



ANGLICAN PARISH OF
GISBORNE
MACEDON | RIDDELLS CREEK | GISBORNE



Easter 5B

Sunday, 28th April, 2024

St Paul's, Gisborne 9 am
Church of the Resurrection, Macedon 10.30 am
St John's, Riddells Creek 5 pm

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.

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 welcomers.

Due to the early deadline as result of Anzac Day on Thursday there is no editorial this week. It will return next week.

Today's worship:

Easter 5	Acts 8.26-40	Psalm 22.26-31
	1 John 4.7-21	John 15.1-8

Next Week's Readings:

Easter 6	Acts 10.44-48	Psalm 98
	1 John 5.1-12	John 15.9-17

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Gathering Hymn

Hymn 200 To you in gladness (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

Blessed be God: ✕ Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In a moment of quiet, let us confess to God all that holds us back from the free-fall of faith in his Risen Christ.

Lord of the living and the dead:

because we treat the resurrection as a nice story that has no real power to interrupt and convert our lives,

Lord, hear us and help us.

Because we would rather be miserable than embrace the joy of your resurrection life:

Lord, hear us and help us.

Because we would prefer a tamer god, a more domesticated god, and go nicely contained in the tomb of our small-mindedness,

Lord, hear us and help us.

President

Almighty God of love and power
pardon you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect

Let us pray.

Christ, our true vine,
let your word cut out from us
the deadness of indifference
and the corruption of untruth,
so that abiding in love
we may bear much fruit
and face your judgment without fear,
for in life that is eternal and bounteous
you are one with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bountiful God,
give to this parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak your word
and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry
and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom,
discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous hearts,
for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

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

The Ministry of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 8, beginning at verse 26

Acts 8.26-40

At the conclusion the reader may say:

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

Psalm 22.26-32



Response: ***My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?***

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
I will perform my vows
in the presence of those that fear you.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever. *R*

All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he rules over the nations. *R*

How can those who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship,
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him? *R*

He has saved my life for himself;
my descendants shall serve him;
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.
They shall come and make known his salvation,
to a people yet unborn,
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it. R

A reading from the first letter of John, chapter 4 beginning at verse 7.

1 John 4.7-21

At the conclusion the reader may say:

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

Please remain standing to greet the Gospel:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

“I am the first and last” says the Lord, “and the living one:
I was dead and behold I am alive.”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 15,
beginning at the first verse

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 15.1-8

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking Open the Word

After a time of reflection, we affirm our faith.

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Ministry of Prayer

A member of the Parish leads us in prayer.

The response to “*God of love in your mercy*” is **hear our prayer**

At the conclusion of the prayers, as the intercessor places the prayer requests on the Altar, we pray together:

**Hear the prayer of your Church, O God,
and fulfil the work you have begun
in the resurrection of your Christ;
so that through the gospel**

**your truth may be made known,
and through the witness of your people
the world may see your salvation.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

Christ has reconciled us to God by one body on the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may share a sign of peace with those around them.

The Offertory

Hymn 513 Bread of heav'n (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

During the singing of the Hymn, our gifts of bread, wine and money are collected and then offered at the Altar.

With this bread that we bring

we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring

we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body,

wine for his blood,

gifts from God to his table we bring.

God, whose name we praise,

let our hearts be set on Christ,

and our lives be lived in thanksgiving

for all your blessings to us.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Why we give thanks and praise:

All glory and honour, be yours now and always,
mighty Creator, everliving God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

What Jesus has done for us:

By his death on the cross,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
And now we give you thanks
that you raised him to life triumphant,
and exalted him in glory.
By his victory over death,
the reign of sin is ended,
a new day has dawned,
a broken world is restored
and we are made whole once more.

We join the eternal song:

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Making Holy that which has been given:

Holy God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,
and we pray that we who eat and drink them
in obedience to our Saviour Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
may be partakers of his body and blood,
and be made one with him and with each other
in peace and love.

With this bread that we bring:

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

With this wine that we bring:

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

The Mystery of Faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

How we follow Jesus Christ

As we eat and drink this holy sacrament,
renew us by your Spirit
that we may be united in the body of your Son
and serve you as a royal priesthood
in the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Receive our praises, Father,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,

by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**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 Breaking of the Bread and Communion

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The invitation to communion is given in these words.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
This is the table, not of the Church but of the Lord.
All are welcome to his table. Alleluia!

An anthem may be sung.

Blessed Bread, Margaret Rizza

The Sending out of God's People

'Peace be with you,' says the Lord.
'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

In your abiding love, O God,
be present to your people,
and as you have fed us with the gifts of heaven,
so make us pass into newness of life.

**Most loving God,
you send us out into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn

Hymn 360 pt 2: That Eastertide with joy was bright,
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

Blessing and Dismissal

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God Almighty:
the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be with you all evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

MISSIONS LUNCH Sunday May 5th, 12.30pm Riddells Creek Hotel.
Cost \$25 for Sunday Roast or choose from their extensive menu.
Donation baskets on tables. All proceeds to Anglicare Program assisting
women and children leaving abusive relationships. Bookings to parish
office or Rosemary or Popsy. **Please support this parish function.**

MISSIONS RAFFLE | 8 Prizes to be won!

Raffle will be drawn **Sunday May 19th** all proceeds to Anglicare in
support of their victims of domestic violence program. **Tickets 3 for \$5**
available from Popsy, Rosemary or Margaret Poyser.



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- Acts 8.26-40; Psalm 22.26-32; 1 John 4.7-21; John 15.1-8

It is said that St John in advanced age became too frail to preach, so his disciples would carry him into the assembly where he would say simply, "Little children love one another". Abiding in love is one of the central themes of the writings that take his name. Today we have those themes brought together in the image of the vine. The vine is the sum of the branched. One is indistinguishable from the other. When we truly abide in Divine love, we are indistinguishable from Christ.

- Pray that we all may experience God's love.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev and Rt Hon Justin Welby

Text: Archdeacon Rod Bower, Director of Mission, Diocese of Newcastle

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The ABM Easter gift is supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Anglicans as they witness the good news of Jesus Christ.

PETS IN THE PARK COMMUNITY APPEAL

Following on from last year's very successful Pets in the Park Community Appeal, our Parish Animal Welfare Group is once again organising pet food donations from our Macedon Ranges community to assist people who are homeless/at risk of homelessness to provide for their pets. Donation trolleys are at Riddells Creek Foodworks and Macedon IGA supermarkets for the remainder of April (from April 24 at Macedon) and throughout May.

Pets can be a vital source of companionship and emotional support for people experiencing homeless or the threat of same.

Janine Mc Dougall & Rosemary Homewood, Co-convenors, Parish Animal Welfare Group

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

Our "Mothers' Day Stall" will be held on **Saturday the 11th of May from 9.00am – 1.00pm** next to the Trading Post, 690 Mount Macedon Road, Mount Macedon.

We have decided that Anzac Day poses too many parking and safety issues to continue on that date and seek parish support for this much needed fund-raising event.

Please prepare cakes, jams and preserves, plants and crafts to sell on the day. Cake plates may be distributed a week or two before the date and if you need jars please contact Alison.

Many thanks in anticipation of your generous support as always.

LAUNCHING AN APPEAL TO PRESERVE THE PARISH BUS

Our beloved Parish Bus needs some body work and a repaint. The cost of the required works is \$5,000.00. Our Parish Bus is a valued asset and has dutifully served the Parish through supporting the Bus Ministry, couriating Parishioners, and local community members on outings, to Parish events as well as moving stock and equipment between various parish sites. The Bus is carefully maintained and garaged by James Lindsay who continues to actively support the Bus Ministry program as Bus Driver, as well as supervising Bus maintenance. The Parish Bus enables outreach to community members who live alone and others who are isolated. The Parish Council wants to find a way to maintain the Parish Bus and **asks for your help in raising the required funds.**



During the months of **April and May you have an opportunity to contribute to the Bus Appeal**, you may be able to donate personally or join with others in the parish to run a fundraising event. In launching the Appeal, \$1500 has already been generously donated, so the current target is \$3,500. A weekly update will be provided throughout April and May on the Appeals progress.

Donations to the **Bus Appeal** can be made electronically to the **Parish Special Bus Account (Bendigo Account BSB 633000 A/c No 198264707)** or by handing to a Church Warden **cash in a marked envelope – Bus Appeal.**



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Join Us!



2 - 4 PM ON SATURDAY 11 MAY HIGH TEA WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER DR NGAIRE ELWOOD AM

Venue: Macedon CWA Hall, 662 Mount Macedon Road,
Mount Macedon

About Dr Ngaire Elwood

Associate Professor Ngaire Elwood AM Bsc(Hons) PhD MAICD has devoted her career to investigating, developing and providing improved therapies for the treatment of cancer, leukaemia and other disorders. She is the Director of the BMDI Cord Blood Bank at the Royal Children's Hospital and serves as Chair of the AusCord network of public cord blood banks. Dr Elwood is a resident of Mount Macedon. Dr Elwood was made a Member of the Order of Australia AM in the 2024 Australia Day Honours awards for significant service to medicine, particularly through stem cell research.

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COST

\$40 PER PERSON
INCLUDES HIGH TEA
AND A GLASS OF
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All very welcome  Country Womens Association – Macedon Branch

We respect First Nations Elders past, present and future and acknowledge the stories, traditions and living cultures of First Nations peoples of the lands on which our members meet, and commit to building a brighter future together.

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THING SOUNDS GREAT UNTIL
JESUS STARTS TALKING
ABOUT THROWING SOME
BRANCHES INTO
THE FIRE...



NOW
I'M
WORRIED



IT'S CRITICAL
TO STAY
CONNECTED TO
JESUS TO FIND
YOUR LIFE IN HIM
HIS LIFE EMPOWERS
YOUR FRUITFULNESS!

OH THAT'S OKAY THEN.
I'M VERY
CONNECTED.



JOHN 15:1-8

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