



ANGLICAN PARISH OF
GISBORNE
MACEDON | RIDDELLS CREEK | GISBORNE



Fifth Sunday of Lent

17th March, 2024

Church of the Resurrection, Macedon 10am

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. 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.

Lent

The season of Lent, observed in various Christian denominations, marks a period of reflection, repentance, and spiritual preparation leading up to Easter. It lasts for forty days, symbolizing Jesus Christ's forty days of fasting in the wilderness. During Lent, believers engage in practices such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, seeking to deepen their relationship with God and grow in spiritual discipline. It's a time to confront personal shortcomings, embrace simplicity, and focus on the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus. Through introspection and penance, Christians aim to renew their faith and emerge spiritually refreshed for the celebration of Easter.

Readings:

This Sunday: LENT 5B

Jeremiah 31.31-34

Psalms 119.9-16

Hebrews 5.5-14

John 12.20-33

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Psalms 31.9-18

Philippians 2.5-11

Mark 14.1-15.27

PARISH FIRE POLICY

If a **CATASTROPHIC** day is declared [this is the most extreme rating] and this occurs on a 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 the People

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

✱ Bless the Lord who forgives our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Confession and Absolution

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**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.**

Absolution

The Prayer of the Day (Collect)

O God, our Redeemer,
in our weakness we have failed
to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope:
renew us by your Holy Spirit,
that we may follow your commands
and proclaim your reign of love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Trisagion

To be sung three times

1
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Migh - ty,

3
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy u - pon us.

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

The Ministry of the Word

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

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31.31-34

After the Lesson, the reader says

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

Psalm 119

Richard Lloyd

Response

cf. v. 35 Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your com-mand-ments.



How shall young people cleanse their way
to keep themselves according to your word?
With my whole heart have I sought you;
O let me not go astray
from your commandments.

Response

Your words have I hidden with in my heart,
that I should not sin against you.
Blessed are you, O Lord;
O teach me your statutes.

Response

With my lips have I been telling
of all the judgements of your mouth.
I have taken greater delight
in the way of your testimonies
than in all manner of riches.

Response

I will meditate on your commandments
and contemplate your ways.
My delight shall be in your statutes
and I will not forget your word.

Response

Second Lesson: Hebrews 5.5-14

After the Lesson, the reader says

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

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



Glo - ry and praise — to you, Lord Je — sus Christ.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

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 to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 12.20-33

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking open the Word

The people stand and a minister introduces an 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 response to “For these and all who serve your people” is
“we give you thanks and praise”.

At the end of the prayers, we are invited to pray together:

**Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.

TIS 131

1. Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls has found,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your pardoning love extend.
2. Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our prophet, priest, redeemer, Lord,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your saving grace extend.
3. Eternal spirit, by whose breath
the soul is saved from sin and death,
before your throne we sinners bend:
to us your quickening power extend.
4. Thrice holy – Father, Spirit, Son,
mysterious Godhead, three in One,
before your throne we sinners bend;
grace, Pardon, life to us extend.

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.

**Creator God, we pray you to fashion our lives
in the likeness of Christ,
whose table we share
and of whose life we partake.
We ask this through Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
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.

He was tempted in every way as we are,
yet he did not sin.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

By his grace we are able
to triumph over every evil,
and to walk in the way of his love.
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:



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

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.
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.'
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.'



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.

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 never-ending praise:



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 following response is given to the cantor's tropes (verses)

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**
This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.
All are welcome at his supper. Come.

Anthem

Lead me, Lord, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876) arr. Colin Hand

The Sending Out of God's People

The Presider says a post-communion prayer.

God of mercy,
may we who have shared in this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring your reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

**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.**

A hymn of Thanksgiving is sung:

Tis 106

1. Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us.
Lord, keep us in your grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
who ever was, is now,
and shall be ever more.

Martin Rinkart 1586-1649
tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 alt.

Notices may follow.

The Presider says a prayer over the people in place of the usual blessing during Lent.

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,
that you may find in him crucified,
a sure ground for faith,
affirm support for hope,
and the assurance of sin forgiven. **Amen.**

A minister says

We go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

J S Bach, *O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde gross*
(O Man, bemoan thy grievous sin), BWV 622



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Lent 5 B – Sunday 17 March 2024

- Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm 119.9-16; Hebrews 5.5-14; John 12.20-33

There are people today, like the Greeks of the Gospel passage, who wish to see Jesus, they don't want to see church wardens, parish councils, bishops, priests or deacons. Still Jesus relies on his followers, us, like he relied on Philip and Andrew to bring others to see him. One of the hallmarks of being a mature disciple, apart from being fed on solid food, skilled in righteousness and trained to distinguish good from evil, is our readiness to introduce others to Jesus.

- God, help us to be mature disciples that show Jesus to others by our love, actions and speech.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

Text: The Rev Christian Ford, Diocese of Newcastle
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Rosters are available

Rosters are available for each centre, copies can also be found on the website and the parish email.

Transport for Paul on Sundays

We are grateful that Malcolm and Popsy are happy to regularly take Paul to church on Sundays, however there will be occasions when they are not available. We would like people to offer to transport Paul when Malcolm and Popsy are unable to. There is a form available to indicate your willingness to support this.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday

Sunday March 24th

10.00 am St Paul's, Gisborne

5.00 pm Sunday Arvo @ 5, St John's Riddells Creek

Maundy Thursday

Thursday March 28th

7.30pm St John's, Riddells Creek

Good Friday

Friday March 29th

9 am St Paul's, Gisborne

12noon Church of the Resurrection, Macedon

Easter Day

Sunday March 31st

6 am Church of the Resurrection, Macedon
(followed by breakfast)

9 am St Paul's, Gisborne

5.00 pm Sunday Arvo @ 5, St John's Riddells Creek



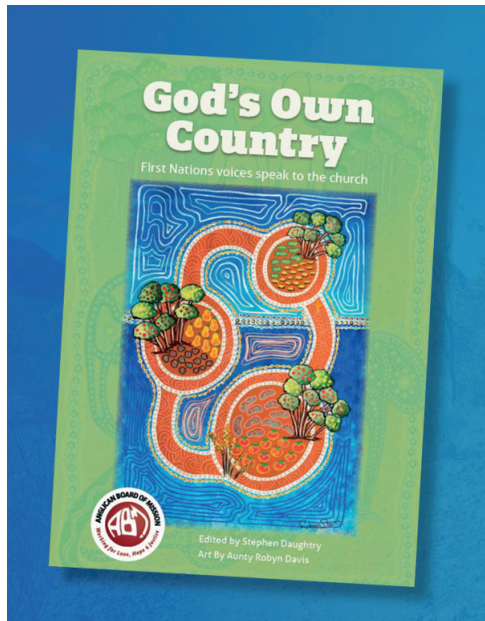
Lent Studies | Wednesdays and Thursdays, all welcome!

Our Lent Study Book for this Year is called: God's Own Country - a study based on the seven days of creation. It's \$12 to buy a copy OR \$9 if you would like the online version.

Please contact Brett by email: brett.collins@perfection.org.au or by mobile: 0400 877 018.

When and where are we meeting?

Wednesday's In the Parish Centre from 2.00pm or Thursday Night's online beginning at 7.30pm. Zoom link is required (contact office or Brett).



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