

Anglican Parish of Gisborne



Second Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 4)

St John's Church, Riddells Creek Saturday June 2nd, 5.30 pm
St Paul's Church, Gisborne, Sunday June 3rd, 9 am
Church of the Resurrection, Sunday June 3rd, 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:

There is a Canadian television series called *How's it Made* that is somewhat addictive. It sets out to demystify bulk produced products and show what's behind some of our favourite objects, foods and activities. To be frank, having watched how some of our so-called favourite foods, especially of the more dubious calorific kind are made, it is enough to remove any desire whatsoever!

The thing that always strikes me is the sameness of what is made. If anything is slightly out of shape, not up to specification or just doesn't look right, it is removed, and sometimes, recycled. To be not so perfect is to be discarded.

Thankfully, that is not the case with our Creator God. One of the most famous and loved psalms is Psalm 139. We are intricately made and every part of us is unique and special. If we all looked the same, behaved the same or didn't conform, imagine the world if we were discarded?

One of my colleagues during training likened herself to an item for sale in the Reject Shop because she couldn't conform to the expectations being placed on her to be just like the others. Thankfully, this is not an expectation of our loving God. We are who we are, called to be who we will be, and to be what I am. Each and every one of us bears the image of God. Genesis 1:28-29 affirms this. Psalm 139 affirms our uniqueness. Our own agency of freewill affirms this. If my colleague was a reject, then I'm happy to be in the same shop with her!

Reflecting the image of God is to bear the Divine copyright and name. What did God say to Moses when asked who shall I say sent me?

I will be who I will be or I am whom I am. The Great I am is the image that we bear. The best we can be is to be who we will be. Even Jesus, the stone whom the builders rejected is the basis of our faith.

What we are called to be is ourselves remembering that in God, we are all perfectly made.

Scripture readings:

This Sunday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18; Mark 2:23-3:6

Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (2-5); Mark 3:20-35

Gathering of God's People

Introit Hymn at Riddells Creek and Gisborne only: Together in Song 234

How good, Lord, to be here

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.**

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

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, our freedom,
you set aside this holy day
that we may remember our liberation
and rest from our labours.
Make this day a healing time
for all that is weary and withered in us,
and in our bodily celebration,
manifest among us the life of Jesus the risen One,
who is with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and 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: 1 Samuel 3.1-10 (11-20)

At the end of the reading, the reader may say

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

Psalm: All centres, *Psalm 139, 1-5, 12-18, NPCCW*



How won - der - ful are your _ works, _ O _ Lord.

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You mark out my journeys and my resting place
and are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
You encompass me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
so high that I cannot attain it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.

My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes behold my form, as yet unfinished;
already in your book were all my members written,
As day by day they were fashioned
when as yet there was none of them.

How deep are your counsels to me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,
and at the end, I am still in your presence.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.5-12

At the end of the reader, 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!
Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening:
you have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 2,
beginning at verse 3

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 2.23-3.6

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.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary**

**and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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:

**In your kindness, Lord,
hear the intercession of your people.
Let no request be unanswered,
no prayer be made in vain,
but grant that what we ask in faith
we may receive from your generous love.
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

All centres: 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.

God, giver of peace and true worship,

make our thanksgiving today

a fitting homage to your glory;

and as we share in your table,

unite us in your truth.

We ask this through Jesus 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.

All glory and honour, be yours now and always,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,
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.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.
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.'
After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving 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.'

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
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

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

**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

May God, the Lord, bless us

John Marsh

Post Communion Prayer

God, provider of all good things,
you nourish us with the sacrament
of Christ's body and blood.

**Rule our lives by your Holy Spirit
that we may profess your name
not in word alone,
but in action and truth
and so enter the kingdom of heaven.**

Thanksgiving Hymn:

St John's and St Paul's, Together in Song 531

Sent forth by Christ's blessing

Church of the Resurrection, Together in Song 571

Forth, in thy name O Lord I go

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.

Notices

Congratulations: Our congratulations to Rhiannon Leake and Adrian Forde on their recent engagement! Together with their son Lachlan, we pray for many blessings on their life together!

Act for Peace Ration Lunch: Sunday June 24th, St.John's Hall, entry by donation, speakers TBA. Join us for a lentil soup and brown rice lunch to raise money for Act For Peace's work providing food, medical care and long-term development for refugees who live in camps, having been displaced due to war. The money raised will help provide for Syrian refugees living in camps in Jordan, having fled 7 years of conflict in their country. Bookings : Janine Mc Dougall (m) 0418171092; email: withgrace@bigpond.com, Co-convenor, Parish Refugee Support Group.

Animal Shelter Blanket Appeal: Baskets for donations of blankets & towels for the annual Castlemaine Mount Alexander Animal Welfare Shelter (formerly RSPCA) winter appeal will be available at our three churches throughout June. Initiated by Rosemary Homewood some years ago, this long-standing appeal reminds us of our Christian stewardship of God's good creation (Gen 1: 26). Pets who live outside in winter require warm, well insulated, wind and waterproof shelter that is raised off the ground. Janine Mc Dougall, Convenor, Parish Animal Welfare Network.

Biggest Morning Tea: Now in its fifteenth year this event was again a most successful and happy occasion held by St Paul's Guild at the Parish Centre. Over 60 people were present (the most ever) and as a result, \$814.00 has been forwarded to the Cancer Council to help assist with their various projects and research. Thank-you to everyone who assisted and provided a delicious morning tea.

My Aged Care Information Session: Sponsored by St Paul's Guild a Soup & Sandwich Lunch will be held on Monday 2 July commencing at 12noon. Entry will be \$10.00 with the venue to be decided according to the response. Two or three speakers will speak on the Aged Care System including Home Assessments, Home Care Packages and advice applying for Residential Care. Bookings are essential – to Elaine Millar, 5428 2522 or to the Parish Office 5428 4038.

Gisborne Op Shop: A male volunteer is required for approx 3 months to empty the drop-in bins on Wednesdays – preferably late afternoon or evening. Please advise Graeme Millar, 5428 2522.

This Week

Monday 4 th	10.00 am	Playgroup, St Paul's Parish Hall
	1.30 pm	St Paul's Guild, Parish Centre
Tuesday 5 th	10.00 am	Playgroup, St Paul's Parish Hall
Wednesday 6 th	10.00 am	Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne
Thursday 7 th	6.30 pm	AA in Parish Centre
Saturday 9 th	5.30pm	Eucharist, St John's, Riddells Creek
Sunday 10 th	9.00am	Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist, CoR, Macedon