#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW’S GISBORNE**

***Matawhero Church – Church Lane***

***St Andrew’s Church and Community Centre:***

***176 Cobden Street, Gisborne***

***4 December 2022 Advent 2***

***Service of Second Sunday of Advent***

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**Ministers*:*** *All the people in Christ* **Minister*:*** *Rev Jin Sook*

**Reader:** Pat Flockhart **Organist:** Roy Tankersley

**Director of Music:** *Catherine Macdonald*

*We gather together as the people of God*

*Kia Ora, Talofa, Bula, Shalom, Dobry den and Annyeong-haseyo*

***Greetings with news and notices***

***Introit -*** We wait for you, Music© Colin Gibson, Words, © Shirley Murray, *Alleluia Aotearoa 19,* 1 & 4

We wait for you,

We long for you to come

Lord Jesus Christ,

bring Christmas to our home!

We covet peace,

The curing of the earth,

But not the pain

That carries you to birth.

You wait for us,

You long for us to be

A birthing place for peace,

a justice tree,

An energy for life,

A flag! A sign!

A fragrance in the air –

Fresh bread, new wine!

***Call to Worship***

In this season of prophecy, promise, and preparation, we come to be renewed and refreshed.

**We come to be inspired by stories of a messiah**

**who will change the world—and change us.**

We come to listen for words of hope and joy,

promise and challenge.

**We come with open ears, open minds,**

**and open hearts.**

We come to receive the blessings God has in store for us in this season of waiting.

Come! Let us worship our God—

the One who brings all things to fulfillment.

***Lighting the Advent candle of Peace***

***Read the partner story***

Omar worries about having enough water for her family and animals…



…In this climate crisis, we stand with people in need of water justice.

**Together we join with others to make peace.**

***Light the candle***

*Together:*

**God of peace and gentleness;**

**May we be peacemakers so that all people have opportunities for fullness of life.**

**Give us strength to offer peace to our world**

**in word and in action.**

**We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen**

***We sing –*** On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry, *CH4* 334 (*CH3 208)*, vv 1-5

**On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry**

**announces that the Lord is nigh;**

**awake and hearken for he brings**

**glad tidings of the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every heart from sin;**

**make straight the way for God within;**

**prepare we in our hearts a home,**

**where such a mighty Guest may come**

**For you are our salvation, Lord,**

**our refuge and our great reward;**

**without your grace we waste away,**

**like flowers that wither and decay.**

**Stretch out your hand, to heal our sore,**

**and make us rise to fall no more;**

**once more upon your people shine,**

**and fill the world with love divine.**

**All praise to you, eternal Son,**

**whose advent has our freedom won,**

**whom with the Father we adore,**

**and Holy Spirit evermore**

***Prayers***

***We sing -*** Prince of Peace Song, © Monica Scott

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pnlg3zfTXZE>

**Peace be still still still  
On this night heaven's light**

**Peace peace prince of peace (allelujah allelujah allelujah)  
Healer of men peace again  
Peace**

**Peace is here angels near  
Shepherds meek wise men seek  
Peace peace prince of peace (allelujah allelujah allelujah)  
Healer of men peace again  
Peace**

**Peace on earth savior birth heavenly peace we will keep  
Peace peace prince of peace (allelujah allelujah allelujah)  
Healer of men peace again  
Peace  
Prince of peace**

***Story time***

Peace is an offering by Annette LeBox (from 50” to 4’20”)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJHfYJH29x8>

Question: Do you know who have all the peace described in the story in person?

***Reading***

Matthew 3:1-12

***Sermon –*** Waiting for peace in Advent

*(Followed by time for reflection)*

***Anthem –*** Peace to the world, © Willow Macky, *Hope is Our Song* 114, 1-3

Peace, peace to the world!

The time for peace will come.

Peace, peace to the world!

The time for peace will come.

And all the bells will ring again –

Good news, good news they’ll bring again –

And all the people sing again:

‘The time for peace has come!

The time for peace has come, has come,

The time for peace has come!’

Peace, peace to the world!

The power of fear will go.

Peace, peace to the world!

The power of fear will go.

And kindness, trust and honesty

must conquer greed and cruelty

And sadness, pain and poverty:

The power of fear must go!

The power of fear must go, must go,

The power of fear must go!

Peace, peace to the world!

The reign of love will come.

Peace, peace to the world!

The reign of love will come

When all the bells on earth declare

To all God’s creatures everywhere

That move through land and sea and air:

‘The reign of love has come!

The reign of love has come, has come,

The reign of love has come!’

***Prayers of Intercession***

***Offering***

***We sing*** - O come, O come, Emmanuel, *CH4* 273 (*CH3 165)*, vv1-5

**O Come, O come, Emmanuel,**

**and ransom captive Israel,**

**that mourns in lonely exile here**

**until the Son of God appear.**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*

*Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**O Come, O Come, thou Lord of might,**

**Who to thy tribes, on Sinai’s height,**

**in ancient times didst give the law**

**in cloud and majesty and awe:**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*

*Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**O Come, thou Rod of Jesse, free**

**thine own from Satan’s tyranny;**

**from depths of hell thy people save,**

**and give them victory o’er the grave:**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*

*Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**O come, thou Key of David, come,**

**and open wide our heavenly home;**

**make safe the way that leads on high,**

**and close the path to misery:**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*

*Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer**

**our spirits by thine advent here;**

**disperse the gloomy clouds of night,**

**and death’s dark shadow put to flight:**

***Sending***

***The Grace***

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa  
Te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, a Ihu Karaiti Me te aroha o te Atua  
Me te whiwhingatahitanga, Ki te wairua tapu  
Ake, ake, ake  
Amine**

**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and forever.**

***Sing***: AMENx3 CH4#819