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*Pentecost 25B*  
*14 November 2021*

*Online Resource for Morning Prayer 10.30 am*  
*[www.bit.ly/GisborneAnglicanVMT](http://www.bit.ly/GisborneAnglicanVMT)*

*The Anglican 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.  
We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.*

*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. Although online and partly prerecorded, please join us at [www.bit.ly/GisborneAnglicanVMT](http://www.bit.ly/GisborneAnglicanVMT) on line (via Zoom) Sunday 10.30 am or Wednesday 10 am. This worship service is available on the Parish Website Saturday afternoon. [www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au](http://www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au)

Keep calm and sparkle on...

Well, it is supposed to be “Keep Calm and Carry On”, but I like Bishop Kate’s version of the saying. There are many conspiracy theories, end-time prophecies and doomsday preppers at work in the community. They often get a fair bit of press coverage, and of course, if you follow social media. To borrow a term we use for something else online, they have reached pandemic proportions!

Fr Alan recently reminded us in the much loved ‘lifeboat’ story that sometimes God sends us the help we need, and it could be in a form we do not expect. We are being asked to trust in science and look at the tested literature. From there, we can make an informed decision.

Some of the material that Parish receives from time to time includes doomsday prophecies, admonishments and warnings. One arrived this week from Alice Springs. I like a prophet who recognises that they are human! I did find it interesting that one of his prophecies had changed as the ‘use by date’ had expired.

Mark 13 takes us into the apocalyptic genre. The word has become synonymous with ‘end times, but that is not exactly what is happening. The apocalypse means to ‘lift the veil’ or ‘reveal’. For sure, the moment a bride lifts her veil to her husband, she reveals herself to her chosen. No one would (well, some might) deem the lifting of the veil of a bride as an apocalypse! It shows the beauty in the giving of a man and woman in marriage.

Jesus reminds us of the bridegroom coming to greet his wife at a time which is not specified. What we are told to do is keep on with our work. If it is the end of times, I’m not sure the preppers are preparing for the end times. It seems a bit pointless to me! Our purpose is to make Christ fully known, which we do until the second coming of Jesus is revealed.

Today’s worship:

Pentecost 25B	1 Samuel 1.4-20	Song of Hannah
	Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25	Mark 13.1-11
The Reign of Christ 2	Samuel 23.1-7	Psalms 132.1-12
	Revelation 1.4b-8	John 18.33-37

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Gathering

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We gather together virtually in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let  
us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in  
penitence and faith.

**Lord God,**

**we have sinned against you;**

**we have done evil in your sight.**

**We are sorry and repent.**

**Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrong-doing and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Renew a right spirit within us**

**and restore us to the joy of your salvation;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,

**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

**and in our song will we praise our God.**

## Collect

Let us pray.

O Lord, through the death and resurrection of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
you have opened the new way into the sanctuary of Divine Love:  
keep us faithful to your teaching and commandments  
that, not being distracted by the ways of the world,  
we may act as midwife to the glorious reign of the kingdom  
in the fullness of the Holy Spirit,  
who keeps us all from wavering in our faith. Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

As we prepare to hear God's holy word through the scriptures,  
**open our hearts and minds, Lord. Amen.**

A reading from the first book of the prophet Samuel.

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year after year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?'

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: 'O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.'

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, 'How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.' But Hannah answered, 'No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my

great anxiety and vexation all this time.’ Then Eli answered, ‘Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.’ And she said, ‘Let your servant find favour in your sight.’ Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, ‘I have asked him of the Lord.’

*At the conclusion the reader may say:*

May your word live in us

**and bear much fruit to your glory**

Song of Hannah

My soul exalts in the Lord,  
my strength is exalted in my God.

1. My heart exalts in the Lord:  
My strength is exalted in my God.  
My mouth derides my enemies:  
Because I rejoice in your salvation

2. There is no Holy One like you, O Lord:  
nor any rock like you, our God.  
For you are a God of knowledge:  
and by you our actions are weighed.

3. The bows of the mighty are broken:  
but the feeble gird on strength.  
Those who were full now search for bread:  
but those who were hungry are well fed.

4. The barren woman has borne sevenfold:  
but she who has many children is forlorn.  
Both the poor and the rich are of your making  
you bring low and you also exalt.

5. You raise up the poor from the dust:  
and lift the needy from the ash heap.  
You make them sit with the rulers:  
and inherit a place of honour.  
For the pillars of the earth are yours:  
and on them you have set the world.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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**and bear much fruit to your glory**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Mark 13.1-11

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

'As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings

because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Breaking Open the Word

Mrs Janine Mc Dougall

*Music for Reflection*

The Ministry of Prayer

Let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

The response to: Put your law on our hearts and in our minds, and in your loving mercy:  
is “hear our prayer.”

*At the conclusion of the prayers, we pray together:*

**Gracious God,  
you gather a people as your own,  
not to remove them from the world  
but to make them shine as this world’s light.  
Fill your Church with the gifts of the Spirit,  
and make us effective witnesses to Jesus,  
that all the earth may echo  
the unceasing song of your praise.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Silence is kept for a while.*

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught 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.**

Notices

Your word is a lantern to our feet  
**and a light upon our path.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God.  
How sweet are your words to the taste,  
sweeter than honey to the mouth.  
How precious are your commands for our life,  
more than the finest gold in our hands.  
How marvellous is your will for the world,  
unending is your love for the nations.  
Our voices shall sing of your promises  
and our lips declare your praise  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of life which was from the beginning  
**we proclaim to you.**

The darkness is passing away  
and the true light is already shining;  
**the Word of life which was from the beginning.**

That which we heard, which we saw with our eyes,  
and touched with our hands,  
**we proclaim to you.**

For our fellowship is with the Father,  
and with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Word of life which was from the beginning  
we proclaim to you**

from 1 John 1

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**