

Anglican Parish of
Gisborne



Pentecost 4A

June 27th/28th, 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.*

WELCOME

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone who joins us for worship. Whether you are a visitor or a regular parishioner of the Anglican Church, you are invited to join us in Holy Communion. Please make yourself known to us and if you would like more information about our community and ministry, then please take a copy of our welcome brochure, visit our website or ask one of our sidespersons.

Today's worship:

One of the questions asked in Psalm 137 of those who are being held as slaves in exile was how can we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? For those in exile, this was a longing for the return to the Land of Promise, the Land of Milk and Honey, a promised prosperity of peace and stability. Taunted by the Babylonians, Psalm 137 calls out of the despair of Israel. They would sooner their children have no future than remain in that situation.

Fast forward to 2020. Today's gospel passage, concluding the second missionary discourse is only three verses. That seems odd after the past two week plowing through chapter 10 of Matthew's gospel! But what three verses they are. Not addressed only to the apostles, it reminds us that our kindness, our duty is hospitality to all people, not just those within the house.

How can we offer hospitality in a land under quarantine? How can we be hospitable when the state tells us we can only have 5 people? Like Israel, we look to that time when we can be out and about, but in the meantime any act of kindness done for a person in need is a reaching out to God's little ones. The Israeli people sang, but it was with longing. For us, let our longing be to protect one another, and move towards a restoration of community.

This Sunday: Pentecost 4A

Romans 6.12-23

Psalm 89.1-4,15-18

Matthew 10.40-42

Next Sunday: Pentecost 5A

Romans 7.14-25a

Psalm 45.10-17

Matthew 11.15-19,25-30

Bible references: NRSV bible.oremus.org

Social Distancing Protocols apply at all times.

VIRTUAL MORNING TEA

Sunday 10.30 am

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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.**

and/or

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.

A hymn or song of praise and thanksgiving follows, or one of the following forms may be used.

**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 Romans.

Romans 6.12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

May your word live in us

and bear much fruit to your glory.

Psalm 13

My heart will rejoice in your salvation, O Lord.

How long will you forget me, O Lord; for ever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long shall I have anguish in my soul
and grief in my heart, day after day?

How long shall my enemy triumph over me? *Response*

Look upon me and answer, O Lord my God;

lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

Lest my enemy say, 'I have prevailed against him,'
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen. *Response*

But I put my trust in your steadfast love;

my heart will rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord,

for he has dealt so bountifully with me. *Response*

**Glory to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
as in the beginning, so now and for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from the New Testament.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Matthew 10.40-42

Jesus continued to teach his disciples: 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

May your word live in us

and bear much fruit to your glory.

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

You promise your people, O God,

the reward and welcome

of those who speak in your name.

Endow us with the Holy Spirit of truth,

and let our speech and way of life

be consistent with our calling as prophets.

Enable us not only to announce your peace

but constantly to pursue it in all our actions.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most generous God, you are ever ready to give good gifts to your children: receive our prayers for the world and for the church.

We pray for the nations of the world, for an end to war and for peaceable solutions to conflict, for wise government and a just sharing of the resources of the earth.

Hear our prayers for those who are tortured or held in prison;
for those taken from their families and land;
for your little ones who are dying of hunger and thirst.

Show us your face in these your children,
and help us to minister to them as we would minister to you.

God of grace, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for your church, for visionary leadership and for faithful discipleship; for unity between Christians, for the mission of the church throughout the world.

Hear our prayers for all who are ministers of your gospel;
for all who unsettle us with your words of truth;
for your little ones who are crying out for words
of forgiveness and grace.

Show us your face in these your children,
and help us to listen to them as we would listen to you.

God of grace, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for our community, for loving nurture of children and care for the vulnerable, for respect for individuals and concern for the well-being of all.

Hear our prayers for those who are strangers of newcomers here;
for those who are homeless, destitute or without work;
for your little ones who are hurting from rejection and abuse;
for those anxious during this time of pandemic.

Show us your face in these your children,
and help us to welcome them as we would welcome you.

God of grace, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all in need or distress, for comfort for the grieving and for hope for the despairing, for companionship for the lonely and relief for those in pain.

Hear our prayers for those who are shut away from society,
the disabled and frail, those who have contracted the COVID-19 virus;
for those who long for a comforting touch or a kindly word;
for your little ones who are starved of love and affection;
and for those whose names are placed on our altars
that they may receive wholeness, healing, comfort and strength.

Show us your face in these your children,
and help us to care for them as we would care for you.

God of grace, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all who have died in faith,
for all good and holy people who have recognised you in their midst.
Show us your face and let us hear your voice,
that we also may welcome you into our lives,
and, with all your saints, receive from you the gift of everlasting life.

God of grace, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In a moment of quiet, we give you thanks, Lord for all the blessings
received in our life; and for our heartfelt intercessions for those close to
us.

God of grace, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers together as we pray:

**Stretch out over your Church, O God,
the ageless power of your strong right hand
and the gentle wisdom of the Holy Spirit,
that your people may worship and serve you
in confidence and peace.**

We ask this 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.

Fulfill 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 we 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.**

Animal Shelter Winter Blanket Appeal

Our Parish Animal Welfare Group would greatly appreciate donations of blankets, towels, underlays (no doonas or bedding containing stuffing please) dog coats (new or pre-loved good condition), Whiskas canned cat food, dog food tins (any brand) throughout June, for the annual Parish Mount Alexander Animal Welfare Shelter (Castlemaine) appeal. As eased COVID19 restrictions allow greater resumption of work, there is concern that significant numbers of recently adopted companion animals may be surrendered. We are called to be good stewards of God's creatures. Could all donations please be placed in enviro friendly garbage bags and left at the Parish Centre, or at the Church of the Resurrection, or St John's. Please contact Janine Mc Dougall (0418171092) if unable to drop donations off. Many thanks, Janine Mc Dougall & Rosemary Homewood, Co-convenors, Parish Animal Welfare Network





COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Parish is committed to being a Child Safe Parish, and committed to the 7 principles for ensuring that all children are able to participate within the life and activities safely and securely.

As part of our requirements we require all volunteers across the Parish to have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) and a valid Police Check (every 3 years).

The Parish thanks everyone for their cooperation and commitment to ensuring that we take all matters of safety towards children seriously.

As part of our commitment, at the end of June and start of December an audit of our records is undertaken.

If your WWCC has expired (5 years) or you require a new Police Check, the Parish Office will initially contact you by email or phone.

If you need to renew and are not sure, the Office will assist you.

In filling in the renewal, please place on your list of organisations:

Kooyoora (Anglican Professional Standards)

Anglican Diocese of Melbourne

Anglican Parish of Gisborne

If you volunteer at Macedon Ranges Health/Benetas (including The Oaks), please include this as well.

If you have renewed and not added the above, that can be simply corrected on line; and please notify the office of your renewal details.

The Parish is part of the mandatory reporting scheme for all matters regarding Child Abuse – current and historic.

For more details please visit the CCYP website <https://ccyp.vic.gov.au> or if you have a concern regarding an official of the Church (lay or ordained) please contact **Kooyoora** <https://www.kooyoora.org.au> or phone

1800 135 246.

The Child Safe officers for the Parish are

Debra Saffrey-Collins

Mary Duggan

Please request a call back through the Parish Office 5428 4038.

Parish Admin Assistant, Lyndsey, will be in touch shortly if you require a renewal as the June audit has been completed.

Face to Face worship suspended.

After considerable prayer and reflection, and taking counsel from the elders of the Parish, I have decided to **suspend** face to face worship for the coming week, effective **this Saturday through to the following Sunday, July 5th inclusive.**

The online Morning Prayer for Sunday will be available from Saturday night, 5 pm, and virtual Morning Prayer on Wednesday at 10 am. The links for each of the services are listed below.

This has not been an easy decision.

Looking at the numerical increase, the raised replication coefficient, and the proximity of the lower Macedon Shire to three known hotspots, due consideration for the overall welfare – physical and spiritual – was taken into consideration.

Even though we have been able to recommence with smaller services, the current situation of community based outbreaks is a worrying development, although, not surprising.

In Thursday's pandemic briefing, Professor Sutton stated very clearly "...if there is not a strong reason to congregate, don't. Please stay home." This is slightly stronger than the restrictions put in place on Saturday June 20th.

The decision to offer face to face services is vested in the Vicar, in consultation with the Parish Wardens. A lot of prayerful reflection, medical and social cohesion advice has been received, and we are quietly confident that it is in the best interest of the wider community that this coming weekend, and the following, we are prudent in safety and isolation.

I would like to extend to our COVID-19 safety officers – Graham Dickinson, Janice Murphy, Lorna Howard, Greg Campbell, Winston Deason and Mary Duggan my thanks for their ongoing diligence in keeping our worship spaces safe.

ONLINE SERVICES FOR THE NEXT 10 DAYS

This Weekend Pentecost 4A/5A

www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au

Virtual Morning Tea Sunday 10.30 am

www.bit.ly/GisAngVMT

Wednesday Morning

<https://bit.ly/GisAngWedMorn>