



ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
**GISBORNE**

MACEDON | RIDDELLS CREEK | GISBORNE

Easter Day  
**SUNG EUCHARIST**

**3 1st March 2024**  
**9.00 am St Paul's Gisborne**

*The Parish of Gisborne acknowledges that we meet on the lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nations.*

*We pay our respects to their Elders, past, and present and extend that same 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.*

The Service of Light

*The ministers go in silence to the main entrance, one of them carrying the unlit Easter Candle. All the lights in the building are switched off. All turn to face the entrance.*

Christ yesterday and today,  
**the beginning and the end,**  
Alpha and Omega,  
**time belongs to him,**  
and all ages;  
**to him be glory and power,**  
**through every age and for ever. Amen.**

*The Easter Candle is marked.*

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

*A minister lights the Easter Candle, saying*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*The minister carrying the Candle raises it and says*

The light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The procession moves further into the building and then stops. The versicle and response are repeated. When the minister carrying the Candle arrives at the front of the church it is placed on a stand in the midst of the building, and all other candles in the church are now lit.*

*The presider says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*A joyful fanfare may be played, bells rung, lights switched on.*

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1. Through the Red Sea brought at last, alleluia,  
Egypt's chains behind we cast, alleluia,  
deep and wide  
flows the tide  
severing us from bondage past, alleluia.

2. Like the cloud that overhead, alleluia,  
through the billows Israel led, alleluia,  
by his tomb  
Christ makes room,  
souls restoring from the dead, alleluia.

3. In that cloud and in that sea, alleluia,  
buried and baptized were we, alleluia,  
earthly night  
brought us light  
shall be ours eternally, alleluia.

4. Then, deceitful world adieu, alleluia,  
Egypt's land in distant view, alleluia,  
Christ our love  
draws above,  
dead with him, and risen anew, alleluia!

Ronald Arbuthnott Knox 1888-1957

Risen Christ, you turned Mary's tears into joy;  
**turn our tears into joy.**

Risen Christ, you turned the travellers' despair into hope;  
**turn our despair into hope.**

Risen Christ, you turned the disciples' fears into boldness;  
**turn our fears into boldness.**

Risen Christ, you turned an empty catch into fullness;  
**turn our empty chores into fullness.**

Risen Christ, you turned Thomas' unbelief into trust;  
**turn our unbelief into trust.**

Scatter the darkness of our unbelief and shine among us always. **Amen.**

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!  
**He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

*The Presider says the Prayer of the Day.*

Glorious Lord of life,  
by the mighty resurrection of your son  
you overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, who celebrate with joy  
Christ's rising from the dead  
may be raised from the death of sin  
to the life of righteousness;  
through him who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Ministry OfThe Word  
As we prepare to hear God's Holy Word through the scripture  
**open our hearts and minds, Lord. Amen.**

*All sit for the reading/s from the scripture.*

First Lesson                      Acts 10.34-43

Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24

Second Lesson                      1 Corinthians 15.19-26

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

*The Easter Anthem*



1. Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us,  
so let us celebrate the feast,  
not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness,  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.                      *Refrain*

2. Christ once raised from the dead dies no more.  
Death has no more dominion over him.  
In dying he died to sin once for all;  
in living he lives to God.                      *Refrain*

3. See yourselves therefore as dead to sin,  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who sleep.                      *Refrain*

4. For as by one man came death,  
by another has come also resurrection of the dead;  
for as in Adam all die,  
even so in Chrstit shall all be made alive.                      *Refrain*

*The appointed minister proclaims the gospel, first saying*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 16.1-8.

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

*After the Gospel, the minister says*

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Breaking open the Word

*A short time of silence follows the sermon.*

The Prayers of the People

*The Presider says*

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

*Response:*

Risen God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayers*

**Almighty God,  
who in the Passover of Christ  
have begun the new creation;  
grant to your whole Church  
the gifts of joy and peace this Easter,  
and by our celebration at the beginning of this new day,  
prepare us for the feast of the age that is to come.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*The people stand and sing the baptismal hymn and turn toward the font.*

Baptised in water, sealed by the spirit  
cleansed in the blood of Christ our king  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the spirit  
dead in the tomb with Christ our king  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the spirit  
marked with the sign of Christ our king  
born of one Father, we are his children  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

*Water is poured into the font.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The Presider says the prayer over the water.*

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks  
that through the waters of the Red Sea  
you led your people out of slavery into freedom,  
and brought them through the river Jordan  
to new life in the land of promise.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give thanks for your Son Jesus Christ:  
for his baptism by John,  
for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

And now we give you thanks that we are made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing, that this water may be a sign of our new birth in Baptism. May we continue forever in Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Dear friends,  
through the Paschal Mystery  
we have been buried with Christ in his baptism,  
so that we may rise with him to new life.

Now that our Lenten observance is ended,  
let us reaffirm the promises we made in baptism.

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

**I reject them all.**

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

**I renounce all that is evil.**

I ask you now to reaffirm as yours the faith  
of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's 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 again to judge  
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God:**

✠ **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Will you each by God's grace strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

**I will with God's help.**

God the creator,  
the rock of our salvation,  
has given us new birth by water and by the Spirit,  
and bestowed on us the forgiveness of sins,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

✠ May God keep us faithful to our calling  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are sprinkled with water from the font.*

The Greeting Of Peace  
Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The people exchange a simple greeting of peace with those next to them.*

The Offertory Hymn

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1. Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
who so lately on the cross alleluia!  
suffered to redeem our loss, alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly king, alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. alleluia!
3. But the pain that he endured alleluia!  
our salvation has procured; alleluia!  
now exalted he is king, alleluia!  
and the angels ever sing: alleluia!



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.

**With joy, O God,**

**we prepare the table**

**of the Lord's Passover.**

**Joyful you have made us;**

**joyful now be pleased to keep us**

**unto the eternal life of your kingdom.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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.**

It is our joy and glad duty to give you thanks and praise,  
Eternal, incarnate and risen Lord.

When you met Mary Magdalen by the garden tomb  
on the morning of your resurrection

you enable us to also meet you today and every day.

As we listen to the apostles of the early Church, we ask that you  
come now and reveal yourself to us as our living Saviour.

In the joy of this Eastertide

renew our hope, kindle our joy,

and inspire us to share the good news with others.

By your crossing over from death to life,

you enable us to cross over from the slavery of death and sin  
into the freedom that you have promised us.

Rejoicing in the presence of the saints of the age  
and with all the company of heaven

**Holy, holy, holy  
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.**

Following the traditions of the ancestors,  
Jesus gathered with his disciples in an upper room.

On the night before he died,  
he took bread, and gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.”

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
“Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is 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:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
Rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.  
Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,  
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
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 The Bread And The Communion

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.**

*The invitation to communion is given in these words.*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Come, this is the table, not of the Church but of the Lord. All are  
welcome to his table. Alleluia! Draw near with faith! Come.

*Holy Communion is administered.*

*To facilitate a more orderly time, the communicants will begin from the BACK row,  
and progressively move forward.*

Once you have received communion, please exit by the SIDE door, and return to your seats from the main entrance.

**People who are not able to come forward, please alert the sides people and they will alert the clergy to bring communion to you in your seats.**

### The Sending Out Of God's People

*The Presider says the following post-communion prayer*

Eternal God,  
in the breaking of the bread  
we know the risen Lord.  
May we who celebrate this holy feast  
walk in his risen light  
and bring new life to all creation.

Most loving God,  
**you send us into the world you love.**  
**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage**  
**in the power of your Spirit.**

*The people sing the hymn:*

1. Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory over death you've won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes,  
where your body lay.

***Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory over death you've won.***

2. See, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord is living, death has lost its sting.

***Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory over death you've won.***

*During the last verse of the hymn, the ministers proceed to the font. The people turn towards the font for the prayer for the departed followed by the seasonal blessing.*

3. No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without you: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through your deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above.

***Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory over death you've won.***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The blessing of the Living God,  
who brings light out of darkness,  
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the risen Christ,  
who sends you as apostles into all the world  
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the Holy Spirit,  
who fills the church with joy and praise,  
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The blessing of our God,  
✠ the holy and glorious Trinity,  
be upon you and remain with you  
now, and for ever. **Amen.**

*The minister says*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ May the souls of the faithful  
through the mercy and love of God  
rest in peace and rise in glory. **Alleluia!**

PARISH ANIMAL WELFARE GROUP MEETING:

Our Parish Animal Welfare Group will be meeting on Sunday April 7, over lunch at Riddells Creek Pub, 12.30 to plan our activities for this year. Table booked for usual attendees but please let Janine Mc Dougall (withgrace@bigpond.com) know if you wish to join us and we may be able to squeeze you in.



# ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION

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Easter Day – Sunday 31 March 2024

- Acts 10.34-43 or Isaiah 25.6-9;  
Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24 or Hymn to the Risen Christ  
(APBA, p. 6)
- 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 or Acts 10.34-43;  
John 20.1-18 or Mark 16.1-8

We are reminded today that death has lost its sting. We are inheritors of eternal life because Jesus has been raised from the dead. Alleluia! Alleluia! As people of the resurrection, we carry this message of hope into every arena of grief and loss. The cords of limited life and the shadow of death do not ensnare us forever. Jesus gives us the hope of heaven. He invites us to a life of joy and thankfulness. Alleluia! Alleluia!

- Pray for churches everywhere as they proclaim the Mystery of Easter.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Community of the Resurrection in the UK and southern Africa.

*Text:* The Rt Rev Peter Stuart, Bishop of Newcastle  
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**The ABM Easter gift is supporting Aboriginal and  
Torres Strait Anglicans as they witness the good news  
of Jesus Christ.**

EASTER GIFT 2024

# PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your love for us stretches from heaven to earth,  
from beyond the grave to us here in this life,  
from celestial eternity to our time-bound existence.

Help us, your servants, to share that love  
– as you have commanded us to do  
– in practical ways.

During Easter, may we share that love by encouraging our  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sisters and brothers  
through our giving towards the mission grants which  
support them to take their rightful place in the Church.

Send your Spirit to urge us to pray for partners,  
and to stand with them in effective and down-to-earth  
ways, for it is in truly loving them that we show our  
genuine love for you.

Hear this prayer for your love's sake.

**Amen.**



# Parish Directory

## Honorary Associate Priests

Rev'd Alan Smith  
Rev'd Debra Saffrey-Collins  
Rev'd Graham Snell  
Rev'd David McMillan  
Rev'd Warren Rumble  
Rev'd Charles Potter

## Parish Administrative Assistant

Vicki Gauci

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Marilyn Evans  
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## Honorary Parish Secretary

Jan Volkman Harris

## Finance Assistant

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### EASTER DAWN SERVICE

**5.45 for 6 am | Church of the Resurrection, Macedon**

### EASTER DAY SERVICE

**9 am | St Paul's Church, Gisborne**  
**5 pm | Sunday Arvo@5, St John's, Riddells Creek**

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