

Anglican Parish of
Gisborne



MORNING PRAYER

Pentecost 9A

August 2nd, 2020

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.*

Today's worship:

We are familiar with most of the major figures in the Gospels; of Jesus, of Mary and Joseph, John the Baptizer, Mary Magdalene. We know about the twelve as a group and some of them individually like Peter. We also know something of the chief priests, the Pharisees, and the scribes. But there is a major character we often overlook, one that is almost as important as any of the others – except Jesus. Despite not having a proper name, this character is encountered often. This character is usually referred to simply as “the crowd”.

The crowds first appear after Jesus has gone among the people, teaching and curing them. The crowds begin to follow him, listening as he gives his sermon on the mount. They follow him everywhere, and he continually has compassion for them. Jesus sees them as harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd, and he takes responsibility for them, becoming their shepherd. They joyously welcome him to Jerusalem, and then they come after him with swords and clubs at Gethsemane. Persuaded by the chief priests, they demand that Barabbas be released, and that Jesus be crucified. They have their moments of great faith, and they have their moments of great doubt and fear.

But who are these crowds really?

The graphic on the cover of today's pewsheets, designed by Ben, represents the five loaves and two fishes. It is made up of exactly five thousand images of people. It reminds us that 'the crowd' is a collection of individuals. At times we might relate to Peter, to Nicodemus, perhaps reluctantly with the scribes, but we are the crowd. A crowd of individuals who are in need: physical, spiritual or emotional. We each hunger for God. What must it have been like to have been among the crowd fed by our Saviour? In John, Jesus declares, “I am the bread of life.” May he give you your fill this day and always.

This Sunday: Pentecost 9A

Romans 9.1-8

Psalm 17.1-7,16

Matthew 14.13-21

Next Sunday: Pentecost 10A

Romans 10.4-15

Psalm 105.1-6,16-22

Matthew 14.22-36

Bible references: NRSV bible.oremus.org

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VIRTUAL MORNING TEA

Sunday 10.30 am

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Morning Prayer Wednesday: **www.bit.ly/GisAngWedMorn**

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Morning Prayer
(Second Order: APBA p19)

Gathering in God's Name

Through Christ let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God,
the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Hebrews 13.15

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1.3

These or similar responses are used.

Open our lips, O Lord,
and we shall declare your praise.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The minister continues in these or similar words.

Friends in Christ,
we come together to meet with God,
and to take our part in the building up of his Church.
We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise,
hear from God's holy word,
and pray for this world, and for ourselves.
The Bible tells us to approach God confidently,
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
As we do so, we must confess our sins,
seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

Let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together:

**God of all mercy,
we humbly admit that we need your help.
We have wandered from your way.
We have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us,
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit
that we may live the new life to your glory.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

The minister declares God's forgiveness.

God desires that none should perish,
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.
God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.
Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

and/or

The minister may read one of these sentences of Scripture.

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2.1–2

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38–39

The minister says

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His steadfast love endures for ever!

The minister greets the people, who may greet one another.

Grace and peace be with you
and also with you.

A hymn or song of praise and thanksgiving follows, or one of the following forms may be used.

**Come, let us sing to the Lord,
shout to the rock of our salvation.
Serve the Lord with gladness,
come before his face with songs of joy.**

The Ministry of the Word

The minister offers this prayer, or a suitable alternative, in preparation for the reading and teaching of the Scriptures.

Heavenly Father,
give us wisdom and understanding.
As we listen to your Word,
may we know you better, love you more,
and learn to please you in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The first Reading, as appointed.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Romans 9.1-8

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all Israelites truly belong to Israel, and not all of Abraham's children are his true descendants; but 'It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.' This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants.

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

Psalm 17.1-7,16

Incline your ear to us, O Lord, and hear our words.
Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider my complaint;
listen to my prayer, which comes not from lying lips.
Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes behold what is right.
Weigh my heart, examine me by night,
refine me, and you will find no impurity in me. *Response*

My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards;
I have heeded the words of your lips.
My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your commandments;
my feet have not stumbled in your paths.
Incline your ear to us, O Lord, and hear our words.

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me, and listen to my words.
Show me your marvellous loving-kindness,
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.
As for me, I shall see your face in righteousness;
when I awake and behold your likeness, I shall be satisfied.
Incline your ear to us, O Lord, and hear our words.

Glory to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
as in the beginning, so now and for ever. Amen.

Incline your ear to us, O Lord, and hear our words.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 14.13-21

Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

For the Gospel of the Lord:

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking Open the Word

Music may be played after the reflection.

The Ministry of Prayer

The minister says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us.

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 minister continues

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,

let your glory cover the earth.

Keep our nation under your care,

and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth,

your saving power among all nations.

Send out your light and your truth,

that we may tell of your saving works.

Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.

Hear the cry of those in need.

Hear our prayers, O Lord,

for we put our trust in you.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Intercessions

Everlasting God, may the worship of your Church throughout the world be attentive and expectant, ready to be set on fire again and again with the outrageous foolishness of loving, without exceptions and without limits.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Creator God, may all that encourages the people of the world in goodness, honesty and compassion be blessed and grow; may all that encourages self-seeking and cruelty, prejudice and deceit wither and be exposed as the unsatisfying rubbish it is. May we learn from one another's cultures and respect one another's differences.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Father God, we thank you for the joy of human love, and for all those among whom we live and work. We pray particularly for loved ones who worry us with their health, or circumstances, or life direction. We pray for those among our friends and families who do not know you, or whose faith has been shaken.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Loving God, we pray for all whose backgrounds make belief in a loving God laughable or terrifying.

We pray for all who suffer mental or emotional anguish and those who despair. We pray for those facing another day of pain, another day of hunger, another day of fear.

We bring to mind those for whom our prayers have been asked; those close to us, those known to us; and those who feel that there is no-one to pray with or for them.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, gather into your eternal kingdom all who have come to the end of this earthly life and rejoice to see you as you really are. We remember all whom we love but can no longer see, and thank you for your overarching love and undergirding faithfulness to us.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Gracious God, we remember with gratitude all who gave up so much to bring the good news to our country and pray that with us it may continue to be spread until the whole earth knows of your truth and love.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

In a moment of quiet, let us still our hearts and be open to the longing of the Spirit for us.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We offer our prayers together as we pray:

Loving God,

hear the prayers we offer

for all our brothers and sisters;

look with pity on those

whose work is hard and unrewarding

and support those who strive

for greater sharing and solidarity.

We ask you this

through Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

From the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers,
and you have promised that when two or three gather in your name
you will grant their requests.

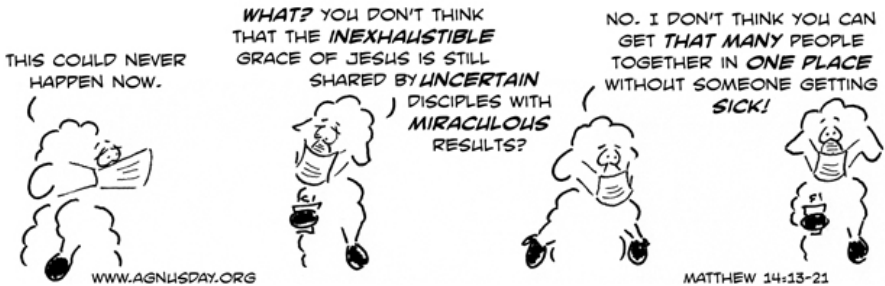
Fulfill now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us.

Grant us, in this life,
knowledge of your truth
and in the age to come,
life eternal. **Amen.**

Eternal God and Father,
by whose power we are created,
and by whose love we are redeemed:
Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live this day in love to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

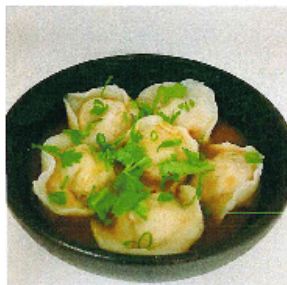
**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Postlude: J S Bach Prelude BWV 545





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