



ANGLICAN PARISH OF
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December 27th 2020

St John's Anglican Church
Riddells Creek
10 am

*The Parish of Gisborne acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land,
the peoples of the Kulin Nations,
and we pay our respects to their elders, living, past and emerging.*

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:

In the Parish, we do not normally keep Patronal Festivals such as St Paul and St John, but today, we break that tradition by including John, Evangelist and Apostle in our celebration of the first Sunday of Christmas.

Tradition for the liturgical calendar is to mark today as "Holy Family" as the twelve days of Christmas continues to be celebrated. We could also plausibly celebrate today as "Three French Hens" – something that the catechumenal song reminds us of being "The Holy Trinity." (see later in the bulletin for decoding the 12!)

John is the only disciple whose death is not recorded. He is believed to be the beloved disciple, and the one leaning on Jesus' breast at the Last Supper. We have letters, a revelation and gospel from his hand. He is most importantly for us today an evangelist: the bringer of good news.

His heraldic animal is an eagle: on his words, inspired by his life, we are challenged to take the good news we have received from John into the world we live. St John's Riddells Creek is where we start.

This Sunday:	Proverbs 8.22-31, Psalm 97 I John 1.1-5, John 20-2-8
Next Sunday: Christmas 2	Sirach 24.1-12, Psalm 147.12-20
St Paul's, Gisborne	Ephesians 1.3-14, John 1.1-18

Parish Fire Policy:

If a **CODE RED** day is declared [this is the most extreme rating] and this occurs on a Saturday or Sunday – then please note that all services and/or parish activities will be cancelled on that day.

This policy will also apply during the week and to all our centres. For other fire danger ratings, it is important that everyone implement their own fire plan.

Your own fire plan must always take precedence even if you are on a rostered duty.

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The Gathering of God's People

Unto us a boy is born!
King of all creation,
came he to a world forlorn,
the Lord of every nation.

Herod then with fear was filled:
“A prince,” he said, “in Jewry!”
All the little boys he killed
at Bethlem in his fury.

Cradled in a stall was he
with sleepy cows and asses;
but the very beasts could see
that he us all surpasses.

Now may Mary's son, who came
so long ago to love us,
lead us all with hearts aflame
unto the joys above us.

Omega and Alpha he!
Let the organ thunder,
while the choir with peals of glee
now rends the air asunder.

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Anon., Latin 15th century
tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936) alt.

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.

The Presider welcomes the people

Let us attend to our own worthiness to come into God's house with joy and praise.

Christ, made visible in the flesh –
we acknowledge our sins of deed and omission.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, justified by the Spirit –
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts and minds

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Christ, proclaimed to the nations –
empower us to take your message of love to all the world.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us,

✠ forgive us our sins,

and lead us into the eternal light of salvation. **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.**

The Collect (prayer) of the Day

Let us pray:

Merciful Lord,
cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:
that, being enlightened by the teaching
of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John,
we may so walk in the light of your truth
that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

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

All sit for the Reading from the Old Testament or as appointed.

Proverbs 8.22-31

After each reading the reader may say,

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

The Reading from the New Testament (other than from the gospels).

I John 1.1-5

Gradual Hymn (please stand)

Glory to God above!
Heavens declare his love;
praise him, you angels,
praise him all you high and heavenly host.
Worship him sun and moon;
stars complement their tune
grounded in God's good purpose
let his grace become your boast.
O sing hallelujah, and praise God for ever more!

Glory to God below,
let depths of ocean show,
lightning and hail, snow, wind
and cloud perform at his command!
Let every mountain range,
forest and grove and grange,
creatures of earth and air and sea
praise God in every land.
O sing hallelujah, and praise God for ever more!

'Glory to God your King!'
leaders and people sing;
women and men of every age unite to praise the Lord.
Worship God's holy name
and let your lives proclaim
God's saving power extends
to those who love and serve his word
O sing hallelujah, and praise God for ever, evermore!

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Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading.

The deacon or other reader may say

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

John 20.2-8

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel, the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking Open the Word

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**¹I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

²I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

**³who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

**⁴suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

⁵On the third day he rose again;

⁶he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

⁷and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

⁸I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**⁹the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,**

¹⁰the forgiveness of sins,

¹¹the resurrection of the body,

¹²and the life everlasting. Amen.

This is our faith, the faith of the Church.

We believe in one God:

✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

At the end of the prayers, we are invited to pray together:

**Gracious God,
bestir your people
to sing the angels' song of glory
and actively to seek
the peace which they proclaimed,
so that you may be truly glorified.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The prayer folder may be placed on the altar as a sign of our prayers offered to God.

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

And also with you.

We share a sign of peace with one another.

The Offertory

¹ Only-begotten, Word of God
eternal,
Lord of Creation,
merciful and mighty,
Hear now your servants,
when their tuneful voices
rise to your presence.

² Thus in our solemn
Feast of Dedication,
graced with returning rites
of due devotion,
ever your children,
year by year rejoicing,
sing in this hallowed space.

³ Holy this dwelling where the Lord
is present,
this is none other than the
gate of heaven;
strangers and pilgrims,
seeking homes eternal,
pass through its portals.

⁴ God in Three Persons,
Father everlasting,
Son co-eternal,
ever-blessèd Spirit,
yours is the glory, praise
and adoration,
now and for evermore.

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New English Hymnal 201 Iste Confessor (2)

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.

Eternal God,

in the Word made flesh

you joined together heaven and earth.

Make us holy by sharing in this table

and make us joyful in giving you praise.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 direct our Prayers to God in Jesus' name.

We lift our hearts to you,

God eternal, good and faithful;

to you we offer thanks and praise

in the name of Jesus Christ.

We celebrate the wonder of the Incarnation,

by which our human state

is freed from its ancient earthly destiny

and raised up in Christ to a new and heavenly birth.

And so with boundless joy,

your Church is untied to the praises of heaven

as we praise your holy name and sing:

The ancient song 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.

Our thanksgiving continues

God of the feast, your household is hungry
for the bread of heaven and the cup of life.
Send your Spirit on us and on our celebration,
so that we may eat at this table and be satisfied
with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

With this bread:

On the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with the people he loved.
He took the bread, gave you thanks,
broke it to share with them, and said:
"Take and eat this: it is my body."

With this cup:

Then he took a cup of wine.
Again he thanked you and told them:
"Drink this, all of you: it is my blood,
shed for you and for many
so that sins may be forgiven.
Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me."

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We remember Jesus:

So we delight to remember Jesus:
the faithfulness of his life,
the victory of his cross,
the glory of his resurrection,
the joy of the Holy Spirit poured out for the Church.

We dedicate ourselves to service:

O God, holy Wisdom, merciful and generous,
accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Make us good stewards of creation,
with justice in our hearts,
courage in our actions
and power in our speech
to bear witness to the truth.

Protect us with your glory,
unite your church in loyalty and love,
and bring us home with all your saints
to feast with you for ever.

Doxology

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
and in the Spirit's grace,
with heart and soul and mind and strength
we love and worship you alone, O God,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

The priest breaks the bread. One of the following may be said.

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.

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you have revealed your Christ
as the light of the world.
By this communion,
renew us in the love of Christ
and in witness to his Gospel.

**Take our hands and work through them;
take our lips and speak through them;
take our minds and think through them;
take our hearts and set them on fire with love for you.**

Post Communion Hymn

**The north wind is tossing the leaves,
The red dust is over the town,
The sparrows are under the eaves
And the grass in the paddock is brown,
As we lift up our voices and sing
To the Christ child, the heavenly King.**

**The tree ferns in green gullies sway,
The cool stream flows silently by,
The joy bells are greeting the day,
And the chimes are adrift in the sky,
As we lift up our voices and sing
To the Christ child, the heavenly King.**

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John Wheeler, William G. James

Dismissal

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
gladden your hearts at his coming;
and the blessing of God Almighty:
✠ Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier
be with you all, and ever more. **Amen.**

The Word became flesh and dwells amongst us:

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

Postlude

Christmas Bowl

Our Christmas Bowl campaign continues until the end of Christmas (Epiphany!) Please take an envelope and place your donation in with your normal offertory.

New Year's Day

A low-key Eucharist will be offered at St Paul's, Friday 10 am to welcome the New Year.

Services this coming week

January 1st, 10 am	Naming and Circumcision of Jesus St Paul's, Gisborne
January 3rd, 10 am	Second Sunday of Christmas St Paul's, Gisborne
January 6th, 10 am	Epiphany: St John's, Riddells Creek

The Twelve Days of Christmas 'unlocked'!

A partridge in a pear tree	Seven swans a-swimming
The one true God revealed in Jesus	seven gifts of the Holy Spirit
Christ	Eight maids a-milking
Two turtle doves	the Beatitudes (Matthew 5)
The Old and New Testaments	Nine Ladies Dancing
Three French Hens	Nine fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5)
Faith, hope and love.	Ten Lords a-leaping
Four Calling Birds	The Ten Commandments
The Four Gospels	Eleven Pipers Playing
Five Gold Rings	Eleven Faithful Disciples
The Torah: the books of Moses	Twelve Drummers Drumming
Six Geese a-laying	12 points of the belief in the Apostles
6 days of creation	Creed