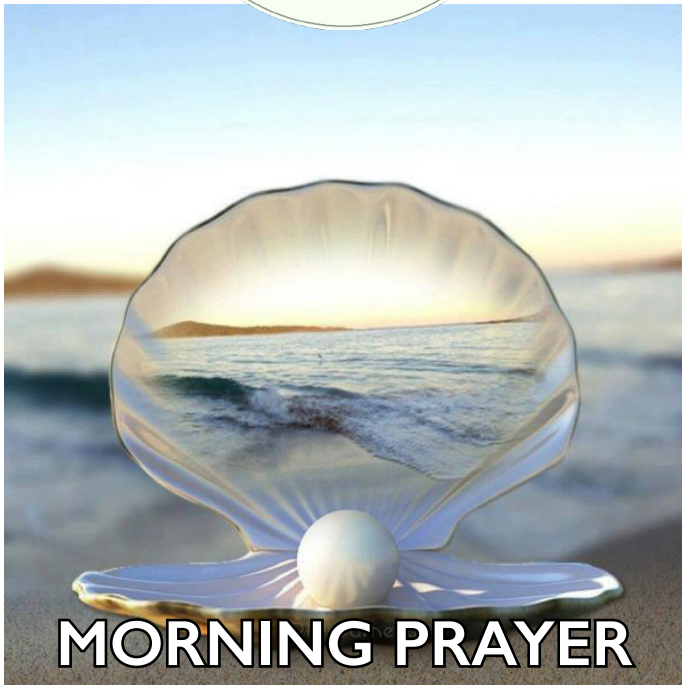


Anglican Parish of
Gisborne



Pentecost 8A

July 26th, 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.*

Today's worship:

“Have you understood all these things?” asked Jesus. “Of course” replied the disciples. Or did they?

Too often we tend to see ourselves as the person who has made the discovery and do the almost impossible to achieve it. This is not the case in the parables. If you do find a pearl of great value, or a buried treasure, then ‘good luck’ to you. You’re not being asked to sell everything to obtain it. The parable begins with “The kingdom of heaven is like...”

Rereading the start of the parable, understanding that it is about heaven, and not a must-have pearl, then what we see is not only about the kingdom but what the kingdom will do to attain such a valuable object.

The pearl is **you**. The kingdom of heaven is prepared to sacrifice everything in order to have **you**. The kingdom of heaven is like casting a net for fish; sorting through what is ‘good’ or ‘bad’ and then enjoying the banquet or sales. You are the catch of the day!

A person who is a collector of fine items knows there is value in both the old and the new. Everyone is of value. The scribes – the teachers of the law, are warned that what is being said to them now is equally of value to what was being said to the ancients. They can, and should co-exist.

It is worth noting that the gospel portion ends with the crowds acknowledging Jesus’ wisdom but not seeing anything beyond the person delivering the message. They have been told about the kingdom of heaven in parables, yet, they see not the point, but only the man. In the epistle, Romans 8.39 is one of the great pearls of Paul. It underpins the notion that God’s desire is for us to be in him, with him and through him. Do they actually understand everything that Jesus taught? Do **you**?

This Sunday: Pentecost 8A

Romans 8.26-39

Psalms 105

Matthew 13.44-58

Next Sunday: Pentecost 9A

Romans 9.1-5

Psalms 17.1-7,16

Matthew 14.13-21

Bible references: NRSV bible.oremus.org

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VIRTUAL MORNING TEA

Sunday 10.30 am

www.bit.ly/GisAngVMT

Morning Prayer Wednesday: www.bit.ly/GisAngWedMorn

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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 8.26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

May your word live in us

and bear much fruit to your glory.

Psalm 105.1-11

Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises,
and tell of all his marvellous works.
Rejoice in the praise of his holy name;
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.
Seek his face continually.
Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
O seed of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen.

Response

He is the Lord our God;
his judgements are in all the earth.
He has always been mindful of his covenant,
the promise that he made for a thousand generations:
The covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
Which he established as a statute for Jacob,
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
Saying, 'To you will I give the land of Canaan
to be the portion of your inheritance.'

Response

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

Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

A Reading from the New Testament.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 13.44-58

[Jesus said,]

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.' When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, 'Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?' And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.' And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

For the Gospel of the Lord:
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking Open the Word

Music may be played after the reflection.

I'M SUPPOSED TO GIVE UP EVERYTHING AND MAKE THE KINGDOM OF GOD MY **TOP PRIORITY**, RIGHT?



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ACTUALLY, JESUS IS THE MAN WHO **SELLS IT ALL*** TO BUY FIELD WHICH IS THE WORLD. HIS **PEOPLE ARE HIS TREASURE****.



*PHIL 2:7 **PS 135:4



MATTHEW 13:13-33, 44-52

YOUR TOP PRIORITY IS NOT TO **HAVE** TREASURE, BUT TO **BE** TREASURED.



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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

O God, the fount of wisdom,
you have revealed to us in Christ the hidden treasure
and the pearl of great price;
grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment,
that, in the midst of the things of this world,
we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom,
and be ready to renounce all else
for the sake of the precious gift you offer.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Intercessions

Let your requests be made known to God.
In everything give thanks.

Source of all wisdom,
we pray for the leaders of the nations,
for all who govern or administer law,
for all whose decisions shape the fate of others,
especially in responding to the present pandemic,
and well- being of this planet as climate change continues unabated.
When we put our trust in human cleverness,
when we do not have any answers, help us to find our wisdom in you,
that the longings of our hearts may be satisfied.
Christ Jesus intercede for us, and, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Source of all salvation,
we pray for your church,
especially as we are not able to meet as we wish to,
for all who continue to preach the gospel and minister in your name,
for respect for ancient truths and openness to new insight.
When we feel no need for you,
when our lives are devoid of meaning,
help us to find our salvation in you,
that the longings of our hearts may be satisfied.
Christ Jesus, intercede for us, and in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Source of all forgiveness,
we pray for the communities we live in,
for all who are forgotten or unwanted,
for those whom we have harmed
and for those who have caused us pain.
When we are self-centred and indifferent to others,
when we are filled with guilt, help us to find forgiveness in you,
that the longings of our hearts may be satisfied.
Christ Jesus, intercede for us, and in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Source of all consolation,
we pray for all those in need of comfort,
the broken-hearted,
for those who have lost loved ones
and for those who have life-threatening illness.
We pray for those whose names are on our Parish Prayer Request sheet,
and lay them before your altar of mercy.
When we are overwhelmed by grief,
when we have no-one to turn to,
help us to find consolation in you,
that the longings of our hearts may be satisfied.
Christ Jesus, intercede for us, and in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Source of all hope,
we pray for those trapped in poverty, those unable to find work,
for the confused, the frightened
and all whose dreams have been shattered.
When we cannot face the present,
when we can see no future,
help us to find our hope in you,
that the longings of our hearts may be satisfied.
Christ Jesus, intercede for us, and in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Source of all longing,
we give thanks for all those who have found their peace in you.
Help us to grow in understanding,
that we may distinguish fleeting pleasures
from those things of everlasting worth
and, with your saints of every age,
give all we have of ourselves to find in you our eternal treasure.
Christ Jesus, intercede for us, and in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

Christ Jesus, intercede for us, and in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers together as we pray:

**Faithful God,
you have promised to hear the prayers
of all who ask in Jesus' name.
In your mercy, accept our prayers.
Give us what we have asked in faith,
according to your will;
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.**

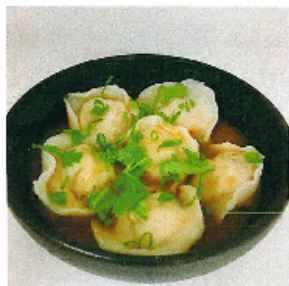
**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Postlude:

Prière de Notre Dame from Suite Gothique
Léon Boëllmann 1895



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