



ANGLICAN PARISH OF
GISBORNE

MACEDON | RIDDELLS CREEK | GISBORNE

*Mothering
Sunday*



Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B

10th March, 2024

St Paul's, Gisborne 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: LENT 4B

Numbers 21. 4-9

Psalms 107

Ephesians 2.1-10

John 3.14-21

Next Sunday: LENT 5B

Jeremiah 31.31-34

Psalms 119.9-16

Hebrews 5.5-14

John 12.20-33

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The Gathering of the People

TiS 463

Chorus

*May this Lenten discipline,
which we undertake with love,
turn our minds to things above.*

Sin has sundered us from God,
selfish we have grown and cold,
foolish were the ways we trod,
evil habits keep their hold.

May this Lenten discipline, ...

Now we fast that we may feast
where the Lord of Life presides;
may our hunger be increased
for the bread which he provides.

May this Lenten discipline, ...

As we keep this Lent with prayer
and from pleasures are withdrawn,
minds and bodies we prepare
for the joy of Easter dawn.

May this Lenten discipline, ...

TiS463

James Philip McAuley 1917-76

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

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.**

Lord Jesus, you desire to lead us from death into life.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy upon us.**

Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all people to yourself.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy upon us.**

Lord Jesus, you shouldered the cross, bearing all our sins.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy upon us.**

Lord Jesus, you take away all our sin,
hear our prayers of contrition.

**Lord Jesus, Son of the Living God,
have mercy on us, sinners.**

The Presider pronounces God's forgiveness to which the people reply Amen.

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all
who turn to him in faith:
✠ pardon you and set you free
from all of your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day (Collect)

Everlasting God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you:
give us purity of heart and strength of purpose
that no selfish passion may hinder us
from knowing your will,
no weakness prevent us from doing it;
that in your light we may see light,
and in your service find perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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:

Numbers 21.4-9

After the Lesson, the reader says

May your word live in us

and bear much fruit to your glory.

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

Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22

Response: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say this,
those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
And gathered out of the lands
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Response

Some were foolish and took a rebellious way,
and were plagued because of their wrongdoing.
Their soul abhorred all manner of food
and drew near to the gates of death.
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

Response

He sent forth his word and healed them,
and saved them from destruction.
Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness
and the wonders he does for his children.
Let them offer him sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

Response

Second Lesson

Ephesians 2.1-10

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

The people stand and the following may be said.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus 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 you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 3.14-21

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 “God of love and goodness, 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 684

Love will be our Lenten calling,
love to shake and shatter sin,
waking every closed, cold spirit,
stirring new life deep within,
till the quickened heart remembers
what our Easter birth can mean.

Truth will be our Lenten learning:
hear the Crucified One call!
Shadowed by the Saviour’s passion,
images and idols fall,
and, in Easter’s holy splendour,
God alone is all in all.

TiS 684

Elizabeth J. Smith 1956-

Peace will be our Lenten living
as we turn for home again,
longing for the words of pardon,
stripping off old grief and pain,
till we stand, restored and joyful,
with the Church on Easter day.

(Blessing of simnel cake)

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.

**Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ 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.

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.

All you who thirst, come to the water:

In the mystery of the Incarnation,
Christ has led humankind out of darkness
to walk in the clear light of faith,
and through the new birth given in baptism
has adopted us as your children.

The Angelic Song

And so, with the powers of creation,
we glorify your holy name in this, their ageless hymn 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.**

A minister says

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

now and for 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 people then say:

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.

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.

The Sending Out of God's People

The Presider says a post-communion prayer.

In this sacrament, O God,
we receive the pledge
of things yet hidden in heaven
and are fed in our earthly sojourn
with food and drink from on high.

**Let this gift work within us
so that we may bear the fruit
which will endure to eternal life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A hymn of Thanksgiving is sung:

TiS 571

1. Forth in your name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue,
you, Lord, alone resolved to know,
in all I think, or speak, or do.

2. Each task your wisdom has assigned
still let me cheerfully fulfil,
in all my works your presence find,
and prove your good and perfect will.

3. You may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance view,
and labour on at your command,
and offer all my works to you.

4. Give me to bear your easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to your glorious day;

5. for you delightfully employ
all that your bounteous grace has given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with you to heaven.

TiS 571

Charles Wesley 1707 – 88 alt.

Notices may follow.

Bountiful God,
give to this parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak your word
and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry
and enable us to fulfil our calling.
Give to those who will choose, wisdom,
discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous hearts,
for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

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,
a firm 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.



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Working for Love, Hope & Justice

Lent 4 B – Sunday 10 March 2024

- Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22;
Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21

The joyous proclamation of the Christian faith is that the reality and capacity of God's love and grace are not hidden from the world nor beyond our ability to see and know. Jesus, the Saviour, the Messiah, put aside the divinity and glory of heaven to be one of us, to be a visible part of this world and to invite the world into a journey of enlightening us to God and God's love. Naming Jesus as Lord begins our journey, and if you know nothing or everything of the bible, these words of Jesus recorded by John will continue to invite you, like Nicodemus, to seek to know how his life, death and resurrection is the power of God's love for our redemption and to eternal life.

- Pray that God's endless love would transform the darkness of our world to light – transforming hatred to forgiveness and freedom, conflict to peace and joy, fear to hope and faith, death to life.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of CAPA, the Council of the Anglican Provinces of Africa.

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Sunday Services for Lent 5

Sunday March 17th

10.00 am Church of the Resurrection, Macedon

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.com.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).

Father Dennis' Induction

Please follow this link if you would like to see the video of Father Dennis' induction.
<https://vimeo.com/918559321?share=copy>

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