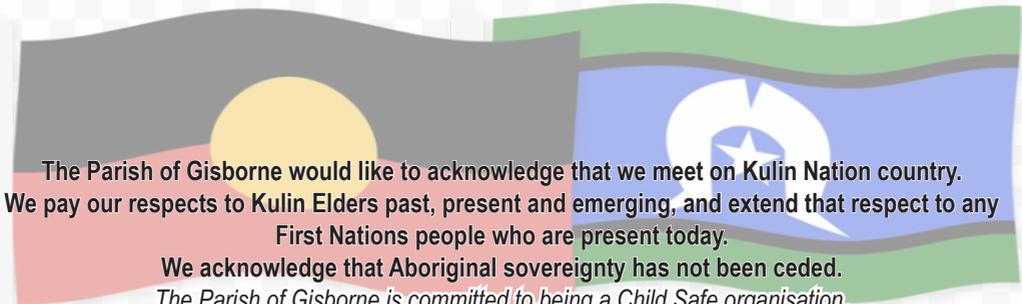




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**Pentecost 8A**  
**Liturgical Resource**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2023**



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

Today's gospel portion from Matthew points us towards a future time in which all will be made right: in which the evil things (I'm more comfortable with this metaphor being about evil things like greed, discrimination and hate, rather than evil people...are you?) that are entangled in our lives have been removed and destroyed.

As RS Thomas puts it in his poem 'The Kingdom':

It's a long way off, but to get there takes no time...[  
if you] present yourself with ...and  
the simple offering of your faith, green as a leaf.

Or, as the Oxford Bible Commentary puts it:

The Kingdom of heaven is both future and realised.

It is 'yet to come', in its fullest, completest sense, when there will be no more crying and weeping and cancer and pain and grief and lockdowns and redundancy and abuse and poverty and homelessness and war...

But it is also realised. It is right here. It is now. It is happening, in our hearts, in our minds, in our lives, in our communities. We are the Kingdom of God, when we join in with what the Spirit of God is up to in the places we call home. Can you hear the invitation today?

What does that look like for you?

Spend a few minutes reflecting on what it would look like for God's dream, God's vision for your community to come true. You might like to draw, doodle and make notes about what comes to your mind as you reflect.

What does it look like for you to see the glory of God revealed in you, if only for a moment?

What would it look like for you to live a life unhampered by the weeds of wickedness and distraction that take you further away from God's plan and dream for your life?

And what do those questions look like as you turn them out, from yourself into the world around you?

That is what gospel saturation looks like. That is what 'having a little heaven down here' looks like. That is what the Kingdom of God is. A world in which we can begin to imagine what it might look like for us all to be experiencing mutual flourishing. *The Vine*, SPCK

<b>This Sunday:</b>	<b>Pentecost 8a</b>	<b>Genesis 28.10-19a</b>	<b>Psalms 139.1-11, 23, 24</b>
		<b>Romans 8.12-25</b>	<b>Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43</b>
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<b>Pentecost 9a</b>	<b>Genesis 29.15-28</b>	<b>Psalms 105.1-11, 45b* or</b>
	<b>Psalms 128</b>	<b>Romans 8.26-39</b>	<b>Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52</b>

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## Gathering

1. Glory to God on high!  
Let heaven and earth reply,  
'Praise, praise his name!'  
Angels his love adore  
who all our sorrows bore,  
and saints cry evermore,  
'Worthy the Lamb!'

2. All those around the throne  
cheerfully join in one,  
praising his name;  
we, who have felt his blood  
sealing our peace with God,  
sound his dear fame abroad,  
'Worthy the Lamb!'

3. Join, all the ransomed race,  
our Lord and God to bless:  
'Praise, praise his name!'  
In him we will rejoice,  
making a cheerful noise,  
shouting with heart and voice,  
'Worthy the Lamb!'

4. Though we must change our place,  
yet we shall never cease  
praising his name;  
to him we'll tribute bring,  
hail him our gracious King,  
and without ceasing sing,  
'Worthy the Lamb!'

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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.**

We meet in the sight of Gebor/Mount Macedon in Kulin country and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Wurrundjeri Woiworrung people. We meet in peace to those who are near and those who are far, acknowledging all First Nations people and their elders.  
Minyan! Wominjeka!

**Minyan!**

There are times when we have not been hospitable or open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to act in a godly and righteous manner. Acknowledging our failings and omissions, we bring them to mind as we ask for forgiveness in penitence and faith.

We are called to make disciples of all people:  
forgive us when we have failed to act according to your will.

Lord have mercy            or            Kyrie eleison

**Lord have mercy**

**Kyrie eleison**

Through your Son Jesus, you died for our sins.  
Help us to rise, renewed and able to begin again.  
Christ have mercy or Christe eleison

**Christ have mercy**

**Christe eleison**

Help us to be fully aware of our responsibilities for granting mercy,  
justice and attending to the path of life on which we are called.

Lord have mercy or Kyrie eleison

**Lord have mercy**

**Kyrie eleison**

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, whose care is for all people,  
you show forbearance to your children,  
because you give repentance for sins.  
Let that mercy not leave us complacent,  
but eager to learn patience and compassion;

and as you have made us righteous,  
teach us also to be kind.

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.**

\* no Hebrew Scripture reading this week

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans  
Romans 8.12-25

*After the reading, the reader may say*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139. 1-11,23,24



**Response:** *How wonderful are your works, O Lord.*

1. 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. *Response*
  
2. 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. *Response*
  
3. Where can I go then from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I climb up to heaven, you are there;  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also. *Response*
  
4. If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
Even there your hand shall lead me,  
your right hand hold me fast. *Response*

5. If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me  
and the light around me turn to night,'  
Even darkness is no darkness with you;  
the night is as clear as the day;  
darkness and light to you are both alike.

**Response:** *How wonderful are your works, O Lord.*

*At St Paul's and St John's;*

6. Search me out, O God, and know my heart;  
try me and examine my thoughts.  
See if there is any way of wickedness in me  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

*Response*

The Gospel

*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 13.24-30,36-43

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 “I give thanks to you, Loving God”, is  
**strengthen our hope.**

*The prayers conclude with:*

**We are your children;  
grant us the courage to live  
and act upon the example  
that Jesus gave us,  
in the power of your own Spirit,  
and so to take your hope into the  
world of our daily living. Amen**

The Peace  
Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
**test me and know my thoughts.**  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

#### Offertory Hymn

1. Jesus calls us here to meet him  
as, through word and song and prayer,  
we affirm God's promised presence  
where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
praise the Son who calls us friends;  
praise the Spirit who, among us,  
to our hopes and fears attends.

2. Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of Life and Lord of All,  
sharer of our flesh and frailness  
saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
tell his tales that all may hear;  
tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.

3. Jesus calls us to each other:  
found in him are no divides.  
Race and class and sex and language  
such are barriers he derides.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger;  
join the hands of age and youth;  
join the faithful and the doubter  
in their common search for truth.

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John L. Bell 1949- & Graham Maule 1958-

*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.**

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

**O God,**  
**who in the self-offering of Christ**  
**brought to an end the sacrifices of the old law;**  
**bless what we bring to your table,**  
**as we join with the blessed and righteous of all ages**  
**so that what each of us brings to praise you**  
**may advance the salvation of us all.**  
**We ask this through 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.**

*The Great Thanksgiving continues with praise to God.*

...never ending 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.**

*We pray that the Holy Spirit will be with our prayers of remembrance*

*With this bread...*

*With this cup...*

*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:*

*Sanctify our worship and lives*

...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

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

**Jesus, Bearer of our Sin,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Redeemer of the world,  
grant us your peace.**

**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 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.**

*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.

Anthem at CoR :Tantum ergo, by David Terry

Post Communion Prayer

If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

Psalm 139:9-10

From our rising to our lying down,  
you are with us every moment of the day,  
our reassurance when storms assail,  
our strength when courage fails.

**From our rising to our lying down,  
your light brightens every step along the way,  
our comfort when darkness falls,  
the peace that calms our soul.**

From our rising to our lying down,  
**you are with us always.**

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1. Holy Father, God of might,  
throned amid the hosts of light,  
take our life, our strength, our love,  
King of earth and heaven above.

2. Hear the songs your people raise,  
Songs of joyful thanks and praise,  
Calling all created things  
To adore you, King of kings.

3. Christ, be with us as we go,  
Let this blind world see and know,  
Burning in our lives, the sight  
of its only saving light.

4. So will all exalt your name,  
and your kingship all proclaim,  
heaven and earth in unity  
praise the blessed Trinity.

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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 this week's parable Jesus speaks of a small wheat seed and throws in some weeds for good measure. The combination of seed and weed brings to mind an image of a world where good and evil co-exist under God's creative hand. We all have weeds, sin, in our lives, and our insurance, to reduce our weeds, is committing to and living a life of faith; it requires ongoing renewal, commitment and effort. God will do the weeding for God's kingdom to live and thrive.

- Pray for the daily renewal of Jesus' presence and share that with unbridled generosity, patience and love – with a heart that sings under God's creative hand!
- Give thanks for all who work with or otherwise support refugees and asylum seekers around the world.

Rev'd Dn Kate, St Paul's Cathedral, Sale

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# Combined service next week Sunday Morning 10 am St Paul's

## PARISH FAIR MEETING

Sunday 23rd July 2023 The Church of the Resurrection Macedon  
12.00 Noon after the 10.30am Service.

All stall holders and anyone interested in contributing ideas and support for the 2023 Fair are invited and encouraged to attend a Parish Fair Meeting on Sunday 23rd of July after the 10.30 service at Church of the Resurrection - just before Debra leaves for overseas!

### Decisions made so far but not set in stone:

- Date and Time: Saturday 18th November 2023
- Venue: Parish Hall Gisborne
- Stalls: **Inside:** Cakes, Books, Craft, Fruit & Veg, Toys, Jams & Preserves, Devonshire Tea.  
**Outside:** BBQ/Drinks, Plants, Children's Animal Farm, Coffee Cart.

We look forward to your contributions as we plan for our Country Spring Fair to be held on Saturday 18th November 2023. *Alison*

Audio notices are available on the Parish website, [www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au](http://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.*

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Account No 198 264 681

*Reference – whatever the payment is for.*

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*Reference the particular cause to which you are donating.  
(Our focus for fundraising until the end of September is to  
support Indigenous clergy for ABM Wontulp-Bi-Buya College  
and for the Brotherhood of St Laurence Breakfast Program)*

Many thanks,  
*Alison Kitching, Hon Treasurer.*

