



ANGLICAN PARISH OF
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MACEDON | RIDDELLS CREEK | GISBORNE



Easter 6A

13/14th May 2023

St John's, Riddells Creek, Saturday 5.30 p.m.

St Paul's, Gisborne, Sunday 9 a.m.

Church of the Resurrection, Macedon, Sunday 10.30 a.m.

Worship Resource

*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.

#FROMTHEHEART

Welcome

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

Weekly Thoughts

This coming Thursday marks the 40th day of Easter, the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. As a Church feast, the next ten days are known as Ascensiontide. As is often the case, forty is significant in the Bible and denotes a long time. As the name would suggest, Pentecost means fifty days and a close to the celebration of the Passover.

During Ascensiontide, the Church of England initiated a “Thy Kingdom Come” wave of prayer.” Daily for ten days, the initiative encouraged a focused prayer time based on The Lord’s Prayer, particularly the phrase, “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

In addition to the petition, each person is asked to pray for five people, even naming them before saying the Lord’s Prayer. The five people do not necessarily need prayer for ailment or situation, but for them to come into a relationship with Jesus.

To help remind us of the time of prayer, a wristband made of wool or leather is shared within the congregation as a tangible reminder of the call to prayer.

“Pray for Five”, also “Pray for Five at Five”, is there to remind us of the need to pray daily to our Father in heaven.

To help with the reminder, this year, prayer bands made of wool have been made lovingly by parishioners. The colours chosen also have significance. The colours are ochre, representing the earth on which we a gently called to walk and look after; yellow for the Sun, and black for the night sky. Despite what many have said, they are not representing the Adelaide Football Club!

It is a reminder that we have a referendum that asks us to recognise the First Nations people in our Constitution and allow them a unique voice in the Parliament of Australia. It is not a binding voice but a formal way to consult with the traditional custodians of the Great Southern Land. Canberra is a name that means “gathering”. Parliament is derived from a “place of talk”.

Whatever our political views, prayer is essential. Please take a band: place it on your wrist or use it as a bookmark. And please remember to pray for five, pray in the hills, and remember me in your prayers.

This Sunday:	Easter 6A	Acts 17.22-31 I Peter 3.13-22	Psalm 66.7-18 John 14.15-21
	Easter 7A	Acts 1.6-14 I Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11	Psalm 68.1-10,32-35* John 17.1-11

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The Gathering of the People

1. Jesus lives! your terrors now
can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
now the grave cannot enthrall us.
Hallelujah!

2. Jesus lives! for us he died;
then may we, for Jesus living,
pure in heart, in him abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Hallelujah!

3. Jesus lives! our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever:
fame, or hurt, or powers of hell
tear us from his keeping never.
Hallelujah!

4. Jesus lives! henceforth is death
not for us a gloomy portal
when we take our final breath,
but the gate to life immortal.
Hallelujah!

5. Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given;
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Hallelujah!

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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, alleluia!

He is risen indeed, Alleluia, alleluia!

Minyan! Wominjika!

Minyan!

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

We believe in God, we believe in him.

What ever you ask in my name will be granted.

Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

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.

Confession and Absolution

We bring to mind our own failings, and seek the forgiveness of our merciful and loving God.

Risen Lord, your death and resurrection brought about the forgiveness of our sins.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You reveal yourself to us as the One who was, who is, and still to come Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

As we repent of our sins, restore us to newness

Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

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.

The Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. **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.

The people sit for the reading/s from the scriptures.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 17.22-31

After the Lesson, the reader says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church:
thanks be to God.

Psalm 66.7-18



Response: **O be joyful in God, all the earth, sing the glory of his name.**

1. Bless our God, O you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard,
Who holds our souls in life
and suffers not our feet to slip.

Response

2. For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

Response

3. I will come into your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows,
which my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble
I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices
with the smoke of rams;
I will sacrifice oxen and goats.

Response

4. Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.
I called out to him with my mouth
and his praise was on my tongue.
If I had nursed evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me,

Response

5. But in truth God has heard me;
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his loving mercy from me.

Response

The people remain seated for the second reading.

A reading from the first letter of Peter.
1 Peter 3.13-22

After the Lesson, the reader says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church:
thanks be to God.

The people stand and the following may be sung for the gospel procession.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleuia!

The people remain standing and the appointed minister proclaims the gospel, first saying

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 14.15-21

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking open the Word

Affirmation of Faith

Let us together 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

The people may stand or sit for the prayers.

With our heads down, our hands stilled,
we open our hearts to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

The response to “Risen Lord” is
fill our hearts with Easter joy.

The prayers end with this as the folder is placed on the Altar:

**Creator God, you are the life that sustains us
and the hand that claims us;
you are worthy of our praise.
Reveal yourself in our gathering,
and by your Spirit join hearts as one
in this, our joyful offering.**

The Greeting of Peace and Offertory

All stand for the Greeting of Peace with these words.

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a greeting of peace.

A new commandment I give unto you
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this will others know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another;
by this shall all know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.

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The gifts of the people are presented and the Presider says

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.

**Lord, as you feed us at this table,
may we always be prepared to give an answer
to everyone who asks
the reason for the hope that you have given,
with gentleness and respect, and
keeping a clear conscience.**

see 1 Peter 3.15-16

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing and the Presider says

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.

Divine Praise

It is right to give you thanks and praise, loving God.

In our journeying with you it is your hand
that stops us stumbling or slipping on the path;
it is your word that keeps us growing
and builds up our faith;

it is your power that grants endurance
whatever happens next.

So, as we thank you for the adventure,
the destination and the blessings received
in all our journeying with you,

we lift up our voices with the choirs of heaven, and sing:

**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.

Setting aside of our gifts

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

With this bread...

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 cup...

After supper he took the cup,
and again giving you 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.

The minister says

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith.

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

Keeping the Lord's commandments:

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.

Sanctify our worship and lives

Renew us by your Holy Spirit
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of everlasting 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 Bread and the Communion

The Presider says

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.



The dis - ci - ples — knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia
is the communion of the body of Christ. *Response*

We are one body, alleluia!
For though many, we share one bread. *Response*

The Presider invites the people to come and receive Communion with these words.

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.
All are welcome at his supper. Come.

Anthem at Church of the Resurrection
An Anglican Chant setting of Psalm 46

The Sending Out of God's People

The Presider says a post-communion prayer.

Jesus said, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Eternal God, your love surrounds us,
reaches and finds us, fills us, spills over
in blessings around us.

Your love forgives us, restores and guides us,
takes us and daily in service empowers us.

1. Come down, O Love divine,
seek now this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear
and kindle it,
your holy flame bestowing.

2. There let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight
and clothe me round,
the while my path illuming.

3. Let holy charity
my outer garment be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part
and for its own shortcomings weeps with
loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong
with which the soul will long
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace
till we become the place
in which the Holy Spirit
makes his dwelling.

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**Take our hands and work through them;
take our lips and speak through them;
take our minds and think through them;
take our hearts and set them on fire with love for you.**

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you what is pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God most Merciful,
✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be with you always. **Amen.**

Let us depart in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!



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The Sixth Sunday of Easter – Sunday 14 May 2023

- Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.7-19;
1 Peter 3.8-22; John 14.15-21

Commandments in John's writings are more than moral precepts but involve a whole way of life in loving union with God, through Jesus his Son. Keeping God's commandments is maintaining our relationship with God, initiated and maintained by the very gift of God himself to us through the sending of the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit, we know the Father and receive Jesus his Son. We can then live because Jesus lives in us.

- We give thanks for the gifts from God through the sending of the Holy Spirit: knowing God, living in God, living in the life which is in Jesus.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of Ceylon.

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SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF MYANMAR Mission Dinner

Through its Anglican partner, the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM), the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) is supporting the people of Myanmar who have lost their means of livelihood during these difficult times.

Funds raised are being used to provide basic water and health needs of internally displaced peoples.

Help re-start livelihoods and families affected by the current political situation in Myanmar.

Donations to this project are vitally needed.

www.abmission.org

Mission Dinner

Anglican Parish of Gisborne

Saturday 27th May 2023

Church of the Resurrection Macedon
Corner Honour Ave & Mt Macedon Rd
Macedon

6.00pm for 6.30pm

**First-hand (illustrated) stories from
ABM pilgrims to Myanmar in 2020**

Enjoy a 3-course meal including wine.

\$45.00 per person

**All proceeds of the dinner will go to
supporting our ABM Mission Project**

You will also have an opportunity to donate more money to ABM's Integrated Water, Sanitation and WASH Project Myanmar **If you cannot attend, please consider making a donation and see Brett Collins for further details

For catering and dietary purposes please book by **Monday 16th May 2023** through the parish office or Brett Collins
email: office@anglicanparishgisborne.org.au
or telephone: 03 5428 4038



For further information please contact Brett Collins

Continuing the legacy of Andrew Covington and drawing on excellent scholarly contributions from Graham Snell, our group of up to 12 attendees around the inspired word of God, will be starting a new series.

The series is Christ in the Old Testament. “Finding Treasure”.

The topics include:-

- Eternal, Divine and Glorious
- Pictures that point to Jesus:
- Christ and the Covenants
- Christ in Israel’s Worship
- Christ and the Old Testament People
- Christ in the Psalms
- Christ the Suffering servant

The study guide encourages us to consider how we apply our faith when dealing with day-to-day issues, concerns, opportunities, and achievements in our lives. At \$9.50 it will be available later in May.

On May 20 before the study guide arrives Graham Snell will lead us on the Servant Songs from Isaiah, Psalms 22 & 23 and Jesus’ embodiment within Ezekiel.

All members of the group can contribute to the discussion, and we gain insight, observation, and inspiration. Anyone wishing to attend, can do so at any time. The group meets for 1 hour at the Parish Centre over coffee, on the first and third Saturdays of the month, at 9 am. **For further information you can contact Peter Davies 0429 931 738.**

Autumn Festival 2023



The temporary Carpark located in the paddock to the rear of our Macedon Church has now concluded for 2023. The temporary Carpark operated on weekends during April, except over Easter and the following weekend. This was due to weather conditions. The paddock accommodated 3600 cars over April and the volunteers provided a warm welcome to the Visitors. Thank you to All the volunteers who generously gave significant personal time to support this Community service. In addition the Church of the Resurrection was opened on 28 of the 30 days, with Janice Murphy welcoming more than 760 visitors to the Church. A notable contribution by Janice!! The Lenard French Window and other art works were enjoyed by these visitors. \$18,000.00 was raised arising from the operation of the temporary Carpark. These funds will contribute to the various missions (local, national and international) that the Parish has committed to, as well as supporting Parish operations in 2023.