



ANGLICAN PARISH OF
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MACEDON | RIDDELLS CREEK | GISBORNE



Archaeological Site of Ancient Corinth

Third Sunday of Lent

3rd March, 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 III

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The apostle Paul builds on the platform of Jesus' crucifixion as the basis for showing the power and wisdom of God and having faith in Jesus Christ. The cross was a problem for the early church, because only the very worst offenders were crucified. It was a cruel, barbaric and shameful way to die, but Jesus death on the cross turned around that symbolism to hope and a sign of the resurrection; that death is not the final word. Through Jesus' resurrection after his crucifixion, the world's values were turned upside down and Christians will always look upon the cross as Christ's saving act for the whole world. Such a simple sign and yet so amazingly powerful and full of promise.

Readings:

This Sunday: LENT 3B

Exodus 20.1-17

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 1.18-25

John 2.13-22

Next Sunday: LENT 4B

Numbers 21. 4-9

Psalms 107

Ephesians 2.1-10

John 3.14-21

PARISH FIRE POLICY

If a **CATASTROPHIC** day is declared [this is the most extreme rating] and this occurs on a 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 580

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.

2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

3. Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston 1791-1867
Tis 580

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Confession and Absolution

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

The Prayer of the Day (Collect)

Lord our God,
by your Holy Spirit
write your commandments upon our hearts
and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross,
so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness,
we may become a living temple of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Trisagion

To be sung three times

1
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Migh - ty,

3
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy u - pon us.

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: Exodus 20:1-17

After the Lesson, the reader says

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

Psalm 19

Response

The sky tells the glo - ry of God,
tells the gen - ius of God's work.

TIS 7

The sky tells the glory of God,
tells the genius of God's work.
Day carries the news to day,
night brings the message to night,

Response

without a word, without a sound,
without a voice being heard,
and yet their message fills the world,
their news reaches its rim.

Response

There God has pitched a tent
for the sun to rest and rise renewed
like a bridegroom rising from bed,
an athlete eager to run a race.

Response

It springs from the edge of the earth,
runs a course across the sky
to win the race at heaven's end.
Nothing on earth escaped its heat.

Response

tr. Psalms for All Seasons (ICEL)

TIS 7

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 1:18-25

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 John

✠Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 2.13-22

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking open the Word

The people stand and a 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 response to “Holy God, 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 552

Come, my way, my truth, my life,
such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife,
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength
such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart,
such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.

George Herbert 1593 – 1633.

TiS 552

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

He was tempted in every way as we are,
yet he did not sin.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

By his grace we are able
to triumph over every evil,
and to walk in the way of his love.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:



- 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.**

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.
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.'
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.'



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.

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 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)

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

Gladness, sadness, joy and sorrow,
MacDowell, arr. N Rawsthorne. SASC II, p 76

The Sending Out of God's People

The Presider says a post-communion prayer.

God of mercy,
may we who have shared in this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring your reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

**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 577

1. Come, let us to the Lord our God
with contrite hearts return;
our God is gracious, nor will leave
the desolate to mourn.

2. His voice commands the tempest forth,
and stills the stormy wave,
and though his arm be strong to smite
'tis also strong to save.

3. Long has the night of sorrow reigned,
the dawn shall bring us light;
God shall appear, and we shall rise
with gladness in his sight.

4. Our hearts, if God we seek to know,
shall know him and rejoice;
his coming like the morn shall be,
like morning songs his voice.

5. As dew upon the tender herb,
diffusing fragrance round;
as showers that usher in the spring
and cheer the thirsty ground:

6. so shall his presence bless our souls
and shed a joyful light;
that hallowed morn shall chase away
the sorrows of the night.

John Morrison 1750-98

Tis 577

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.

Postlude

Chorale prelude: Abridge, by C S Lang.

Message from Fr Dennis

Thanks to all for the beautiful farewell and gifts as I begin my new role as Rector of Paynesville. I was thrilled to have so many people from the Parish present; my thanks to Jim for organising the bus. There will be a link to the video of the service to come when it is fully functioning. I will be lifting the Macedon house this coming week, with three weeks of 'couch-surfing' until I can take possession of the new house. Again, my thanks and prayers for you all in the coming months.
Dennis



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Lent 3 B

– Sunday 3 March 2024

- Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

The Psalmist, in Psalm 19, speaks in beautiful and timeless language of the grandeur of God revealed in the natural world, and in 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Paul speaks of the wisdom of God that surpasses human wisdom. In a world in which science and religion have long been seen by many as mutually exclusive, the progress of science can be seen to be leading more to a convergence than a divergence. For as science continues to roll back the frontiers of human knowledge it, paradoxically, simultaneously extends the frontiers of the unknown, and in the process reveals anew, for those who take the time to see, the awe-inspiring mystery that underpins our universe, and the provisional nature of the understanding derived from human wisdom.

- Lord, empower us to see your grandeur revealed in the world around us and, seeing this, strengthen our resolve to husband and nurture our earthly home.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council

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Sunday Services for Lent 4

Sunday March 10th

10.00 am St Paul's, Gisborne

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

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.

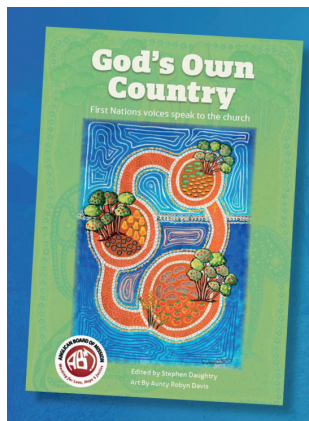
Lent Studies | Wednesdays and Thursdays, all welcome!

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 by 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 or Thursday Night's online beginning at 7.30pm. Zoom link is required (contact office or Brett).



Fr Dennis' Induction

A cheery bus load of parishioners journeyed to Paynesville to attend Fr Dennis' induction at St Peter's by the Lake, together with a few others who travelled independently. We were welcomed enthusiastically by Bishop Richard, church warden Helen, and Jeff and Karen Berger to a meal at a local Italian restaurant.

After the meal we enjoyed a wonderful celebratory service that welcomed Fr Dennis to his new parish and honoured George Herbert, Priest and poet who is remembered on the 27th February in the church calendar. Fr Dennis provided photos of the church taken when he visited George Herbert's historic parish church, St Andrews Bemerton on one of his travels.



Looking over the water from the restaurant.



Altar and pulpit at St Peter's on the Lake.



Windows by Bruce Hutton - very reminiscent of St John's Riddells Creek!



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