understanding.
As we listen to your Word,
may we know you better, love you more,
and learn to please you in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The first Reading, as appointed.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another. I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

May your word live in us

and bear much fruit to your glory.

Psalm 103.8-13

Breath of life, detach the fetters that bind us.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Breath of life, detach the fetters that bind us.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

Breath of life, detach the fetters that bind us.*

[The Lord be with you.

And also with you.]

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 18.21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

For the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking Open the Word

Music may be played after the reflection.

The Ministry of Prayer

The minister says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us.

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 minister continues

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,

let your glory cover the earth.

Keep our nation under your care,

and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth,

your saving power among all nations.

Send out your light and your truth,

that we may tell of your saving works.

Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.

Hear the cry of those in need.

Hear our prayers, O Lord,

for we put our trust in you.

The Collect of the Day

God our righteousness,

high as heaven is your mercy,

for you do not retain anger for ever.

Through the word of Jesus,
challenge our ways.
Through the Spirit of Jesus,
expel from us all wrath and resentment,
so that we who ask mercy for ourselves
may forgive our brother and sister from the heart.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Intercessions

Let us pray to God, trusting in his mercy to all who call upon him in faith, saying:

Author of life: **hear our prayer.**

Guard the Church from too much concern for lesser things. Grant us grace to keep reverence and order but to seek first the salvation of God.

Author of life: **hear our prayer.**

May those who work in the world of finance be just an compassionate in their dealings. Give them wisdom, and the grace to use their skill not as an end but for the welfare of all.

Author of life: **hear our prayer.**

Give us the gift of acceptance as we revel in the joys of all people. Where we are challenged, give us tolerance as we live and work with others. Since none can live to themselves alone, help us to care for our community.

Author of life: **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on all distressed by debt or financial worry. Encourage any who have lost their employment in this time of challenge. Turn by your grace the hearts of those who oppress the poor and needy.

Author of life: **hear our prayer.**

We bring to mind those for whom our prayers have been asked; those who are lonely, afraid, or are unwell.

pause for quiet prayer

Author of life: **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy, even at the last, on the greedy and unforgiving. Help us so to forgive that in the hour of death we may be forgiven.

Author of life: **hear our prayer.**

In the spirit of forgiving, as we trust to be forgiven,
we offer these our prayers, praying together:

**Almighty God,
you call your Church to witness
that you have reconciled all things in Christ.
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love
that all who hear it may turn to you.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

From the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers,
and you have promised that when two or three gather in your name
you will grant their requests.
Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us.
Grant us, in this life,
knowledge of your truth
and in the age to come, life eternal. **Amen.**

Eternal God and Father,
by whose power we are created
and by whose love are redeemed:
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit
that we may give ourselves to your service
and live this day in love to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Postlude

Kenneth Leighton: Fanfare

Readings for Next Week: Pentecost 16A (Proper 20)

Philippians 1.21-30, Psalm 105.1-6,37-45, Matthew 20.1-16

Readings for September 27th: Pentecost 17A (Proper 21)

Philippians 2.1-13, Psalm 78.1-4,11-16, Matthew 21.23-32

* ***Breath of life, detach the fetters that bind us.***

From an Aramaic translation of the Lord's Prayer

Breath of Life: The Creator God
detach the fetters that bind us: forgive us our sins



What a wonderful night it was!
Such a coup to be able to connect
with almost 100 people – a few
disappointments but not for the lack
of trying! A 95% success rate was truly
phenomenal.

Congratulations to “Team Interna-
tional” who were the winning team on
the night.

We are truly grateful for the technical
skills of Fr Dennis. He researched the
possibilities and arranged for us all to be
together.

Alongside the anxiety of getting us all on board, he managed to code the Silent Auction items that were sent to him as they arrived. He was able to do this as well as maintain his regular responsibilities of developing the service for Sunday and pastoral care.

Amanda and Harriet Millar are to be congratulated on their amazing and challenging questions and for their ability in getting those to us.

We have had several messages of thanks, referring to the fun of the night as well as the opportunity to spend time with family and friends from whom we have been isolated for such a long time. Some of those were international, interstate and Metropolitan Melbourne as well as local.

The Silent Auction continues until Noon on Saturday September 12th. The generosity of so many parishioners in providing such a variety of items is very much appreciated and we appreciate the support of the following local businesses:

Riddells Creek Pharmacy, Riddells Creek Post Office, Riddell Motors, Mount Macedon Trading Post, Gisborne Cottage Flowers, Black Forrest Quilting, Gisborne Village Homewares, Office Choice Gisborne

We also appreciate the following parishioners who supported the gathering of many of the items:

Rosemary Homewood, Chris Clark, Marg Wells and John Lee Tet and Kerrie Thomas

The highest bidder for each item will receive the item. If there are equal highest bids, then the winner will be the first to place the bid. (When bids are submitted, they are dated and timed). At the time of writing, the sum of highest bids will raise \$2379.00 – an amazing total.

We are incredibly grateful to receive, by my calculations, \$1750.00 in cash donations, and some “in kind” donations for acknowledgements.

We would like to thank Wendy and Ron Alexander for their cash donation and the six parishioners who prefer to remain anonymous. Such generosity! The obvious maths says that \$25.00 x 100 will raise \$2500.00. The only costs were less than \$200.00

A wonderful total of \$6429 and perhaps a little more depending on bids this week.

Alison
On behalf of the Trivia Team
Fr Dennis, Amanda & Harriet, and Brett.

Silent Auction Bidding is still on-line until Saturday, 12 noon
www.gisang.weebly.com
Team Results
www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au/trivianight
Winners: Team International

Road Map Back

No matter what we think of the various lobbies and political grandstanding, the path back to a “COVID-19 Normal” is underway. We have all made a great sacrifice in many ways, and there have been some lacks and disappointments along the way.

In keeping the Church ‘virtual’, there have been times when this has been extremely hard to maintain. It takes around 10 hours to produce the 30 minutes of video each week, and another hour each for each ‘ZOOM’ morning prayer. I am very grateful to all who have assisted along the way.

So, what does the “Road Map Back” look for the Church?

There is a little more relaxing in some restrictions driven by external requirements. As a parish in the non-metropolitan area, there is hope that there will be some room for a bit more freedom.

The Archbishop has advised the following (as at September 9, 2020):

Regional Victoria restrictions

No set date is given for the next steps of relaxing restrictions. For parishes and church property outside of metropolitan Melbourne, the following apply.

Churches and services

From 14 September, outdoor gatherings on church property of up to five people plus a clergy-person or ASLM are possible, but not for a service. The advice is to work from home where possible, but clergy

and staff may work from the church with social distancing (do not share offices).

Weddings

From 14 September, weddings are allowed with a maximum of five attending, including the couple and celebrant.

Funerals

From 14 September, funerals are allowed with up to 10 mourners.

Jargon buster:ALSM – Authorised Lay Stipendiary Minister

Op shops

Metropolitan Melbourne

Parish op shops in metropolitan Melbourne are permitted to trade via click and collect in addition to online trading via post. Existing guidance concerning the need for a parish council resolution and the preparation of an Op shop COVID-safe plan applies. Op shop COVID-safe plans should be sent to registrar@melbourneanglican.org.au.

Regional Victoria

Op Shops in parishes in Regional Victoria are able to open from Monday, 14 September. Op shop COVID-safe plans need to reflect density quotients and cleaning requirements. See here for existing guidance.

There is no clear guidance on Play Group or Kinde at the moment, but we would be hopeful that by October 5, the first day of Term 4, at least partial re-commencement will occur according to the plans drawn up and accepted from the Committee and Lorna. This will also require a change of entry point to accommodate the St Paul's Op Shop necessary (due to excess stock) expansion into the foyer.

The decision on Op Shop opening is in the hands of the two managers, Chris Clark and Janine Sanders. It is unlikely that we will accept clothing donations before the end of September.

In the meantime, the following will be the norm. We are going to be moving towards more 'live' recordings rather than full scale productions. At present, we can only have the officiant and 4 others present. Some post-production will be necessary, but not as involved as the current productions. I hope to extend an invitation to different people over the coming weeks.

Once we are allowed back to the 'pre-lockdown' numbers (12, 15, 20-40) celebrations of the Eucharist will recommence with one service, possibly St Paul's, on Sunday, LIVE broadcast for those unable to be present, or still not certain

about gathering. There will be a slight change of time for Virtual Morning Tea to accommodate the return to 'live'.

In the meantime: lots of talks of "social bubbles" and the like are intriguing, and like many in the Parish it is a case of 'wait and see' what that will actually mean.

For myself, that phrase 'wait and see' reminds me more of Psalm 34.8: and the hope of us all gathering again at the Lord's table is very high in my prayers.

Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

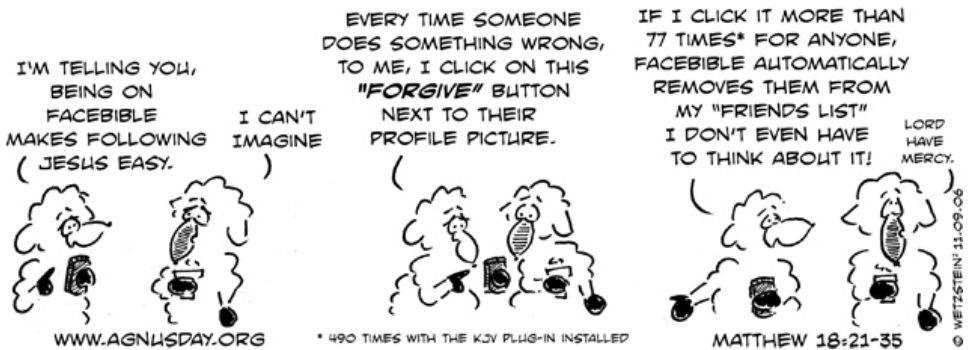
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VIRTUAL MORNING TEA Sunday 10.30 am

www.bit.ly/GisAngVMT

Morning Prayer Wednesday 10 am: www.bit.ly/GisAngWedMorn

Morning Prayer Friday 8.30 am <https://bit.ly/GisAngFridayMP>



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