

Anglican Parish of  
Gisborne



**MORNING PRAYER**

## *Bartholomew, Apostle and Martyr*

August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.*

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.**

*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.**

**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 book of Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 18.15-18

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

May your word live in us

**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

Psalm 145.10-11, 15-18

*The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.*

Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord,  
and let your faithful ones bless you.  
Let them discourse of glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might.

*Response.*

The eyes of all look hopefully to you  
and you give them their food in due season;  
you open your hand and satisfy the demand  
of every living thing.

*Response*

The Lord is just in all his ways and holy in all his works.  
The Lord is near those who call upon him in truth. *Response*

[The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.]**

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John 1.45-51

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe

because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

For the Gospel of the Lord:  
**praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace  
truly to believe and to preach your word:  
grant that your Church  
may love that word which he believed  
and may faithfully preach and receive the same;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Intercessions

Let us pray for the fulfilment of God's purpose and the coming of the kingdom, saying:

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Keep the Church firm and faithful in its duty to continue the works of Christ on earth which the Apostles began. Give grace to all clergy to love and serve people in their charge.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Teach the rulers of the nations to use their power in mercy and with respect for those they govern. May all people learn to use the resources of this world not selfishly but for the common good.

We continue to uphold in our prayers the people of Lebanon.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Help us so to live our faith that we may bring to Christ many with whom we live and work. We pray for all in this community who are engaged in the work of healing the sick in mind and body.

We pray for all front line workers in hospitals and nursing homes; and all who are ill.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are anxious and unsettled during this time of pandemic.

We pray for all who suffer hardship and persecution for what they believe to be right. We pray for all who for any reason are despised and made to feel that they have no value.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In a moment of quiet, let us still our hearts and be open to the longing of the Spirit for us

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Receive into everlasting joy those who have passed through the trials of this world; or whose year's mind occurs at this time. May they share in the heavenly feast, with St Bartholomew and all the saints.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,  
the servant King:

**God of praise,  
send the Holy Spirit,  
which you poured out upon the apostles,  
that we may acclaim the word of truth  
which we have received through them,  
and joyfully return thanks to your glory.  
We ask this 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.

Fulfil 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 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.**

Postlude:

Readings for Next Week: Pentecost 13A:

Romans 12.9-21, Psalm 105.1-6,23-26, Matthew 16.21-28

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Parish Trivia Night  
September 7th, 2020

7 pm  
via ZOOM!

Form a virtual team/table  
\$25 with lots of prizes

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[gisborneparish@gmail.com](mailto:gisborneparish@gmail.com) for further details



**Around the World in 80 Questions**

**Parish Trivia Nite**  
SEPTEMBER 7th, 2020  
7 pm by ZOOM

Scan to discover!

Form Virtual Tables of 10,  
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NAME: FROM: 7 pm TO: ...till we have a winner!

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GATE: ZOOM BOARDING TIME:

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\$25 a head: includes major door prizes, and a host of other goodies.  
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