



ANGLICAN PARISH OF
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Pentecost 4A
Liturgical Resource
25th June, 2023

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. You are invited to join us in Holy Communion, whether you are a visitor or a regular parishioner of the Anglican Church. Please make yourself known to us and if you would like more information about our community and ministry, please visit our website or ask one of our parishioners.

Weekly Thoughts

Stewardship

Many people find talking about what and how they give in terms of the Church to be an immensely private matter. Indeed, when it comes to almsgiving, Jesus tells us not to let our right hand know what our left hand is doing. What the Lord sees "in secret" will be rewarded. It is important to note that the word secret is based on "in pectore", which means "in the heart". The heart is a foundational point of our stewardship.

There will need to be a major rethink of our Parish system in the future, not just here in the Macedon Ranges Shire but worldwide. The model of Parish has origins stemming back to medieval times. The change will not happen overnight, but with the changing approaches to financial stewardship, we need to reconsider not only what we can afford to give but why and how.

A Parish is in maintenance mode if it raises money to survive. Around 85% of parishes within the Diocese of Melbourne could be said to be in maintenance mode. Some parishes can undertake food banks, homeless shelters, counselling, education programs and more. As well as contributing in terms of volunteers at the Food Centre and our Op Shops, other programs are running that are also part of our responsibility. The Children's Ministry is another case in point, as is the Bus Ministry. All are very valuable in terms of our central mission.

Spiritual growth through giving time and money is important to allow the activities to continue and grow. In supporting general giving, we enable new people to come to know or experience the love of God in their lives. Some people do not equate working in the Op Shops to ministry, but it is. It also has a cost in terms of buildings, staffing and utilities. We need to be in a position to look beyond this.

Regular giving back is a way to help build community. Times have seen many things change in the way we do this. No longer, due to COVID, are we allowed to pass the plate or bag. Some people have opted for online services. Some churches, including the Cathedral, provide an EFTPOS facility to enable giving.

Whatever and however we give, consider the need to ensure that our Churches are not simply in maintenance mode but are truly seeking to *make Christ fully known*.

This Sunday:	Pentecost 4a	Genesis 21.8-21	Psalm 86.1-10,16-17
		Romans 6.1b-11	Matthew 10.24-39
Next Sunday:	Pentecost 5a	Genesis 22.1-14	Psalm 13
		Romans 6.12-23	Matthew 10.40-42

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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.

Gloria in Excelsis

**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.**

Prayer of the Day

God our wisdom,
teach us always to reverence and love
your holy name that you have revealed to us;
for your guidance will never fail those
whom you establish in the firmness of your affection.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

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

The people sit for the reading/s from the scriptures.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 21.8-21

After the reading, the reader may say

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86.1-10,16-17

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



1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. In the day of my distress I will call upon you,
for you will answer me.

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,
nor any works like yours.

5. 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.

6. Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant
and save the child of your handmaid.

Show me a token of your favour,
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me.

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans

Romans 6.1b-11

After the reading, the reader may say

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Procession and Proclamation

The people stand and the following may be sung for the gospel procession.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Welcome with meekness the implanted word

That has the power to save your souls.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 10.24-39

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking Open the Word

An Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

**he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

✠ and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession and Petition
Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

The response to O Lord, open our lips:
is **“and our shall mouths proclaim your praise.”**

The prayers conclude with:

**Today, O God,
you call us together to be your Church.
We thank you for the word,
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 men and women,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace
to those who were far off and those who were near.

Ephesians 2.19,17

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory Hymn

The gifts of the people are presented and the Presider says

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

**Comfort, comfort all my people
with the comfort of my Word.
Speak it tender to my people:
all your sins are taken away.**

Though your tears be rivers running,
though your tears be an ocean full,
though you cry with the hurt of living:
comfort, comfort.
Every valley shall be lifted,
every rough place will be smoother:
comfort, comfort.

Comfort, comfort all my people...

Though your eyes see only darkness,
though your eyes can see no light,
though your eyes see pain and sorrow:
comfort, comfort.

Every night will have its morning,
every pain will have an end,
every burden will be lightened:
comfort, comfort.

Comfort, comfort all my people...

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Bread for his body,
wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.

**Accept, O God,
the sacrifice of praise,
and as you welcome us to your table
make us an offering pleasing to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing and the Presider says

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.

We praise you, O God

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.

You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we lift our voices

and join in their unending hymn of 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.

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.

With this bread...

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 cup...

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.'

A minister says

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith.

Christ had died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Keeping the Lord's commandments:

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.

Sanctify our worship and lives

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 everlasting 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 Bread and the Communion

The Presider says

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.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

The Presider invites the people to come and receive Communion with these words.

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

Post Communion Prayer

By the holy things we have shared, O God,
you nourish us and make us whole.

**Let what we celebrate here brings us
to the fullness of your redemption.**

Refrain: In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.

1. Christ, our star, our map, our road
to the Father's high abode
In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.

2. Christ, our bread along the way;
Christ, our rescue when we stray.
In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.

3. Christ, our shelter, Christ our friend,
our beginning and our end.
In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.

4. Christ, our hope and our reward;
our redeemer and our Lord.
In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.

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The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of the Lord:
and the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

ABM Reflections for this weekend

In Romans, Paul presents the gospel that we enter into a right relationship with God only by the grace of God, which is a free gift. We receive this gift by putting our faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. And only by faith: there is nothing else we ourselves can do to earn being put right with God. But for Paul's interlocutors, if a right relationship with God is ours for free, then we can keep on doing bad things because we will always be forgiven anyway. In fact, the more bad things we do the more grace there will be. Grace has no ethic. Paul's answer is that in our baptism, we were baptized into Christ's death which put to death our old life of doing bad things. And gave us new life which enables us to do good. Grace does have an ethic.

- We give thanks that we are put right with God by his free gift through the death and resurrection of Jesus. And that grace does have an ethic.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of Province of Myanmar

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Stewardship envelopes

Envelopes are available from each centre. The Parish does not record the amount given according to any pledge, but each of us are invited to review our giving from time to time. A reminder: live giving through the Anglican Development Fund is available if you would prefer to make a periodic contribution.

Audio notices are available on the Parish website,
www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au and click the Church Mouse.
If you wish to receive them by text when they are prepared,
let us know. Ryan, the Church Office Mouse.

The Raffle raised \$370.30 for the Brotherhood of St Lawrence Breakfast Program. Thank you to everyone who donated or purchased tickets. A magnificent effort thank you all very much. Appreciated by Popsy Colquhoun and myself.

Rosemary Homewood

