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# *Easter 5A*

## *6/7<sup>th</sup> May 2023*

*St John's, Riddells Creek, Saturday 5.30 p.m.*

*St Paul's, Gisborne, Sunday 9 a.m.*

*Church of the Resurrection, Macedon, Sunday 10.30 a.m.*

## **Worship Resource**

*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.*

**#FROMTHEHEART**

## 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

On Sunday this weekend, we will be undertaking various activities celebrating volunteers' roles in our Parish.

At the 10.30 am Eucharist, the graduates of the EfM course, Ethan Eva and Elaine Smith, will share their journey with the congregation. Fr Greg Davies will be present in his role as National Coordinator to present certificates.

It will also be a 'happy/sad' day as we farewell Elaine and prayerfully send her on her journey to be closer to her family in Melbourne.

In the afternoon, at Dromkeen, the opportunity to gather as volunteers who are essential in running our Op Shops will take place. It is a celebration and a chance to reflect on our roles. During the week, I had the privilege of leading the ANZAC observance at Braemar College. Given it was only two days past the 4th anniversary of Graham Farley's passing, it was a poignant yet moving moment. Braemar has the motto, "Many parts, one body."

Essentially, this is the role that volunteers fulfil in our Parish. Imagine a wheel.

Some of us form the outer rim, and others include the spokes that enable stability and drive. You might be part of the axle, a brake shoe or the differential/gearing system. Sounds complex? We all make up one body, even though we are different parts.

But we're more than spokes or tyres. We are real people, and as such, we bring different skills and gifts. St Paul likens us to parts of the human body.

St Peter in 1 Peter 2, today we are also reminded that we all require sustenance. He refers to spiritual milk. It is a journey representing nurture, growth, and all that goes with the reality of being part of a more considerable body, the Church. Our sole purpose is to worship God and to take our role in the bigger Messianic mission. We take our spiritual milk and gladly share with those in need, and in turn, Explore Faith Matters as part of our core reason for being a Parish.

This Sunday:	Easter 5A	Acts 7.55-60 1 Peter 2.2-10	Psalm 31.1-5, 17-18 John 14.1-14
Next Sunday:	Easter 6A	Acts 17.22-31 1 Peter 3.13-22	Psalm 66.7-19 John 14.15-21

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## The Gathering of the People

1. Christ is the world's light, he and none other;  
born in our darkness, he became our brother.  
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:  
Glory to God on high.

3. Christ is the world's life, he and none other;  
sold once for silver, murdered here our brother –  
he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father;  
Glory to God on high.

2. Christ is the world's peace, he and none other;  
no one can serve him and despise his brother.  
Who else unites us, one in God the Father?  
Glory to God on high.

4. Give God the glory, God and none other;  
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;  
give God the glory, God in man my brother;  
Glory to God on high.

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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.**

Christ is risen, Alleluia, alleluia!

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia, alleluia!**

Minyan! Wominjika!

**Minyan!**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

**We believe in God, we believe in him.**

What ever you ask in my name will be granted.

**Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,**

**to whom all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name,**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

We bring to mind our own failings, and seek the forgiveness of our merciful and loving God.

Risen Lord, your death and resurrection brought about the forgiveness of our sins.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You reveal yourself to us as the One who was, who is, and still to come Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

As we repent of our sins, restore us to newness

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

Almighty God,

who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:

✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,

strengthen you in all goodness

and keep you in eternal life,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father. **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 Acts of the Apostles  
**Acts 7.55-60**

*After the Lesson, the reader says*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church:  
**thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31.1-5, 17-18**



**Response: I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.**

1. In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.  
Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.  
Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,  
for you are my rock and my stronghold.

*Response*

2. Guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.  
Take me out of the net  
that they have laid secretly for me,  
for you are my strength.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

*Response*

3. Lord, let me not be confounded  
for I have called upon you;  
but let the wicked be put to shame;  
let them be silent in the grave.  
Let the lying lips be put to silence  
that speak against the righteous  
with arrogance, disdain and contempt.

*Response*

*The people remain seated for the second reading.*

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

I Peter 2.2-10

*After the Lesson, the reader says*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church:  
**thanks be to God.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia!**

*The people remain standing and the appointed minister proclaims the gospel, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John 14.1-14

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Breaking open the Word

Affirmation of Faith

*The people stand and the minister introduces an Affirmation of Faith*

Let us together affirm our faith.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Prayers of the People

*The people may stand or sit for the prayers.*

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

The response to “Lord, lead us in the way of peace” is

**Guide us in the path of life.**

*The prayers end with this as the folder is placed on the Altar:*

**Lord, guide us that we may walk in your way,  
rejoice in your truth,  
and be kept for ever in the life which you give,  
which is eternal;  
through him who lived and died and rose again for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Greeting of Peace and Offertory

*All stand for the Greeting of Peace with these words.*

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a greeting of peace.*

1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
and drives away our fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole  
and calms the troubled breast,  
is manna to the hungry soul  
and to the weary rest.

3 Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury, filled  
with boundless stores of grace:

4 Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend,  
my prophet, priest and king,  
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
accept the praise I bring.

5 Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see you as you are  
I'll praise you as I ought.

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*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.



**Like newborn infants,  
longing for pure, spiritual milk,  
as we share at this table,  
may this foretaste of your heavenly banquet  
grow within us and lead us into salvation.**

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.**

*Divine Praise*

It is truly right and just, our joy and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Father all-holy, eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Christ truly one with us*

This is the day when your eternal Son,  
who is one with you in glory,  
arose as first-born from among the dead,  
to promise glory for that human body  
in which he is one with us.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness.  
The angels and the powers of all creation  
sing the ageless hymn of your glory...

**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.**

*Setting aside of our gifts*

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.

*The 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.**



The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.  
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The bread which we break, alleluia  
is the communion of the body of Christ.  
We are one body, alleluia!  
For though many, we share one bread.

*Response*

*Response*

*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.

### The Sending Out of God's People

*The Presider says a post-communion prayer.*

Jesus said, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Eternal God,  
let the Easter sacrament we have received  
abide in us to touch our hearts  
with the fullness of your saving grace  
in the community in which we are called to serve.

1. Faith will not grow from words alone,  
from proofs provided, scripture known;  
our faith must feel its way about,  
and live with question-marks and doubt.

2. The pattern Jesus showed, we share:  
life comes through death, hope through despair.  
God is made known in brokenness,  
and faith feeds on God's emptiness.

3. The church still tells how Jesus came  
through death to glorious life again –  
the strangest story! Yet, maybe,  
our faith will thrive on mystery.

4. Faith takes the little that we know,  
and calls for hope, and tells us: Go!  
Love and take courage, come what may;  
Christ will be with us on the way.

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**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.**

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the everlasting covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you what is pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God most Merciful,  
✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
be with you always. **Amen.**

Let us depart in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



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The Fifth Sunday of Easter – Sunday 7 May 2023

• Acts 7.55-60; Psalm 31.1-5, 17-18;

1 Peter 2.11-25; John 14.1-14

Taking refuge in the Lord in whom we can put our trust and steadfastly living in faith so that as we face our death, we will not break down but reach out in love to one another. Our Lord is all-powerful and benevolent and calls us to love in obedient faith.

- Pray that we will be obedient children keeping our eyes upon the Lord.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Melanesian Brotherhood, the Melanesian Sisterhood, the Society of St Francis and the Sisters of the Church who minister throughout the Pacific Islands.

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# SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF MYANMAR Mission Dinner

Through its Anglican partner, the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM), the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) is supporting the people of Myanmar who have lost their means of livelihood during these difficult times.

Funds raised are being used to provide basic water and health needs of internally displaced peoples.

Help re-start livelihoods and families affected by the current political situation in Myanmar.

Donations to this project are vitally needed.



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## Mission Dinner

Anglican Parish of Gisborne

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Church of the Resurrection Macedon  
Corner Honour Ave & Mt Macedon Rd  
Macedon

**6.00pm for 6.30pm**

**First-hand (illustrated) stories from  
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**Enjoy a 3-course meal including wine.**

**\$45.00 per person**

**All proceeds of the dinner will go to  
supporting our ABM Mission Project**

You will also have an opportunity to donate more money to ABM's Integrated Water, Sanitation and WASH Project Myanmar \*\*If you cannot attend, please consider making a donation and see Brett Collins for further details

For catering and dietary purposes please book by

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023** through the parish office or Brett Collins

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*Funeral for Mary Bowhill will be at  
St Paul's, Gisborne on  
Monday 8th of May at 11 am.*