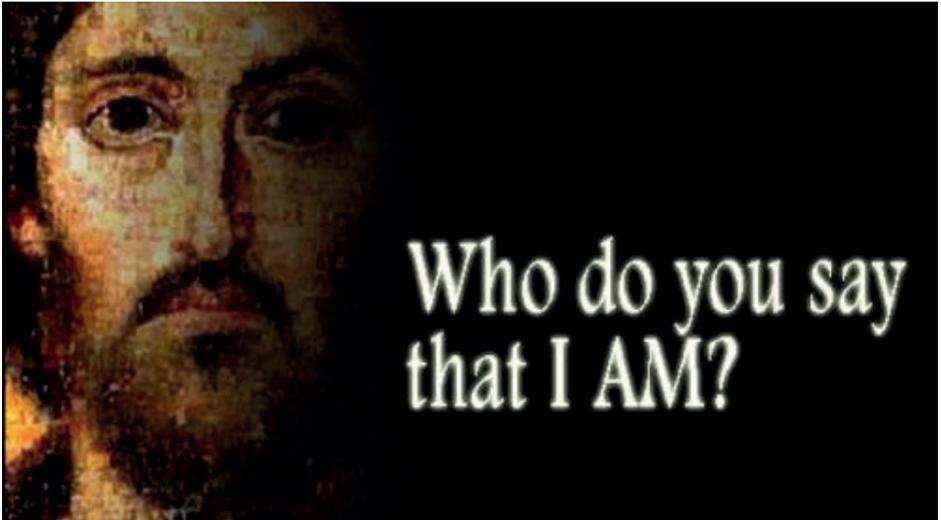


Anglican Parish of Gisborne



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
(Proper 19)

**Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>**

St John's, Riddells Creek 5.30 pm

**Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

St Paul's, Gisborne 9.00 am

Church of the Resurrection, Macedon 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:

Ahh, a classic chiasm!

DIVINE REVELATION - HUMAN DESIRE - DIVINE INTENTION!

Eyes glazed over yet? In terms of the text, this is even easier to summarise:

Who Jesus is – humanity (Peter) clings to Jesus – Who Jesus is!

Throughout the gospel, the identity of Jesus is the key question that Mark is setting out to prove. It starts with the declaration in the first verse: *The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God*. Following the journey, Jesus is baptised by John, called the 12, and performed signs and miracles. He has fed the Jewish people; engaged with the Gentiles, culminating with feeding and healing, thus bringing all people to himself. Even though this has been seen, Jesus tests the water a bit to find where his disciples are at. Do they really understand about the Messianic mission?

The failure that Peter shows is interesting. He understands that Jesus is indeed, as Mark begins, the Son of God, but he fails to grasp the reality of the full mission. It is then that Jesus begins to teach that he must indeed suffer, die and rise again. All this lies ahead of him.

And what do we make of the Messianic Secret? (shhh...don't tell anyone, yet!) In the words of the Gospel of John, the hour is not yet come. All will be revealed, but first it must happen.

So, like Peter, we are asked to put behind us our human needs and look to the consequences and benefits won for us at such cost on the cross. It's called *a leap of faith!*

Scripture readings:

This Sunday: Proverbs 1.20-33 Psalm 19  
James 2.18-26, Mark 8.27-38

Wednesday *Wednesday of Pentecost 19*

Next Sunday: Proverbs 31.10-31 Psalm 1  
James 3.1-12 Mark 9.30-37

Baptisms at St Paul's, Gisborne: Dallas James and Malia Jade Kingston

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## Gathering of God's People

Introit Hymn:	Together in Song 59 All people that on earth do dwell
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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

Gracious God,  
open our ears to your word  
that we may listen and be taught as your disciples.  
Grant that our faith in Jesus as the Christ  
may not grow fearful at the sight of the cross,  
but may remain steadfast in him,  
and take flesh in works of charity for those in need.  
We make this prayer in his name,  
our Saviour for ever for ever. **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                      Proverbs 1.20-33

*At the end of the reading, the reader may say*

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

Psalm 19

Church of the Resurrection: TiS 7



The sky tells the glo-ry of God, tells the gen-ius of God's work.

St John's and St Paul's

The sky tells the glory of God,  
tells the genius of God's work.  
Day carries the news to day,  
night brings the message to night.

Without a word, without a sound,  
without a voice being heard,  
and yet their message fills the world,  
their news reaches its rim.

There God has pitched a tent  
for the sun to rest and rise renewed  
like a bridegroom rising from bed,  
an athlete eager to run a race.

It springs from the edge of the earth,  
runs a course across the sky  
to win the race at heaven's end.  
Nothing on earth escapes its heat.

TiS 7  
Howard Hughes  
1930—

Second Reading                      James 2.18-26

*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!*

“I am the way, the truth, and the life”, says the Lord.

“No one comes to the Father except through me.”

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 8,  
beginning at verse 27

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Mark 8.27-38

**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.

**We believe in God  
maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon,  
of water and earth,  
of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor,  
tortured and nailed to a tree.  
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.**

**He descended into the earth  
to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven  
to be everywhere present,  
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,  
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,  
life-giving breath of the Church,  
spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.**

*From the Iona Community*

### 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:

**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.**

### 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

Together in Song:	583	Take up your cross
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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 of God to his table we bring.

**Holy God,**

**grant that as we are reconciled at this table,  
so may we seek wholeness for our broken world.**

**We ask this 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?*

All thanks and praise, glory and honour,  
be yours at all time, in every place,  
holy and loving Father, true and living God.

We praise you that through your eternal Word  
you brought the universe into being  
and made us in your own image.

You have given us this earth to care for and delight in,  
and with its bounty you preserve our life.

We thank you that you bound yourself to the human race  
with the promises of a gracious covenant  
and called us to serve you in love and peace.

Above all, we give you thanks for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ:  
born as one of us, he lived our common life  
and offered his life to you in perfect obedience and trust.

By his death he delivered us from sin, brought us new life,  
and reconciled us to you and to one another.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
with apostles, and prophets,  
with holy men and women of every age,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name:

**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.**

*Praying for the presence of the Holy Spirit:*

Holy God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,  
and we pray that we who eat and drink them  
in obedience to our Saviour Christ,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may be partakers of his body and blood,  
and be made one with him and with each other  
in peace and love.

*With this bread that we bring:*

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

*With this wine that we bring:*

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

*We remember Jesus:*

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Great is the Mystery of our Faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Make us one in Jesus:*

As we eat and drink this holy sacrament,  
renew us by your Spirit  
that we may be united in the body of your Son  
and serve you as a royal priesthood  
in the joy of your eternal kingdom.

*and receive our prayers:*

Receive our praises, Father,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom and in whom,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you in songs of never-ending praise:

**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  
Christopher Tye (c1503-1573)  
O come, ye servants of the Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,  
through this sacrament  
take possession of us, body and soul,  
so that our lives may respond  
not to our own will,  
but to the working of these holy gifts.

**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     *all centres*  
Together in Song 571  
Forth in your name I go

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  
J S Bach (1685-1750)  
Sonata in C for flute and continuo, BWV 1033

## Notices

### Asylum Seekers of Broadmeadows Community House

Desperate need for tea, honey, rice, sugar, household cleaning products, baby care goods, nappies. If you are able to contribute, please leave them at church for Rosemary Homewood to collect. Many thanks.

#### **THIS WEEK**

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Play Group, Parish Hall
	1.30 pm	Card Group, Parish Centre
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Play Group, Parish Hall
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm	AA in Parish Centre
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00pm	Memorial Probert
	5.30pm	Eucharist, St John's, Riddells Creek
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00 am	Eucharist at St Paul's, Gisborne
	10.30 am	Eucharist at Church of the Resurrection
	12.30pm	Dianne Gome, Organ Recital, CoR

**Parish Animal Welfare Network Meeting:** this Sunday, 12.30, over lunch at the Trading Post café, Mt.Macedon. Short meeting to discuss Blessing of the Animals Service(s). All welcome. Janine Mc Dougall, convenor.

#### **For your diaries:**

**Lower Macedon Ranges Food Centre:** A meeting to set up the steering group of the local Churches working together on the Food Centre will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 p.m. at The Rock Church, New Gisborne.

#### **St Paul's Anglican Cathedral Choral Evensong**

The Parish has been invited to attend the Cathedral Choral Evensong on Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup>, commencing at 5.10 p.m. More details to come! Let Fr Dennis or Jim and Wendy Lindsay know if you would like to be present.

#### **Confirmation, First Communion and Spiritual Walk Blessing**

November 4<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. at Church of the Resurrection.

This will be Bishop Kate's first visit to the Parish.

#### **Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM) change of date: November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018:**

Please note the change of date for the Parish AGM from November 11<sup>th</sup> to November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, commencing with the Eucharist at 10 a.m. at St John's, Melvins Road, Riddells Creek. This will enable the Parish to fully participate in the commemoration of the centenary observance of the 1918 Armistice at the end of the Great War.

**Samaritan's Purse Boxes:** The ready-made boxes are now available free of charge from our three Centres and the two Parish Op Shops. Your filled boxes for overseas needy children are to be returned to Elaine Millar by 14 October. If you require further details about filling a box, please contact Elaine on 5428 2522. To eliminate shopping for goods to fill the boxes, a great option is to purchase ready-made items for \$25.00 from Margaret Wells at the Church of the Resurrection.