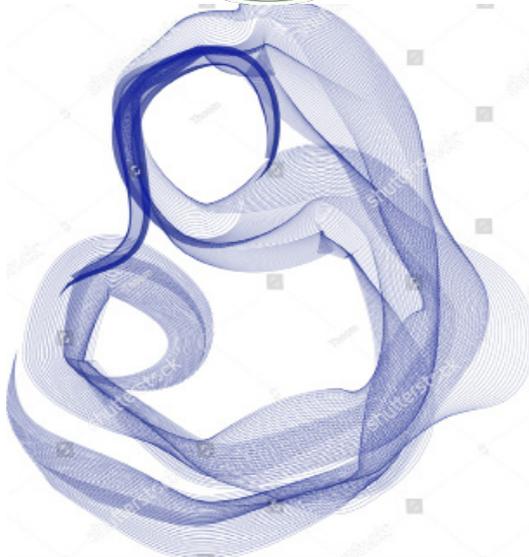


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MORNING PRAYER

Mary, Mother of our Lord.

August 16th, 2020

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.*

Morning Prayer
(Second Order: APBA p19)

Gathering in God's Name
Through Christ let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God,
the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Hebrews 13.15

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1.3

These or similar responses are used.

Open our lips, O Lord,
and we shall declare your praise.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The minister continues in these or similar words.

Friends in Christ,
we come together to meet with God,
and to take our part in the building up of his Church.
We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise,
hear from God's holy word,
and pray for this world, and for ourselves.
The Bible tells us to approach God confidently,
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
As we do so, we must confess our sins,
seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

Let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together:

**God of all mercy,
we humbly admit that we need your help.
We have wandered from your way.
We have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us,
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit
that we may live the new life to your glory.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

The minister declares God's forgiveness.

God desires that none should perish,
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.
God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.
Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The minister may read one of these sentences of Scripture.

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2.1–2

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38–39

The minister says

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His steadfast love endures for ever!

The minister greets the people, who may greet one another.

Grace and peace be with you
and also with you.

**Come, let us sing to the Lord,
shout to the rock of our salvation.
Serve the Lord with gladness,
come before his face with songs of joy.**

The Ministry of the Word

The minister offers this prayer, or a suitable alternative, in preparation for the reading and teaching of the Scriptures.

Heavenly Father,
give us wisdom and understanding.
As we listen to your Word,
may we know you better, love you more,
and learn to please you in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The first Reading, as appointed.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Galatians 4.4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

May your word live in us

and bear much fruit to your glory.

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded :

the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth :

all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me :

and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him :

throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm :

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things :

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :

world without end. Amen.

[The Lord be with you.

And also with you.]

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 2.1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

For the Gospel of the Lord:

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking Open the Word

Music may be played after the reflection.

The Ministry of Prayer

The minister says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us.

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 minister continues

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,

let your glory cover the earth.

Keep our nation under your care,

and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Send out your light and your truth,
that we may tell of your saving works.
Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.
Hear the cry of those in need.
Hear our prayers, O Lord,
for we put our trust in you.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Intercessions

For patient love to heal the Church and the world, we pray to the Lord
saying,
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Guide your Church to follow the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary in
patience, humility and trust. As we honour her for the sake of her beloved
Son, may we know and make known the gentle love that he knew in his
human family.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Teach our humanity to honour its wholeness in both male and female.
Bless the women who work for peace and justice, in organised move-
ments or as lonely individuals. Bring kindness and compassion into the
places torn by strife.
We continue to uphold in our prayers the people of Lebanon.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for mothers, especially those known to us who are under strain-
ing of poverty or anxiety. Bless the ministry of women in this church. We
pray for women who work with maternal care in this community.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are anxious and unsettled during this time of pandemic.

Have mercy on women suffering from cruelty and indifference; women in societies which deny them equal rights; those despised and ill treated by their families.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In a moment of quiet, let us still our hearts and be open to the longing of the Spirit for us.

God of peace, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We join with the Blessed Virgin Mary in intercession for the departed. In the hour of death, save us by the love of Christ which has raised them to eternal life.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray in the name of Christ, rejoicing in the grace given to his blessed Mother:

In her humility and obedience to your calling, O God, the Virgin Mary stands as a model for your Church.

Grant that your people may trust in your word and so in faith become bearers of Christ, our light and our life, for ever and ever. Amen.

From the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you have promised that when two or three gather in your name you will grant their requests.

Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us.

Grant us, in this life,

knowledge of your truth

and in the age to come,

life eternal. **Amen.**

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts;

that, we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son,

was made known by the message of an Angel,

may by His Passion and Cross,

be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore. Amen.

Postlude: BWV 545 Fugue

J.S. Bach

A reminder to keep our stewardship (collection) going!
July/August has always been our leanest times of the year:
this year, it is even more serious.
Please talk with Graham Dickinson if you have any questions.

Next Week: St Bartholomew Deut 18.15-18; Psalm 145.10-18; John 1.45-51

VIRTUAL MORNING TEA Sunday 10.30 am

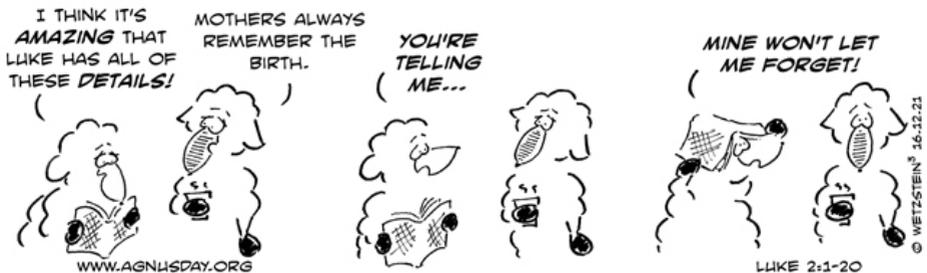
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Morning Prayer Wednesday 10 am: www.bit.ly/GisAngWedMorn

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<https://bit.ly/GisAngARCIC2Mum>



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