



ANGLICAN PARISH OF
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*The
Season
of
Lent*



First Sunday of Lent

18th February, 2024

Church of the Resurrection, Macedon 10am

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. 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.

Lent

The season of Lent, observed in various Christian denominations, marks a period of reflection, repentance, and spiritual preparation leading up to Easter. It lasts for forty days, symbolizing Jesus Christ's forty days of fasting in the wilderness. During Lent, believers engage in practices such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, seeking to deepen their relationship with God and grow in spiritual discipline. It's a time to confront personal shortcomings, embrace simplicity, and focus on the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus. Through introspection and penance, Christians aim to renew their faith and emerge spiritually refreshed for the celebration of Easter.

Readings:

This Sunday:	Genesis 9.8-17	Psalms 25.1-10
LENT 1B	1 Peter 3.18-22	Mark 1.9-15
Next Sunday:	Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16	Psalms 22. 24-32
LENT 2B	Romans 4.13-25	Mark 8.31-38

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 the People

TiS 131

1. Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls has found,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your pardoning love extend.

2. Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our prophet, priest, redeemer, Lord,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your saving grace extend.

3. Eternal spirit, by whose breath
the soul is saved from sin and death,
before your throne we sinners bend:
to us your quickening power extend.

4. Thrice holy – Father, Spirit, Son,
mysterious Godhead, three in One,
before your throne we sinners bend;
grace, Pardon, life to us extend.

The ministers enter in silence.

The words printed in bold type are said or sung by the people.

✠ Bless the Lord who forgives our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.

The Presider greets the people in these words.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Confession and Absolution

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we
have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence may be kept.

Most holy and merciful God,
**we confess to you and to one another,
and before the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned by our fault,
by our own fault,
by our own most grievous fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy,
and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other
people, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith
that is in us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to
injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neigh-
bours, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from
us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for
those who come after us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

A hymn or anthems (Trisagion, Lenten Prose) will be sung.

Trisagion

To be sung three times

1

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Migh - ty,

2

3

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy u - pon us.

The Presider prays:

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in the world.
By the cross and passion of your Son, our Saviour,
✠ forgive us again, and give us grace to begin anew,
so you may bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.
Amen.

The Prayer of the Day (Collect)

God of the new and eternal covenant,
as the forty days of the great flood
swept away the world's corruption
and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life:
Grant to us,
who are washed clean and born again in the saving flood of baptism,
the wellsprings of your grace,
that your gift of new life may flourish once again;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Ministry of the Word

The people sit for the reading/s from the scriptures.

First Lesson: Genesis 9.-8-17

After the Lesson, the reader says

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

Psalm 25.1-10



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; to you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

TiS 14

1. O Lord, make me know your ways.
O Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. *Response*

2. The Lord is good and upright,
and shows the path to those who stray.
The Lord guides the humble in the right path,
and teaches God's way to the poor. *Response*

3. The Lord's ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep God's will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who are faithful,
to them God's love has been revealed. *Response*

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TiS 14

The people remain seated for the second reading. (if required)

Second Lesson: I Peter 3.18-22

After the Lesson, the reader says

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

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



Glo - ry and praise — to you, Lord Je — sus Christ.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

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 Mark

+Glory you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 1.9-15

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking open the Word

Following the sermon a short period of silence is observed.

The people stand and a minister introduces an Affirmation of Faith

Let us together affirm our faith.

We believe in one God, creator of all life,

maker of past, present and future.

Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.

We believe in Jesus Christ,

God's Word of grace, and love made flesh,

who came to declare good news to those in despair,

to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor,

to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.

We believe in God's Holy Spirit,

who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again,

who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage,

who resurrects us to new life.

We believe that the Church is of God

and will endure to the end of time,

and calls us into a life of love and service.

Blessed is our God:

✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The response to “and, in your mercy,” is
“**hear our prayer**”.

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

**Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through 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.

TIS 591

Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled:

let us your endurance share
and from earthly greed abstain,
with you watching unto prayer,
with you strong to suffer pain

And if Satan on us press
flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint or fail.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by your side,
that with you we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

George Hunt Smyttan (1822-70)
and Francis Pott (1832-1909) alt.

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.

**Creator God, we pray you to fashion our lives
in the likeness of Christ,
whose table we share
and of whose life we partake.
We ask this through Jesus 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 prayer continues

...for ever praising you and saying:

Response to the Choir's bidding:



Ho - san - na in the high est.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes for 'Ho - san - na' and half notes for 'in the high est.' with a fermata over the final note.

Choir: Hosanna in the highest.

Response: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Response: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Choir: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Response: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Choir: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Response: **Hosanna in the highest.**

...the prayer continues

A minister says

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**



... in songs of never-ending praise:



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 following response is given to the cantor's tropes (verses)



The Presider invites the people to come and receive Communion with these words.

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

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

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

Anthem

Day by day, Warren SASC II, p 76

The Sending Out of God's People

The Presider says a post-communion prayer.

God of mission,
who alone brings growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
and power to our witness.

**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.**

A hymn of Thanksgiving is sung:

Tis 201

1. King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

3. Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee;
ev'n eternity's too short
to extol thee.

2. Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

George Herbert
1593 - 1633

Notices may follow.

The Presider says a prayer over the people in place of the usual blessing during Lent.

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,
that you may find in him crucified,
a sure ground for faith,
affirm support for hope,
and the assurance of sin forgiven. **Amen.**

A minister says

We go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

At Church of the Resurrection:

Postlude
Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn, Buxtehude.



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Lent 1 B

– Sunday 18 February 2024

- Genesis 9.8-17; Psalm 25.1-10;
1 Peter 3.18-22; Mark 1.9-15

The Noah story reminds us that God's covenant is not just with humans but with the whole creation. The old idea of God as a destroyer is moved away from in this narrative, symbolized by the hanging up of the bow that fires arrows upon the earth. God, in covenant with us pledges not to destroy the earth. It's a good reminder that as God's covenant people we are part of the pledge to care for creation.

- We pray for sustainable ways to mitigate global heating.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of Gawura School within St Andrew's Cathedral School in Sydney

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NOTICES

Sunday Services for Lent 2

Sunday February 25th

10.00 am St Paul's Gisborne

5.00pm Sunday Arvo@5 St John's Riddells Creek

Our Sunday Arvo intergenerational service is inspiring – all are welcome, come and join us and bring a friend !

The World Day of Prayer at Churches of Christ on 1st March

This annual prayer service will be held this year at Church of Christ, Saunders Road, New Gisborne commencing at 10am. The service is held in over 170 countries on the first Friday of March each year. This year the Palestinian women have written the service and invite us all to pray for peace, justice and freedom of religion and movement. Their theme is based on Ephesians 4:1-7. We would like as many as possible to attend from our parish. Last year only one Anglican attended, so let's try and improve on this number in 2024! If you can manage to attend, Elaine Millar would appreciate a call from you on 0437 040 350.

Transport for Paul on Sundays

We would like to set up a roster to provide Paul with transport to the morning service each Sunday. At present the morning service is at 10.00am and alternating between St Paul's and the Church of the Resurrection. Paul lives in New Gisborne. Please let Vicki in the office know if you are able to provide Paul with transport and indicate which Sunday/s would suit you.

SERAPHIM TRIO

Anna Goldsworthy (piano), Helen Ayres (violin) and Tim Nankervis (cello) perform piano trios by Beethoven and Robert Schumann at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon on Sunday 25 February @ 3pm.

Tickets \$45/40/35
Bookings: Trybooking.com

Fr Dennis' Induction

Fr Dennis' induction will take place on
February 27th at 7.30pm
at St Peter's by the Lake
35 Newlands Drive
Paynesville Vic 3880

Jim Lindsay has kindly organised the bus which will be leaving St Paul's at 10.00am on Tuesday 27th February and returning around 3,00pm on Wednesday 28th February.

At the moment the bus is full but you are welcome to put your name on a waiting list should anyone be unable to attend.

Accommodation is available at the Main Motel in Bairnsdale at reasonable rates. Arranging accommodation will be the responsibility of the individual travelling.

There will be a pre-service dinner in Paynesville followed by the service at 7.30pm.

If you are interested, please contact Jim Lindsay on 0419 132 291 as soon as possible as numbers attending are required by the 22nd of February.

Lent Studies
It's not too late to JOIN US!

Wednesday February 21st and Thursday February 22nd

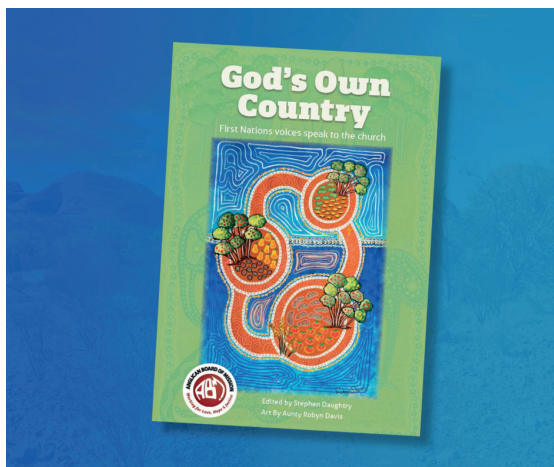
Our Lent Study Book for this Year is called:
God's Own Country - a study based on the seven days of creation

It's \$12 to buy a copy OR \$9 if you would like the online version.
Please contact Brett on Email: brett.collins@perfection.org.au or by mobile:
0400 877 018

When and where are we meeting?
Wednesday's In the Parish Centre from 2.00pm
Thursday Night's online beginning at 7.30pm
Zoom link is required (contact office)

About God's Own Creation : Based on the Seven Days of Creation and with stunningly beautiful paintings by the Rev'd Aunty Robyn Davis, 'God's Own Country' is an essential, life-giving and challenging study. First Nations leaders and clergy from the Anglican Church, generously offer theological insights and personal reflections that help us to hear the voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of faith. In our struggle to become an authentically Australian church, what better resource could we turn to than the voices of leaders who draw on vibrant Christian faith and a 60,000 year old understanding of God's relationship with the land and people of the country we call Australia.

Look forward to seeing you there!





Sponsor Rev Charles Potter for a 60km cycle ride

*Fr Charles is taking up the challenge of completing
60km of the Ballarat Cycle Classic on Sunday 18 Feb.*

*You can pledge to sponsor him for so much per
kilometre completed and pay directly into the Parish
Account, marking your pledge 'cycle'.*

*All proceeds go towards the Anglican Parish of
Gisborne.*

*Tell Fr Charles your pledge amount to encourage him!
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