**Reflection for St Andrew’s Gisborne Presbyterian Parish**

**Hospitality and Humility**

Come all ye vagabond’s – I love this song because it reminds us that everyone, everyone is welcome to the table of the Lord –

But what does this really mean – coming to the table of the Lord?

Often we would sing this song at St John’s in the City, prior to celebrating Holy Communion (the Table of the Lord)

Holy Communion, as you know (or may not know), is where, through the drinking of juice and the eating of bread, remember the death and resurrection of Jesus

It is where we are reminded that we are a people of hope

It is an invitation to participate in the banquet of God, which is for all people

It is where we experience the radical hospitality of God

And the humility of the divine – God gave up full divinity to dwell with us - fully human

In the readings today we’ve heard about humility and hospitality

As God’s people, who follow Christ, we are called to humbly (not to be a door mat) show radical hospitality

What might this look like?

Story of Dixon St Flat’s Café –

1. Working with tenants of the flats and St John’s to
   1. run a weekly café to build relationships,
   2. to deal with social isolation
   3. Share Christ.
2. Recognize that God was already in that place, working in people’s lives and raising up leaders who don’t look or act the way we do but often are more faithful.

What might being called to humbly show hospitality look like for you?

Let’s pray…