

**Gisborne Presbyterian Parish welcomes you to
St Andrew's Church
Sunday 25 August 2019 at 10.30 a.m.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE**



**May God bless, inspire and challenge you
and give you strength.**

Please stay for morning tea.

If you are a visitor, please sign our visitors' book.

Worship leader: Rev Mary Petersen
Organist: David Russell
Reader: Jean Robinson
Director of Music: Catherine Macdonald
St Andrew's Choir

We gather together as the people of God

Welcome ... notices ...

A few moments of silence to prepare ourselves to worship God

*The Bible and candle, representing the light of Christ among us,
will be carried into the church during the singing of the introit.*

Please remain seated to sing.

Introit: FFS 11 Come, teach us, Spirit of our God v. 1, 2, 5

**Come, teach us, Spirit of our God,
the language of your way,
the lessons that we need to live,
the faith for every day.**

**Excite our minds to follow you,
to trace new truths in store,
new flight paths for our spirit space,
new marvels to explore.**

**Delight our hearts to worship you,
to learn compassion's code,
to live in context of your love,
great teacher who is God!**

Shirley Murray

Call to worship: from *Psalm 103: 1 – 8*

Praise the Lord, O my soul;
**From the depth of my being,
I praise God's holy name.**
Praise the Lord, O my soul,
And do not forget how kind God is.

God forgives us and heals us.

God blesses us with love and mercy.

God fills our lives with good things

And renews our strength.

God wants justice for all who are oppressed,

And compassion for all who are hurting.

God revealed God's plans and ways to Moses

And God's actions to the people of Israel.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,

Slow to anger and full of constant love.

We come to praise God together

Praise God.

May we be open to listening to God today

May we hear clearly God's message to us.

Sing: CH4 738 Glorious things of thee are spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken,

Zion, city of our God;

He whose word cannot be broken

formed thee for his own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,

what can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded,

Thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See! The streams of living waters,

springing from eternal love,

well supply thy sons and daughters,

and all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river

ever will their thirst assuage –

grace which, like the Lord the Giver,

never fails from age to age?

Saviour, since of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy Name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
and all boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

We listen to and engage with the Word of God

Congregational story time: Presbyterian Support East Coast
Sylvie Gibbins, Philanthropy Manager PSEC
Alica Richardson-Marr, Family Works Manager Tairawhiti

Sing: CH4 528 Make me a channel of your peace

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

*Refrain: Oh, master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

Refrain

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive;
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

Sebastian Temple, from the Prayer of St Francis

Readings: Hebrews 12: 18 – 22, 28 – 29 (NIV) *Jean Robinson*

Luke 13: 10 – 17 *Good News Bible*

For the Word of God in scripture
For the Word of God among us
For the Word of God within us
Thanks be to God.

Sing: CH4 189 Be still for the presence of the Lord

**Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found – we stand on holy ground.
Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.**

**Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned
how awesome is the sight – our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace –
no work too hard for him - in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

Reflection: **STANDING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

- *Trembling, with reverence and awe, but obedient and faithful*
- *Aware of the value of each human life and open to God's Spirit*
- *our image of God influences attitude and actions*
- *being 'guardian angels' on our turnagawaewae*

We respond to God

The choir sings: HS 103 No I've never seen an angel

No, I've never seen an angel with lovely golden wings
harping on about a message from a lofty king of kings.

I've never talked to Gabriel or stepped upon a star,
or seen Saint Peter at the gates, not even from afar.

But I've held your hand and heard your voice,
and seen your signs of love
in the people all around me every day:
when the hungry ones are fed, when the sick are put to bed,
and the hopeless find there is another way.

No, I've never walked on water, or stilled a raging wave;
my water never turns to wine, my porkers all behave.
My loaves and fishes feed just me, my words don't seem to heal;
the dumb don't speak at my command,
the numb aren't helped to feel.

But I've sensed the real live miracles
in lives that have been changed
in the people all around me every day:
when despair is put to flight,
and the darkness turns to light,
and the helpless find the strength to walk their way.

Yes, I've heard the old, old stories, I've sung the ancient songs;
I've celebrated sacraments, I'm sure that I belong
in the line-up of disciples that began by Galilee,
rippled over ocean waters, and was handed on to me.

For the ancient stories come to life,
if I've got eyes to see,
in the people all around me every day:
when the seeds of peace are growing, the justice river's flowing,
new life abounds along Christ's open way.

Rob Ferguson

Prayers of the People

*We say together a version of the Prayer
that Jesus taught his disciples:*

**Eternal Spirit,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Loving God in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name
echo throughout the universe
The way of your justice
be followed by the peoples of the earth.
Your heavenly will be done by all.
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and forever. Amen**

Offering ... and dedication of the offering and ourselves

We sing as the offering is carried down the aisle

CH 4 809 to 808 **Praise God**

**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame:
All glory, honour to God's name.**

We pray together:

**God of Life, we offer these gifts to you
And pray they will be blessed.
We offer ourselves to serve you
And pray for your blessing as we share your love. Amen**

We go blessed by the Spirit of God

Sing: CH4 112 God whose almighty word

**God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight; hear us,
we humbly pray,
and, where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**

**Saviour, who came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move o'er the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**

**Blessed and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide
let there be light.**

John Marriott, Thomas Raffles

Blessing:

Stand in the presence of God, with reverence and awe.
Be the light of God wherever you go.
May you be inspired by God's Spirit.
May your life be a blessing to others.
God loves you. God will bless you. **Amen**

Sing: Amen, Amen, A...men



STUDY SERIES AUGUST 26th (3 of 3)

Monday 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm

St Andrew's lounge - Rev Mary Petersen

OVER 80's SPRING FLOWERS

Helpers under 80 are invited to help organise the flowers on Saturday 14th September, 1.30 pm in the hall.

To be dedicated and distributed after Church on Sunday 15 September. Donations are requested from those under 80 towards costs and can be left with Liz in the office.

Or you can pay online: 03-0638-0462917-00 ref: flowers



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

SAMARITAN SHOE BOXES available from the office.
Collection is in October.

PARISH ANNUAL MONSTER GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 8.00 am

Please remember to hold onto large items of furniture until 5th or 6th September as we do not have any storage

Convenor: Jenny Lawton 868 4268

