

Anglican Parish of
Gisborne



The Tale of Two Sons



MORNING PRAYER

Pentecost 17A

September 27th, 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.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Psalm 25.1-9

Lord Jesus, think on me.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.

Lord Jesus, think on me.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.

Lord Jesus, think on me.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.

Lord Jesus, think on me.

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Lord Jesus, think on me.

[The Lord be with you.

And also with you.]

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 21.23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.'

‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

Lord our God,
to carry out your will
your only Son became as one of us,
submitting himself even to death,
and in his obedience you have shown your glory
Let his mind be in us,
that we may serve one another
and consider each other's interests
before thinking of our own.
We ask this in his name,
who is glorified with you and the Holy Spirit
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Intercessions

By the authority of Christ, given to his Church, let us pray to the Lord
saying: God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

Give to the Church the spirit of service and humility by the power of
Jesus Christ who became flesh for our sake. Keep your people obedient in
all things, even to the death of the body.

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

Dispel the pride that holds people apart from people and nation from na-
tion. Make your power acknowledge and your will accomplished through
all the world.

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

Visit and heal with your love those whose lives come close to ours but are
divided by pride and self-will. May the mind of Jesus direct us in all our
relationships.

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

Help those whose suffering is the result of their own selfishness. Bring them out of their darkness into the freedom of obedience to your service.
God of grace: ***hear our prayer.***

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

pause for quiet prayer

May the healing touch of our Lord Jesus lift up those who are in need.
God of grace: ***hear our prayer.***

We remember those who have followed Jesus until death. As he is highly exalted, raise them with him into your eternal presence.

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

Strengthened in our weakness by the divine humility of Christ, we make our prayers in his name:

**Grant, O merciful God,
that your Church,
being gathered into unity by the Holy Spirit,
may show forth your power among all peoples,
to the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A Prayer during the time of Eucharistic Fast

Though our parish is scattered and we are apart,
let our love for you and one another grow stronger.
Though I may not now receive you in bread and wine,
let the longing of my heart
speak my words of love and gratitude to you, Lord Jesus,
and be for me all the reality of your presence with me. **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.**

Postlude

Readings for Next Week: October 4th: Feast of St Francis
Galatians 6.14-end; Psalm 100; Luke 12.22-34

Readings for October 11, Pentecost 19A

Philippians 4.1-9, Psalm 106.1-6,20-24, Matthew 22.1-14

After puzzling over Jesus' statement, C. S. Lewis concluded, "Prostitutes are in no danger of finding their present life so satisfactory that they cannot turn to God. The proud, the avaricious, the self-righteous, are in that danger."

Gathering limits for weddings will increase to 10 people, and for funerals to 20 mourners. Outdoor religious gatherings will increase to up to 10 people, plus one faith leader:

All places of worship of all denominations are closed for private worship or religious ceremonies.

Ceremonies and services can still be recorded or broadcast live from the place of worship for viewing online. Those who are necessary to conduct the ceremony may be on site to record and live stream services, however this is limited to a maximum of five people. You should ensure those people wear a face covering. Always keep at least 1.5 metres between yourself and others.

Places of worship may be opened for the purposes of conducting weddings or funerals,

but there are strict limits on the number of people who can attend.

Places of worship can continue to be open for essential public support services. Essential support services include food banks, help for the homeless or other essential activities. Face coverings must be worn. Keep at least 1.5 metres between yourself and others.

Can I attend a prayer group?

Outdoor religious gatherings are allowed for up to ten people plus one faith leader who is licensed by the Archbishop to lead worship (lay or ordained). The location of the gathering must be on the grounds of or within 1km of their place of worship.

For the time being, services will be videoed or zoomed as listed on the last page.

The Road Map to COVID-19 “Normal”

NOTICE

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

15th November 2020

Commencing at 11.30am at Church of the Resurrection, Macedon.
after a Combined Service at 10.00am

Please note that depending on the COVID -19 restrictions, this meeting may be conducted electronically.

1. Notice of revision of the Parish Electoral Roll.
 - The Parish Electoral Roll is available for checking and is circulated electronically with Pew Sheet on 24/9/20 or viewed on the Parish website.¹
 - A hard copy of the Roll is available for checking at the Parish Centre.
 - Application Forms for enrolment are available on the Parish website or by contacting the Parish Secretary (caddick@bigpond.com.au) or the Parish Finance & Administration Officer (gisborneanglican@bigpond.com).
2. Applications for enrolment need to be submitted to Fr. Dennis Webster by no later than Friday 16th October 2020. The updated Electoral Roll for the 2020 Annual General Meeting will be published on the Parish website by Thursday 22nd October 2020.
3. Notice of the Annual Meeting - the meeting agenda will be published 14 days prior to the meeting date and the agenda papers will be available on Thursday 5th November 2020.

4. Call for Nomination of candidates for the offices of:

- 2 Church Wardens
- 6 Parish Council Members
- Hon. Secretary to Parish Council
- Hon. Parish Treasurer
- Incumbency Committee
 - i. One Parishioner to be elected by those on the electoral roll of each centre.
 - ii. One Parishioner to be elected as the Parish Representative.

Nomination Forms to be handed to Fr Dennis Webster by noon on **Friday 30th October 2020**.
Forms are available on the Parish website or hard copy available at the Parish Centre.

Please note that Nominations require the support (signature) of 2 Parishioners who appear on the Parish Electoral Roll.

The Nominees for the positions listed above will be published by the **5th November 2020**, at which time the arrangements for the conduct of an election (if required) will be advised.

5. Reports for the Annual Meeting should be sent by email as soon as possible but no later than **Thursday 22nd October 2020** to caddick@bigpond.com.au
6. The Annual Meeting Papers will be distributed by Email on 5/11/20.
Please ensure that the Parish Office has your up-to-date email address.
If you need a printed copy of the papers, please let Margarita Caddick know by the **Sunday 1st of November** to enable them to be printed.
Email: caddick@bigpond.com.au or Phone 0448 368 774.

Notice issued by Hon Parish Secretary, Margarita Caddick on 24th September 2020,

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www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au/parishportal

This will be available on request, and emailed to all on the Electoral Roll

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on behalf of the Church Wardens; Alison Kitching, Mary Duggan and Tony Woodgate.

Our Parish EfM group will be starting its next year on November 1st, 2020. We are a happy small team enjoying the challenges of studying our faith and looking forward to welcoming others as we establish a new group.

We are meeting via Zoom at present, on Sunday afternoons from 3.00pm until around 6.00pm. The times and dates are to be determined by the new group when it meets on November 1st. We invite anyone interested in joining with us to read the prospectus on the Anglican Parish of Gisborne Website www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au for detailed information and if you would like a hard copy, please contact Alison via email alison.kitching@bigpond.com

As we need to order the Reading and Reflection Guide, please let us know before October 25 if you'd like to be part of the new group.

Debra Saffrey-Collins & Alison Kitching

Working Bee at St John's

To help get on top of the Spring growth, could you spare some time with a mower, whipper snipper and the like at St John's?

If so, please contact the Parish Office on 5428 4038 and we will relay the message to Janice!

A little bit of effort will save a lot in terms of labour and finances.



COVID-19 Restrictions:

no more than 5 people on site; wear your mask, keep your distance, maintain your sense of humour!

You must bring your own PPE and refreshments at the moment!

Geese Awareness

There are geese there. Please be aware.

NOTICE OF REVISION OF PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL
Parish of Gisborne

The parish electoral roll of this parish will be revised by the parish electoral committee commencing on September 24th, 2020 and applications for enrolment will close on Friday 16th October, 2020.

The Parish Governance Act 2013 provides that parish electoral roll is to contain the names of people who are of at least eighteen years of age and who—

- (a) are baptised;
- (b) regularly and habitually attend public worship at a worship centre in the parish;
- (c) have signed an application seeking to be included on the roll and declaring that—
 - (i) they are a member of the Anglican Church of Australia or of a church in communion with the Anglican Church of Australia;
 - (ii) they are not a member of any church which is not in communion with the Anglican Church of Australia; and
 - (iii) they are not on the parish electoral roll of any other parish or any Authorised Anglican Congregation in the Diocese other than a roll from which they wish their name to be removed.

The parish electoral roll as revised will be displayed 14 days prior to the annual meeting. A person must be on the parish electoral roll to vote at the annual meeting.

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Dated: 24th September 2020.

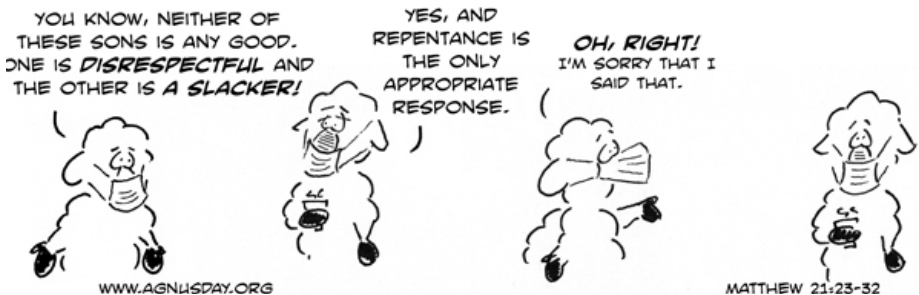
Margarita Caddick
Hon Parish Secretary

VIRTUAL MORNING TEA Sunday 10.30 am

www.bit.ly/GisAngVMT

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

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



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