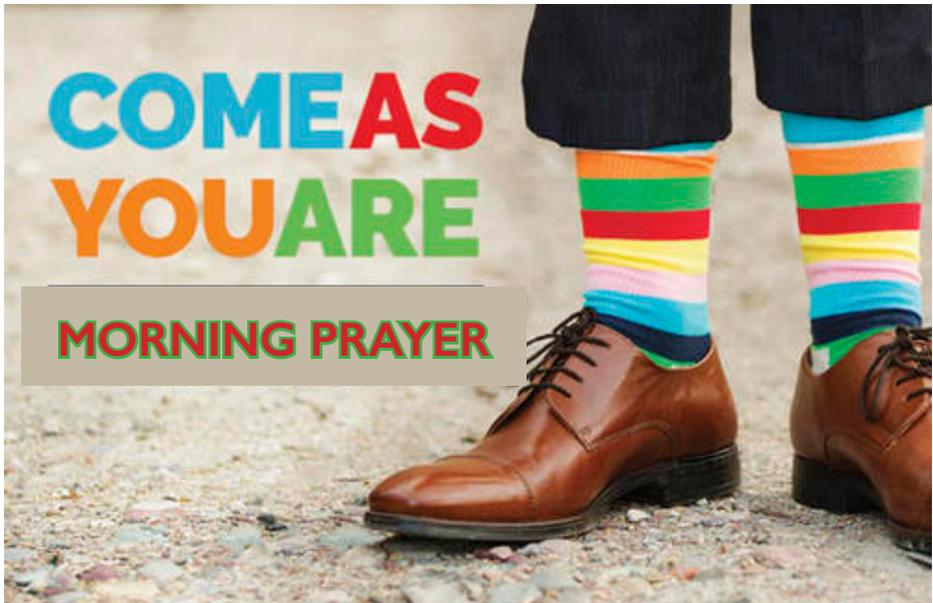


Anglican Parish of
Gisborne



Pentecost 14A

September 6th, 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.

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. May your word live in us

and bear much fruit to your glory.

Psalm 149

Alleluia.

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
Let them praise his name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre.

Alleluia

For the Lord has pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with salvation.
Let the faithful be joyful in glory;
let them rejoice in their ranks,
With the praises of God in their mouths
and a two-edged sword in their hands;

To execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples;
To bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron;
To execute on them the judgement decreed:
such honour have all his faithful servants.

Alleluia

[The Lord be with you.
And also with you.]

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 18.10-20

[Jesus continued to teach his disciples.]“Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

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 called your Church to bear witness

that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:

help us to proclaim the good news of your love,

that all who hear it may be drawn to you;

through him who was lifted up on the cross,

and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Intercessions

Let us pray in love to God who loves all that he has made saying,
Creator God: **hear our prayer.**

Let the whole Church be filled with the divine grace which comes where two or three are gathered together in your name. We pray for the same grace to lead us from our current domestic wilderness back into fellowship. Bless your Christian people with unity to empower their prayers.
Creator God: **hear our prayer.**

Rouse the world from the sloth of selfish and material concerns. Heal with the spirit of love the disputes that divide people and nations.
Creator God: **hear our prayer.**

Bless our families, friends and neighbours with the spirit of reconciliation. Let your law be fulfilled among us in words of love.
Creator God: **hear our prayer.**

Come and relieve those who are caught in bitter litigation. Help the victims of injustice who suffer under loveless power.
Creator God: **hear our prayer.**

We bring to mind those for whom our prayers have been asked; those who are lonely, afraid, or are unwell.

Creator God: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have tried to follow the way of love and are now at rest. In the fullness of your love, give them perfect freedom.
Creator God: **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together – physically and virtually, we make our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ:

**Lord God,
let our praises come before you,
so that, united in faith,
we may worship in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

Eternal God and Father,
by whose power we are created
and by whose love are redeemed:
Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit
that we may give ourselves to your service
and live this day in love to one another and to you;
through Jesus 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.**

VIRTUAL MORNING TEA Sunday 10.30 am

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

Morning Prayer Friday 8.30 am **<https://bit.ly/GisAngFridayMP>**

Readings for Next Week: Pentecost 15A (Proper 19)

Romans 14.1-14, Psalm 114, Matthew 18.21-25

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