

Anglican Parish of Gisborne

St John's, Riddells Creek

St Paul's, Gisborne

Church of the Resurrection, Macedon



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Third Sunday of Epiphany

January 26th, 2020

*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 sidespersons.

Today's worship:

“Australia Day”, as a public holiday, commenced only in 1988 during the bicentennial celebrations. I look back with awe at the parade of Tall Ships leaving the Derwent Estuary a few days before – sadly few were under sail due to the prevailing wind, but it was an impressive sight.

For some in Australia, this is not a day of celebration but a time to recall that many generations of nations were wiped out as a result of interaction with the settlement, whether by violence or disease.

Today, we walk a tightrope in the Church's calendar. Do we keep the day or ignore it? Can we both acknowledge where we are at presently but also lament on what has been? Are we mature enough to look forward but acknowledge the past?

There was so much opposition to the *Apology to the Stolen Generations* in 2008. It was based on a fear of ‘opening the floodgates of litigation.’ What it did was move reconciliation and healing forward.

Today, we acknowledge the three great peoples whose boundaries intersect in our world: Dja Dja Wurrung, Taunguraung and Wurendjeri. We acknowledge their elders, past, present and emerging. We meet in peace.

This Sunday: Epiphany 3

Isaiah 9.1-4;

Psalms 27.1-10

I Corinthians 1.10-18;

Matthew 4.12-25

7 pm

Sunday “I am” at St Paul's

Next Sunday: Candlemas

Church of the Resurrection

(Feast of the Presentation in the Temple)

Malachi 3.1-4;

Psalms 24

Hebrews 2.14-18

Luke 22.122-40

Bible references: NRSV www.oremus.org

Parish Fire Policy:

If a CODE RED day is declared [this is the most extreme rating] and this occurs on a Saturday or Sunday – then please note that all services and/or parish activities will be cancelled on that day.

This policy will also apply during the week and to all our centres. For other fire danger ratings, it is important that everyone implement their own fire plan.

Your own fire plan must always take precedence even if you are on a rostered duty.

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The Gathering of God's People

Opening Hymn

Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet
as urgent as a flame.

God called you his beloved Son,
called you his servant true:
sent you his kingdom to proclaim,
his holy will to do.

Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed his call,
freely as Son of Man to serve
and give your life for all.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find.

TIS 250
Francis B. Tucker
1895-1984

Acknowledgement of Country

Today, as we gather to worship,
we acknowledge the country of the Dja Dja Wurrung,
Taungurung and Wurundjeri Peoples.
These three groups are the Traditional Owners and custodians of the
land, and along with the Wathaurung and Boon Wurrung, make up the
federation of the Kulin Nation.
We acknowledge that through this land,
the First Peoples were nurtured and sustained
by the Spirit alive in this place,
and in a spirit of responsibility and reciprocity,
they cared for it.

**We honour them for their custodianship
of the land on which we gather today.**

We acknowledge that the First Peoples
already had a sophisticated understanding
of the Great Creator Spirit
before the arrival of the colonisers;
**this Spirit was already in the land,
revealing the Way to be on country
through law, language, custom and ceremony.**

We acknowledge that this understanding resembles
the love and grace
that was revealed in Jesus Christ,
and that it sustained the First Peoples
and gave them particular insights into God's ways:
**and so we rejoice
in the hope of reconciliation
found in the good news about Jesus the Christ, our Elder.**

Acclamation:

✠ Blessed be God, the Great Creator Being.
**Blessed be God, the Breath of All,
the Wisdom behind the Dreaming
and the Way of Reconciliation and Healing.**

Call to Worship:

Our land is alive with the glory of God;
desert sands hum and gum trees dance.
Brown grasses sing
and mountains breathe their stillness.
All created things add their rhythms of delight
and even stones rap out their praise.
Let our voices mingle with those of the earth;
may our hearts join the beat of her joy,
for our triune God is with us:
the Source of all being surrounds and upholds us.
Christ Jesus walks beside and before us.
The Spirit moves within and between us.
Blessed be God, our wonder and delight.

Let us pray.

Creator God,
you who know our secrets and walk in our hearts:
remove all that we see and that which is unseen that hinders our lives
by the wisdom of your Dreaming
so we can live on country in kinship with you
and make you known to all,
Through Christ our elder. **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

Let us pray:
Almighty God,
God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

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

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 9.1-4

At the end of the reading, the reader says:

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

Psalm 27.1-10

***Do not be afraid, I am with you;
I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have called you by your name, you are mine.***

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

Response

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Response

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart, hope in the Lord.

Response

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Christopher Willcock 1974 -

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Cor 1.10-18

At the end of the reading, the reader says:

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

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Christ was revealed in the flesh, proclaimed among the nations
And believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the end of the Gospel, the reader says:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking Open the Word

After a time of reflection, we affirm our faith.

Today, as we share in the an Affirmation of Faith from An Australian Eucharist for Lament & Hope, prepared for the Diocese and beyond by Fr Glenn Loughrey, Vicar, St Oswald's, Glen Iris.

Let us together affirm the hope we share.

**We believe in God, creator and sustainer of life,
creator of the black woman and the white woman
of the black man and the white man
of the woman who is not quite black and not quite white
of the man who is not quite white and not quite black.**

**We believe in God, the Creator
who gave us the desert pea and the flowering gum,
the Murray cod and the platypus,
the Southern Cross and the Milky Way.**

**We believe in God,
who gave us a land to keep,
to reverence and to cultivate.**

**We believe in Jesus, born of a woman,
who was not quite black and not quite white,
a woman who was not quite sure of who she was
or who she was to be,
a woman who faithfully struggled to believe.**

**We believe in Jesus – risen,
liberator of all humanity, Emmanuel, God-with-us, God-for-us.**

**We, women and men of the great South Land of the Holy Spirit,
believe in the power of the Spirit to set us free
to regenerate our land,
to transform our world,
to work for peace,
to listen to the loneliness of ‘the drover’s wife’
and the ‘weeping man.’**

**We believe in the power of the Spirit
to transform our dealings with our sisters and our brothers
of other colours and diverse creeds.**

The Ministry of Prayer

At the end of the prayers, the intercessor may place the folder of prayers on the Altar as a sign of our prayers being offered to God.

We pray together:

**O God,
from every nations
you call your people together
and unite them in the Holy Spirit.
Equip your Church to serve the human family
as a life-giving leaven,
by drawing men and women
into a new birth as your beloved children.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lament and Confession

Jesus said: I came so that you may have life and have it abundantly.

Let us acknowledge our selfishness with honesty and humility.

silence

**Gracious God, hear our acknowledgements –
We have not loved you
with our whole heart,
nor have we loved each other
and other neighbours as ourselves.
God of mercy,
forgive us for our failures,
past and present and
give us the grace today to make a fresh start.**

Absolution:

When we are empty, God fills us:

When we are disheartened, God is compassionate;

when we are wounded, God brings healing,

when we confess our sin, God forgives.

In Christ, through Christ and because of Christ,

Our Elder and Redeemer

✠ our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

**You refill the cup of life, O God.
In Christ, we find refuge, strength and hope. Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

And also with you.

We share a sign of peace with one another.

The Offertory

Christ is the world's light, he and none other;

born in our darkness, he became our brother.

If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:

Glory to God on high.

Christ is the world's peace, he and none other;

no one can serve him and despise his brother.

Who else unites us, one in God the Father?

Glory to God on high.

Christ is the world's life, he and none other;

sold once for silver, murdered here our brother –

he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father;

Glory to God on high.

Give God the glory, God and none other;

give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;

give God the glory, God in man my brother;

Glory to God on high.

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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.

Lord God, bring us together as one,

reconciled, healed, forgiven,

sharing you with others as you have called us to do.

In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one.

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 begin our great thanksgiving to God

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal Divine,
our God of Holy Dreaming.

The Spirit of God is ever with us

We thank you for this country we share,
for the joy of being here today
and the possibilities of sharing in its wonders
with each other and our kin of all species.
We recognise your patience
remaining ready to welcome us back
after we missed the opportunity
to embrace each other.

We thank you for the gift of Jesus

We welcome your gift of Jesus,
your child, our elder, our Lord
Who lived for you so we too may live as one.

We recognise his obedience to your tradition and language,
which lead him to be unjustly crucified,
opening the way for us to remain faithful to your way,
the ways of our ancestors, your prophets and
your call to us to work for reconciliation in this land.

The Divine Praise:

We dance each day in celebration of his return
from the world of the dead to you and to us ;
celebrating in the new growth of hope

and possibility in people of all ages, cultures and origin.
And so, with people of every nation, tribe and language,
and with the whole Church throughout the ages,
we bring ourselves: all that we are,
and all that we are not, joyfully giving thanks and singing:

The joining of Earth and Heaven in singing praise to God:

**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.

One in the Spirit

God of the feast, your household is hungry
for the bread of heaven and the cup of life.
Send your Spirit on us and on our celebration,
so that we may eat at this table and be satisfied
with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

With this bread that we bring:

On the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with the people he loved.
He took the bread, gave you thanks,
broke it to share with them, and said:
"Take and eat this: it is my body."

With this wine that we bring:

Then he took a cup of wine.
Again he thanked you and told them:
"Drink this, all of you: it is my blood,
shed for you and for many
so that sins may be forgiven.
Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me."

We gladly remember

So we delight to remember Jesus:
the faithfulness of his life,
the victory of his cross,
the glory of his resurrection,
the joy of the Holy Spirit poured out for the Church.

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Empower us by your Spirit

O God, holy Wisdom, Holy Dreaming of all ages
accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Make us good stewards of creation,
with justice in our hearts,
courage in our actions
and power in our speech
to bear witness to the truth.

In Christ we pray for our unity

May our hearts and minds be alive to what is sacred
in these symbols of bread and wine.

May they open us to your guidance and to your love for us,
for all humankind, and for all life on this earth.

This is our hope and shared desire,
the expression of our love and trust in each other
and in Jesus, our Christ, our elder and Lord.

**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.**

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.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world: grant us your peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world:
blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

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

Anthem

Gladness, sadness, joy and sorrow, E MacDowell, arr. Noel Rawshthorne

Post Communion Prayer

God of Holy Dreaming,
we thank you for this simple community meal
we share together on this day of mixed emotions;
a meal that brings the spirit and reality of Christ into our hearts,
and brings us closer to you and closer to each other.

**May our lives be lit up by your love,
and may your love light up others through us.**



Post Communion Hymn and Blessing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of our God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
such music in the sinner's ears
is life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, you deaf; his praise, you dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, you lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

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Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt.)

Blessing and Dismissal

May God who formed our southern land be for us a rock of strength.
May God who rules the great seas keep us safe in every storm.
May God who made the skies above turn our darkness into light.
May the God of Ancient Dreaming:
the bringer of life;
the eternal promise of our redeeming;
and the Spirit of Life that walks before us:
the one and only undivided Trinity of love and life
✠ bless us and be with us all, evermore. **Amen.**

Go, walk gently on country to love and serve our God
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Dr Alan Smith's ordination

Please continue to pray for Alan as he prepares for ordination on February 8th,
10.30 am St Paul's Cathedral.

The only reserved seating in the Cathedral is for families of those being or-
dained (21 in all).

The suggestion is to arrive by 9.45 at least and as far as possible, sit as a block.
At the end of the service, Alan has invited all present to join him for refresh-
ments/lunch at Young & Jacksons, directly opposite the Cathedral.

Please let Fr Dennis or the Office (Lyndsey) know if you are planning to attend. We will be welcoming Alan at a combined parish service at Riddells Creek, February 9th, commencing at 10 am.

Travel details February 8th:

The Parish Bus will depart from Gisborne at 8.30 a.m.

V/Line Macedon 8.26 am

Gisborne 8.30 am

Riddells Creek 8.35 am

Southern Cross 9.24 am

Frankston Line: Platform 12 9.32 am

Flinders Street 9.36 am

Full fare: \$12.20

February 2nd: combined worship continues

Rather than go back to 'normal' and then switch again to a combined service, it has been suggested that we have only ONE service on the weekend Feb 1 and 2. Venue will be Church of the Resurrection, commencing at 10 am.

Rosters

Rosters through to Easter are now available. If you need to make any changes please let Ian Beurckner, Ethan Eva or Elaine Millar know as soon as possible. The master roster is also on the Parish website.

The Oaks

If you volunteer at Macedon Ranges Health and/or The Oaks, could you please let the office know.

We hope to resume services to both in the third week of February.

Bric'a brac Sale

Thanks to all involved in the setting up, running and putting away. The sale raised. \$1,620 For the Bushfire Appeal, raffle and donations \$556.60 - a total of \$2,176.60

Sunday "I am" January 26th, 6 pm St Paul's. There will also be a retiring collection for the Bishop of Gippsland's Bush Fire Appeal. Come ye of all ages, and any appropriately attired (leash!) fur babies!

Twilight Delight

Pianist/composer and Macedon Ranges resident

Adam Cook

will be performing an intense and varied program
featuring works by

Prokofiev, Shostakovich, Ravel, Joplin & Albéniz

Adam wishes to present this concert program to the local musical community in the area he is now calling home.

Please join Adam for this free event that promises to deliver a rich, colourful and emotionally varied selection of repertoire of the highest calibre.

Sergei **PROKOFIEV**: Sonata No. 2 (1912)

Dmitri **SHOSTAKOVICH**: Prelude and Fugue in G sharp minor, Op. 87 No. 12 (1950-1)

Scott **JOPLIN**: Silver Swan Rag (1914)

Maurice **RAVEL**: Une barque sur l'océan from Miroirs (1904-5)

Isaac **ALBÉNIZ**: Triana from Iberia, Book 2 No. 3 (1905-9)

6pm, Fri 31 Jan

**Church of the Resurrection
Honour Ave, Macedon**

(Why not take advantage of a wonderful prelude to dinner in the marvellous Macedon Ranges?)

**FREE
EVENT**

No bookings
necessary

