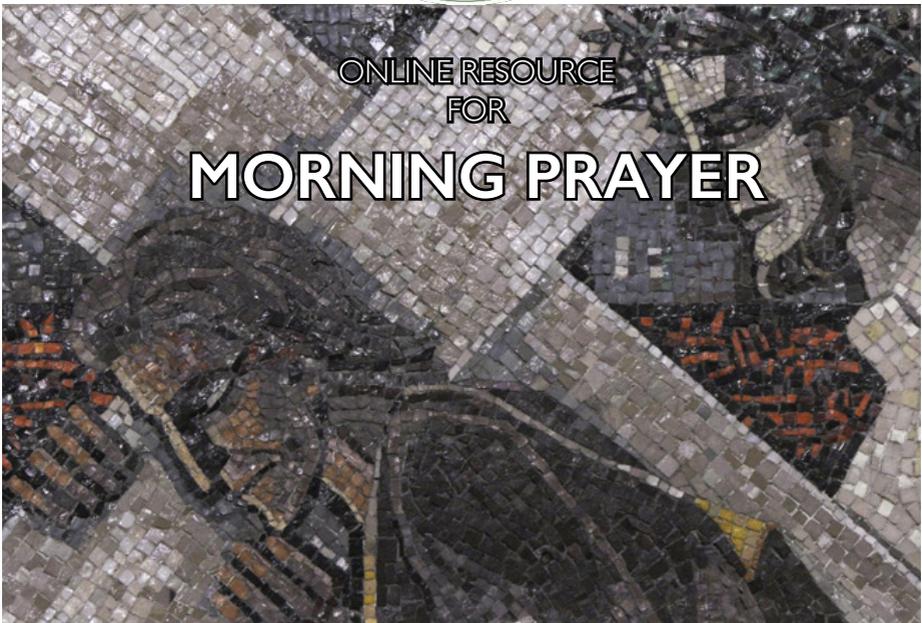


Anglican Parish of
Gisborne



Pentecost 3A

June 20th/21st

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.*

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 sidespersons.

Today's worship:

Today's gospel brings before us some rather contradictory ideas and somewhat *harsh* teachings of Jesus. In context, the community that was being addressed by the writer of Matthew was going through a most difficult time. Jerusalem was under siege, and in order to survive, some families turned over their loved ones to either the Sanhedrin or Romans. It was truly a time of division. For the early Church, the words of Jesus, based on Micah, represented what is really part of our human existence. There are costs associated with mission, and that cost may be felt very close to our comfort zone. We are fortunate in this part of the world that we are not as impacted by persecution such as the early Church, but there are some in our community – refugees, asylum seekers, indigenous communities, abused (sexual, physical and emotional) for whom the need to be in a state of division is actually healthier than remaining put. In following the call to be at mission, there will be some big calls to make: and every hard call will be noticed by God as we begin the walk in *newness of light*.

This Sunday: Pentecost 3A

Romans 6.1-11

Psalm 86.1-10,16-17

Matthew 10.24 - 39

Next Sunday: Pentecost 4A

Romans 6.12-23

Psalm 89.1-4,15-18

Matthew 10.40-42

Bible references: NRSV bible.oremus.org

Social Distancing Protocols apply at all times.

VIRTUAL MORNING TEA

Sunday 10.30 am

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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.**

and/or

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.

A hymn or song of praise and thanksgiving follows, or one of the following forms may be used.

**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.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Romans 6.1-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Psalm 86.1-6, 9-10

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and in misery.
Preserve my soul, for I am faithful;
save your servant, for I put my trust in you. *Response*

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;
I call upon you all the day long.
Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. *Response*

For you, Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer
and listen to the voice of my supplication. *Response*

All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wonderful things;
you alone are God. *Response*

**Glory to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
as in the beginning, so now and for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from the New Testament.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Matthew 10.24-39

Jesus continued to instruct his disciples. 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the

soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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

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

Gracious God,
we who were baptised into Christ Jesus
were baptised into his death:
we pray that, as you raised him from death,
so by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may live the new life to your glory,
knowing ourselves to be dead in sin
but alive for you in Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Loving and merciful God,
you care for your people
and all your children are precious in our sight:
we pray for all the family of nations.
We pray for all whose lives are torn apart by disaster and war;
those worn out by disease and famine.
We pray for peace and good will among nations,
especially in the Middle East and for a just sharing of the earth's resource,
that we may live as sisters and brothers, children of the same God.
Loving God, help us daily to grow into your likeness,

and in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Loving and merciful God,
you offer your people redemption and fullness of life:
we pray for your holy, catholic church,
for all baptised into Christ.

We pray for the churches of Australia,
for leaders, teachers and theologians,
for clergy and people of this Parish.

We pray for charity and unity among all Christians,
that together we may proclaim your gospel of love.

Loving God, help us daily to grow into your likeness,
and in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving and merciful God,
you are good and forgiving,
and you abound in steadfast love for your people:
we pray for our community.

We pray for our families, our neighbours and our friends,
for all whom we meet in our daily lives,
for the hungry, the homeless and all without work.

We pray for a community that values and cares for all its members,
that all may live in dignity and hope.

Loving God, help us daily to grow into your likeness,
and in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving and merciful God,
you are filled with compassion for your people
and in our troubles you hear our cries:
we pray for all in need.

We pray for all who are lonely or sad,
for those in grief or despair;
for the sick and the dying and for all who care for them.

We pray for courage in our own troubles
and compassion and generosity,
that we may respond to the needs of others.

Loving God, help us daily to grow into your likeness,
and in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving and merciful God,
you deliver your people from death
and promise us the joys of everlasting life;
we pray for all who have died in your love.
Help us to love you above all else,
that, united with all your saints,
we may be raised to a joyful resurrection
and live with you for ever.
Loving God, help us daily to grow into your likeness,
and in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers together as we pray:
**Today, O God,
you call us together to be your Church.
We thank you for the world,
the seed that you have sown in us,
and we pray that you will hear our prayer
made in faith and trust
for us and for all people,
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.
Fulfill 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 we 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.**

World Refugee Day Saturday June 20th:

Asylum seekers and refugees are some of the most vulnerable groups affected by the COVID-19 crisis. For example, the latter has a foothold in the largest camp in Bangladesh. Remembering refugees & asylum seekers on World Refugee Day this Saturday could include prayer, individual donations to the U. N. H. C. R.'s work with those in the camps, the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre work locally, emails/phone calls (weekdays) to MPs about the extreme COVID-19 risk posed by the detention of refugees at the Mantra Hotel, Preston.

Janine Mc Dougall, Church of St. John

Animal Shelter Winter Blanket Appeal

Our Parish Animal Welfare Group would greatly appreciate donations of blankets, towels, underlays (no doonas or bedding containing stuffing please) dog coats (new or pre-loved good condition), Whiskas canned cat food, dog food tins (any brand) throughout June, for the annual Parish Mount Alexander Animal Welfare Shelter (Castlemaine) appeal. As eased COVID19 restrictions allow greater resumption of work, there is concern that significant numbers of recently adopted companion animals may be surrendered. We are called to be good stewards of God's creatures. Could all donations please be placed in enviro friendly garbage bags and left at the Parish Centre, or at the Church of the Resurrection, or St John's. Please contact Janine Mc Dougall (0418171092) if unable to drop donations off. Many thanks, Janine Mc Dougall & Rosemary Homewood, Co-convenors, Parish Animal Welfare Network



Parish Giving Letter

Dear Parishioners,

The COVID-19 crisis has meant hardship for many parishioners and we have had to bear the strain without traditional worship. The Parish, however, is carrying on with remote worship, and recommencing on a limited scale worship in the Churches from this week. Other Parish operations have been continued thanks to the clergy team: Father Dennis, Assistant Deacon Alan, Student Reader Ben, and our talented team of Lay Ministers.

During this crisis the Parish is missing a number of income streams that contribute to meeting the ongoing financial commitments for our Churches, Parish Centre and Vicarage. The bills unfortunately do not stop with the 'lock down'. Special thanks are due for the ongoing offertory collections (by on-line and envelopes) where many parishioners have increased their giving. Also helping are the volunteers doing previously contracted work (such as cleaning, ground maintenance).

Funding from JobKeeper, the Diocese and other sources also contributes to keeping the Parish 'in the black'. It is hoped to run a Parish Fete in some format when restrictions ease.

Concluding, I would like to encourage Parishioners to continue their generous giving and with prayerful consideration to increase at this time where possible.

With God's blessing,

Graham Dickinson
Parish Treasurer