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Rohingan refugees flee violence in Myanmar
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Easter 3

14 April, 2024

St Paul's Gisborne Sunday 9 am
Church of the Resurrection, Macedon Sunday 10.30 am

The 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.

Dear Friends in Christ,

In last week's homily, I spoke of living in community. My emphasis was on forgiveness and living in a way that was sensitive to the norms of the community. It was noted that our Saviour, Jesus the Christ had died for our sins as a once and for all atonement, but that this does not provide carte blanche to continue to walk in darkness. Indeed, if we truly believe in the Son of God we will want to live in the light and not behave in deceitful ways. St Paul recognised the importance of behaving in ways that conform to the norms and expectations of the community in which one lives. In one particular instance, he spoke of eating meat that had been butchered as part of pagan rituals. He did not have a personal problem with this, but advised that if it was going to cause those who had a weaker faith than his to 'stumble' he would advise abstinence. (1 Corinthians 8)

In preparing for the celebration of Betty Brinkley's life, the family chose St Paul's exposition on love (1 Corinthians 13) as the Bible reading. This reading is often used at funerals and even more often at weddings. It is a marvellous piece of writing that seems to fit these occasions. However, the apostle wrote it as part of his instructions to the people of the church in Corinth who were having disputes amongst themselves. Read properly this chapter is about how we respond to each other in community. It speaks of love as being the thing that holds us all together; that we may share a common faith, and a common hope in the return of Christ, but without love it is meaningless. We may have certain gifts, such as the ability to speak in tongues or to prophesy, but without love for each other in community we are "nothing".

"...knowledge puffs up while love builds up."

May our community here in the parish of Gisborne continue to be built up. Amen

Today's worship:

Easter 3	Acts 3.12 - 20	Psalm 4
	1 John 2.15 - 17; 3.1 - 6	Luke 24.36b - 48

Next Week's Readings:

Easter 4	Acts 4.5-12	Psalm 23
	1 John 3.16-24	John 10.11-18

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Gathering Hymn

TIS 115

1 Behold the amazing gift of love
the Father has bestowed,
that we, though sinners, should be called
the children of our God.

2 Concealed as yet this honour lies,
by this dark world unknown,
a world that knew not when he came,
ev'n God's eternal Son.

3 High is the rank we now possess,
but higher we shall rise;
though what we shall hereafter be
is hid from mortal eyes.

4 Our souls, we know, when he appears,
shall bear his image bright;
for all his glory, full disclosed,
shall open to our sight.

5 A hope so great and so divine,
may trials well endure;
and purge the soul from guilt and sin,
as Christ himself is pure.

1 John 3:1 – 3, as in

Scottish Paraphrases 1781 alt.

Probably by William Cameron 1751 – 1811

based on a paraphrase by Isaac Watts

1674 – 1748

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.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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.**

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Lord of life,
by submitting to death, you conquered the grave;
by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you;
by being raised from the dead,
you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin:
be with us in your risen power,
that in word and deed we may proclaim
the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection.
For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. **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 3, beginning at verse 12

Acts 3.12-20

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 4

Response: It is you, O Lord, who make me dwell in safety.



1. Answer me when I call,
O God of my righteousness;
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
Response

2. How long will you nobles dishonour my
glory;
how long will you love vain things and seek
after falsehood?
But know that the Lord has shown me his
marvellous kindness;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
Response

3. Stand in awe, and sin not;
commune with your own heart upon your
bed, and be still.
Offer the sacrifices of righteousness
and put your trust in the Lord. *Response*

4. There are many that say, 'Who will show
us any good?'
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance
upon us. *Response*

5. You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when their corn and wine and oil
increase.
In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for it is you Lord, only, who make me
dwell in safety. *Response*

Andrew Wright
NPCW

A reading from the first letter of John, beginning at chapter 2 verse 15

1 John 2.15 - 17; 3.1 - 6

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Please stand to greet the Gospel:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 24
beginning at verse 36

Luke 24.36b – 48

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

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 Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

A member of the Parish leads us in prayer.

The response is “hear our prayer”.

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

**Almighty God,
you have renewed us in the death and resurrection of your Son,
and made us living stones called to be your temple in the world.
Give us the strength of stone to keep hold of Easter joy,
and the endurance of rock to stay faithful to our baptism.
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

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

TiS 382

Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth
many days has lain:
Love lives again,
that with the dead has been:
Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid him,
Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that he never
would awake again,
laid in the earth,
like grain that sleeps unseen.
*Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.*

Up he sprang at Easter,
like the risen grain,
he who for three days
in the grave had lain,
raised from the dead
my living Lord is seen:
*Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.*

When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
then your touch can call us,
back to life again—
fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been:
*Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.*

John Macleod Campbell Crum
1872 – 1958 alt.

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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 of new life,
you accept the sacrifice of thanksgiving
from the lips of those reborn in baptism.
Let this sacrifice lead us to communion in Christ,
in whom is our eternal blessing.
We ask this through 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.

We give you thanks and praise
for the gospel we have received.
Christ died for our sins. Alleluia.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death comes to all through Adam,
and sin reigns for a time.
New life without end comes through Christ,
and he reigns for ever. Alleluia.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting?
Death is swallowed up in victory,
the victory you give us in Christ. Alleluia.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We have been crucified with Christ,
and live his risen life,
to praise you for ever with angels and archangels:

**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.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Why do we share this bread and wine?

On the night before he died,
darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten,
he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
whom we join in their never-ending song:

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

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.
Come, this is the table, not of the Church but of the Lord.
All are welcome to his table. Alleluia!
Draw near with faith! Come.

Anthem (at Church of the Resurrection)
Tis 649 These things did Thomas count as real.

The Sending out of God's People
'Peace be with you,' says the Lord.
'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

Eternal God,
let the Easter sacrament we have received
abide in us to touch our hearts
with the fullness of your saving grace.

**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

TiS 395

Refrain: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

*Alleluia, he is here –
Now he walks the road beside us,
Gone our grief and fear.*

1 Where before was separation
in the pain of Friday's gloom,
now we know it could not hold Him –
open is the tomb:

Refrain

2 All our doubts come crashing downwards,
darkness melting into light;
death's horizon just becomes the
limit of our sight:

Refrain

3 There's a promise for the grieving,
Further on than tears and pain –
there's a place where we shall meet all
those we love again:

Refrain

4 In the depths of all our knowing,
we can sense that life goes on;
hope expanding, glad hearts singing
Alleluia's song:

Refrain

Cecily Taylor
1930 –

Blessing and Dismissal

Go now, sent by the one who was sent by God.
Walk in the light;
testify to the resurrection of Christ;
forgive the sins of all,
and live at peace with one another.

And the blessing of God most gracious be with you:
✠ the Father bless you with life forever;
may Christ Jesus breathe his Spirit and peace into you;
and may the Holy Spirit lead you into the life and light of God.

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

Postlude (at Church of the Resurrection)
Christ lag in Todesbanden (Christ lay in death's bands), JSBach



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Easter 3 B
– Sunday 14 April 2024

- Acts 3.12-20; Psalm 4;
1 John 2.15-17; 3.1-6; Luke 24.36b-48

The Psalmist assures us that knowing Christ's presence takes away shame and brings refreshing, gladness and peace. Today we are reminded that Jesus stood among his disciples and helped them to see his truth. As his witnesses, we stand among others who are disbelieving and still wondering and we show them the presence of the risen Jesus in the world through our transformed lives.

- Lord, help us to welcome your transforming presence in our lives and give us the courage to make you visible to a suffering world.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia, the Most Rev Geoff Smith

Text: The Rev Natalie Quince, 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.**

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.

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.

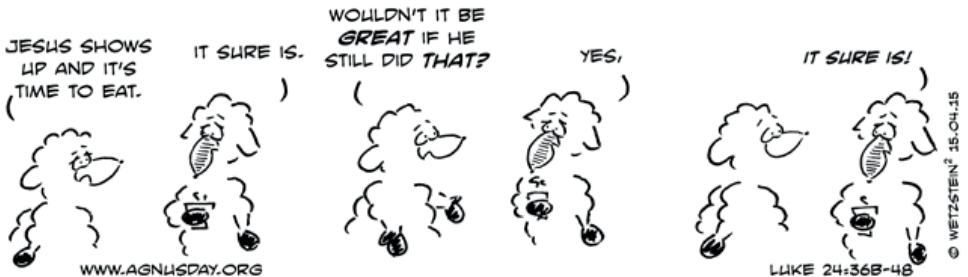
Many thanks in anticipation of your generous support as always.

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



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