

Anglican Parish of
Gisborne



ONLINE RESOURCE
FOR

MORNING PRAYER

Pentecost 5A

July 5th 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.*

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:

Those of us raised on the Book of Common Prayer will recognise immediately the comfortable words of Jesus at the end of today's gospel passage. "Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him: COME unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you..."

In the context of the Holy Communion, this was placed immediately after the long exhortations (seldom heard after 1928) and the confession, beginning "Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees." (Not a typo: ft together is pronounced "st"!) Travail, as used in this sense, refers to labour: (childbirth). It is an interesting point being made that in order to receive new life, we have to be, as Nicodemus was told in John 2, to be 'born again.' Having been pardoned our sins and promising to lead a new life, Cranmer was insistent that having been forgiven, no matter what we face, we can always begin again. Nourished by communion, we leave strengthened to begin again. For now, our travail is in isolation, but that new beginning is not far from us. Please remain safe!

This Sunday: Pentecost 5A

Romans 7.14-25a

Psalm 45.10-17

Matthew 11.15-19,25-30

Next Sunday: Pentecost 6A

Romans 8.1-11

Psalm 119.105-112

Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

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 7.14-25a

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

May your word live in us

and bear much fruit to your glory.

Psalm 45.10-17

The peoples shall praise you for ever.

Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear;
forget your own people and your father's house.
So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty;
he is your lord, so do him honour. *Response*

The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts;
the richest of the people shall seek your favour.
The king's daughter is all glorious within;
her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold. *Response*

She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework;
after her the virgins that are her companions.
With joy and gladness shall they be brought
and enter into the palace of the king. *Response*

'Instead of your fathers you shall have sons,
whom you shall make princes over all the land.
'I will make your name to be remembered
through all generations;
therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever.' *Response*

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

The peoples shall praise you for ever.

A Reading from the New Testament.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Matthew 11.15-19,25-30

Let anyone with ears listen!

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,
"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,

because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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

Christ our Teacher,

gentle and humble of heart,

give us an attentive ear for word,

and a mind ready to contemplate what we hear,

so that we may discover the wisdom hidden from the wise,

and manifest it before this generation

in all we say and do.

So shall you be glorified,

with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

now and always, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Gracious and merciful God, you have promised rest to the weary and relief to the heaven laden: hear the prayers we bring for your people.

We pray for those weighed down by the hardships of daily life:

for those who live in poverty, without adequate food or shelter;

for those in places of war – civilians, soldiers and refugees.

Relieve their burdens, that all your people may live in dignity and peace.

Gracious God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those wearied by responsibility in your church:

for those without the resources to fulfil their tasks;

those whose dreams are shattered, whose visions others do not share.

Renew their spirits, that they may find their strength in you.

Gracious God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those exhausted by overwork or the responsibility of care:

for carers of young children, of the disabled and the infirm;

for those unable to provide for their families or themselves.

Lighten their loads, that they may know your encouragement and support.

Gracious God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those burdened by guilt, self-doubt, anxiety or despair:
for those unable to leave behind the past;
for those afraid of the present and without hope for the future.
Lift these weights from them, that they may let go of their fears.
Gracious God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those worn down by pain, grief or by a sense of uselessness:
for those whom society does not value or want;
for the lonely, the friendless, the sick and the dying.
Soothe their hurt and calm their distress, that they may find their peace
in you.

Gracious God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We remember all who have died in your love,
especially those dear to us and those from this parish whose yearly memorial occurs around this time.

We remember with love and gratitude the life of Lorraine Covington,
Deacon; Phyllis Gillett and Bernard Crutchfield.

In life teach us to follow the example of your Son,
that we may learn to share each other's burdens,
and in death bring us into your presence, that our souls may find eternal
rest in you.

Gracious God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In a moment of quiet, we give you thanks, Lord for all the blessings
received in our life; and for our heartfelt intercessions for those dear to
us.

God of grace, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers together as we pray:

**Father of Jesus Christ,
open our hearts to your word
and to the power of the Spirit.
Give us love to discover your will
and strength to carry it out today;
for you are our light,
for ever and ever. 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.**

Please welcome and give thanks to God for our newest parishioner,
Samuel Ernest Clarke, son for Rebecca and Rohin, and a much loved brother
for Maisie and Evie.

Born 29/06/2020 1127Hrs

Wt 3550g/7 pounds 8 ounces Length 56cm. Samuel is thriving – our hearts are so full!





COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Parish is committed to being a Child Safe Parish, and committed to the 7 principles for ensuring that all children are able to participate within the life and activities safely and securely.

As part of our requirements we require all volunteers across the Parish to have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) and a valid Police Check (every 3 years).

The Parish thanks everyone for their cooperation and commitment to ensuring that we take all matters of safety towards children seriously.

As part of our commitment, at the end of June and start of December an audit of our records is undertaken.

If your WWCC has expired (5 years) or you require a new Police Check, the Parish Office will initially contact you by email or phone.

If you need to renew and are not sure, the Office will assist you.

In filling in the renewal, please place on your list of organisations:

Kooyoora (Anglican Professional Standards)

Anglican Diocese of Melbourne

Anglican Parish of Gisborne

If you volunteer at Macedon Ranges Health/Benetas (including The Oaks), please include this as well.

If you have renewed and not added the above, that can be simply corrected on line; and please notify the office of your renewal details.

The Parish is part of the mandatory reporting scheme for all matters regarding Child Abuse – current and historic.

For more details please visit the CCYP website <https://ccyp.vic.gov.au> or if you have a concern regarding an official of the Church (lay or ordained) please contact **Kooyoora** <https://www.kooyoora.org.au> or phone

1800 135 246.

The Child Safe officers for the Parish are

Debra Saffrey-Collins

Mary Duggan

Please request a call back through the Parish Office 5428 4038.

Parish Admin Assistant, Lyndsey, will be in touch shortly if you require a renewal as the June audit has been completed.

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

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO
EXCHANGE OUR OWN
BURDEN FOR THE ONE
THAT JESUS GIVES
US?



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YES! - JESUS'
BURDEN IS
"FORGIVENESS."



I KNEW
THERE WAS A
CATCH!



MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30



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