

**Gisborne Presbyterian Parish welcomes you to
St Andrew's Church**

Sunday 6 October 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE

to worship God together,
to share in communion with God and each other
and to enjoy fellowship together.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

Worship leader: Rev Mary Petersen

Organist: Paul Pollock

Reader: Pat Flockhart Prayers: Lynnor Cooke

Director of Music: Catherine Macdonald

St Andrew's Choir

We gather together as the people of God

Welcome ... notices ...

Moments of silence to prepare ourselves for worship

Introit: *The Bible and candle, representing the light of Christ among us, will be carried into the church while we sing.*

Please remain seated.

CH 4 739

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord:
She is his new creation by water and the word.
One holy name she blesses, and shares one holy food,
As to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Call to worship: From Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, praise God's name.

Declare God's glory among the nations.

For great is the Lord

And most worthy of praise.

Let the heavens rejoice

And the earth be glad;

let the sea roar and all that is in it;

let the fields be jubilant

and everything in them.

All the trees of the forest will sing for joy.

Sing: WOV 115 Let us sing to the God of salvation

**Let us sing to the God of salvation,
let us sing to the Lord our rock!
Let us come to God's house with thanksgiving,
let us come before the Lord and sing!**

Refrain: *Praise our Maker, praise our Saviour,
praise the Lord the everlasting One.
Every throne must bow before God,
God is Lord of everything!*

**In God's hands are the earth's deep places
and the strength of the hills is God's;
all the sea is the Lord's, for God made it,
by God's hands the dry land was formed.**

Refrain:

**Let us worship the Lord our Maker,
let us kneel to the Lord our God;
for we all are the sheep of God's pasture,
God will guide us by his powerful hand.**

Refrain:

**Let today be the time when you hear God!
May our hearts not be hard or cold,
lest we stray from the Lord in rebellion,
as God's people did in time of old.**

Richard Bewes

Celebrations

Your opportunity to share special news with the church family

Sing: Celebrations Song

**Celebrations today
May God bless you we pray
Live for Jesus dear people
May he guide you each day**

We listen to and engage with the Word of God

Congregational story time:

Worshipping and serving God around the world

(Jeremiah 1: 4 – 9 , Romans 12: 1- 18)

“I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together”

Sing: CH 4 642 v. 2 and 3 Living Stones Tune: Blaenwern

**Living stones, by God appointed
each to an allotted place,
kings and priests, by God anointed,
shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
tell the tidings of your birth,
tidings of a new creation
to an old and weary earth.**

**Tell the praise of him who called you
out of darkness into light,
broke the fetters that enthralled you,
gave you freedom, peace and sight:**

**Tell the tale of sins forgiven,
strength renewed and hope restored,
till the earth, in tune with heaven,
praise and magnify the Lord!**

Reading: Matthew 28: 16 – 20 Good News Bible *Pat*

Sing: CH4 624 In Christ there is no east or west
Tune: Salzburg

**In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find,
his service is the golden cord
close-binding human kind.**

**Come, brothers, sisters of the faith,
whate'er your race may be:
whoever does my Father's will
is surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north,
all Christ-like souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.**

Reading: 1 Chronicles 16: 23 - 29 (GNT)
2 Chronicles 31: 2 – 10

Pat

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: WOV 92 God has spoken by the prophets

**God has spoken by the prophets
spoken the unchanging word,
each, from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, the throne eternal,
God the first, and God the last.**

**God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God ere time began,
Light from Light, to earth descending,
Christ, revealing God to all.**

**God is speaking by the Spirit,
speaking to our hearts again,
in the age-long word expounding
God's own message, now as then,
through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith yet standing fast;
God still speaks, the word unchanging,
God the first, and God the last.**

Reflection: WHAT IS WORSHIP?

- *Leviticus 27: 30, Numbers 18: 25 – 29, Deuteronomy 12: 17, Malachi 3:10 – about tithing*
- *all one in Christ Jesus, called with a task*
- *Honouring God in the way that we live*
- *inspired, encouraged, re-energised for life by worship*

We respond to God

The Choir sings: AA 19 vv 3, 4 Church of the living Christ
Tune: Little Cornard CH4 687

Women and men of God,
come, as one Church to serve,
bring all the skills we have,
sharpen our every nerve:
to save a world in bitter need
the rule of love must come in deed.

We are the Body now –
our feet must mark the Way,
our speech declare the Word
and live it day by day,
the resurrection story ours,
disciples gifted with new powers!

Shirley Murray

Prayer for others written and read by Lynnor Cooke

Offering ... and dedication of the offering and ourselves
Including the Thanksgiving Offering

*We sing as the offering is brought forward, as part of our
commitment prayer*

CH4 809 Praise God (to tune 808 Tallis's Canon)

**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, we pray that you will bless these gifts
we bring in thanks to you.
Bless us as we recommit ourselves to share your love. Amen**

Sing: CH4 638 Lord, we have come at your own invitation

**Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted your friends;
yours is the strength that sustains dedication,
ours a commitment we know never ends.**

**Here at your table, confirm our intention,
give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;
teach us to serve, without pride or pretension,
Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.**

**When, at your table each time of returning,
vows are renewed and our courage restored,
may we increasingly glory in learning
all that it means to accept you as Lord.**

**So, in the world, where each duty assigned us
gives us the chance to create or destroy,
help us to make those decisions that bind us,
Lord, to yourself, in obedience and joy.**

We are in communion with God and each other

This is the Lord's table. All are welcome here.

The peace of God be with you all.
Peace is here for all to share.

We share the peace of God with one another.

We gather around the Lord's table where all are welcome.
Around the world today millions of Christians will gather
to celebrate this ritual, this opportunity to remember the grace
of God and to do what Jesus called his disciples to do.

Here by God's grace, we find our hunger
for God's love and healing is satisfied.

Jesus said: *I am the bread of life.*

Those who come to me will have their hunger satisfied.

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Come, ready to receive.

We come to receive the Bread of Life and the Spirit of Love.

Come together, with thanks and hope.

God's grace is our life and our joy.

Here we bring bread and the juice of the grape,
gifts of the earth, and signs of our human need.

We bring who we are to this sacred place.

We place these gifts of the earth
and ourselves in the hands of Christ.

May his spirit fill our hearts and shape our actions. Amen

Sing: HS 148

When at this table, I receive a blessing

**When at this table I receive a blessing,
the broken bread, the wine of life for me,
then let me share the peace with you, my neighbour,
and let the Spirit set our spirits free.**

**If at this table I have need of healing,
unbidden grief, relationship gone wrong,
then let me know the hands of God enfolding,
and let lament become believing song.**

**If at this table I forget the hungry,
the dispossessed and warfare's spreading stain,
then let this bread become the bread of judgement,
this wine the sharp awareness of that pain.**

**If at this table I make dedication
to give my life in serving what is good,
then let my centre be where God invites me,
and show the words of Jesus understood.**

**What faith I have, I bring to join this table,
what hope I hold, in Christ is taught and true;
with brothers, sisters, I will share the blessing,
the feast where God is making all things new.**

We come to this table in an attitude of confession
asking God's forgiveness for our failings
but knowing that God forgives us.

We come because God welcomes us.

As we gather here today as a community of God's people,
we are grateful for all those who have taught us
by word and example how to be followers of Jesus.
They are a great cloud of witnesses around us.
Throughout the ages Christians have prayed together
the essence of the prayer that Jesus taught his followers,
in many different languages, with different understandings.

Today we will sing together the Lord's Prayer

WOV 676 Our Father

**Our Father in heaven holy be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Do not put us to the test, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen (x8)**

God comes to us in love poured out as the means
to fill our deep places of emptiness and fear.
God is with us now to comfort, strengthen, challenge
and guide us through the journey of life.

**As we celebrate the love of God offered to us,
may we also celebrate being God's people
in this time and place.**

We come to this table together
but we also come as individuals.

**Through the love we know in Christ,
we can share love with others.**

We are one people in the name of God.

As our commitment to God's Call
we say together
a simple *Affirmation of Faith*

**We believe in the God of astonishing hope,
Who accepts us, loves us and welcomes us
We believe in Jesus the Christ
Who showed us the depth of God's love.
We believe in the Spirit of Life
Who fills us with God's peace and strength.**

Sharing communion is about celebrating Jesus
And celebrating that we all belong in the family of God.

We praise the God who is known to us
in the breaking of bread,
the God who shares our suffering and our joy.

Prayer of thanksgiving

God of love, we thank you for the gift of Jesus,
for his life in which he shared so much of your love
and showed others the way to live in compassion and grace.
We thank you for his death and for his risen life among us.

Gracious God, we thank you that you give us the bread of life, and the healing, peace and strength we need.

Your Spirit calls us so that you can make a difference in the world through us. Your Spirit calls us to this table to remember by whom we are fed and by whom we live.

We thank you for these symbols of life, the bread and the cup, and ask for your blessing upon them.

May your Spirit breathe now upon these symbols of your love, and breathe upon your people who partake of these gifts. Like these symbols, may we be a sign and celebration of your transforming grace.

**May we be fed by your love
and set free by your power
and may we go from this place
refreshed and renewed by your spirit.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Jesus invited all to eat with him, especially those who felt rejected and alone. Jesus invites us to eat with him now

In the symbolic imagery of spiritual food we receive encouragement, strength and assurance through the grace of God.

We take these symbols of bread and the cup and do what Jesus asked of his followers. We remember Jesus.

**We remember Christ's story.
We celebrate his risen life among us.**

After eating the Passover meal with his friends,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God,
and shared the bread with his disciples,
as a symbol of his life so generously given for all the world.

Jesus said:

Take, eat. .

Each time you do this, remember me.

In the same way Jesus took the cup

A body was broken,

a life poured out with the living hope of life,

healing, justice and peace for all.

This cup is the symbol of the new covenant between you and God.

Jesus said:

Whenever you drink this, remember me.

The God of grace welcomes us all to this table,
this moment of communion with God and with each other.

We who are many are one body for we all share the one bread.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

May we who share these gifts be in Christ and Christ in us.

(Please remain in your seats and the elders will come to serve you.

*Eat the bread when you receive it but please hold the cup so that
we may drink together as a symbol of our unity in Christ)*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Come let us drink together.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all evermore.

Amen.

After Communion we say together

**For the power of Christ's love in our lives,
For the promise of a world renewed,
We give our thanks and praise,
Most gracious God to you. Amen**

We go blessed by the Spirit of God

Sing: CH 4 511 Your hand, O God, has guided v. 1, 2, 4

**Your hand, O God, has guided your flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page;
your people owned your goodness, and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Your heralds brought glad tidings to greatest as to least;
they summoned all to hasten and share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Your mercy will not fail us, nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us, your victory shall be won;
by mortals and by angels your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

Blessing:

You are part of God’s family.
You are part of God’s story.
May you be inspired by God’s Spirit
May your faith strengthen you for action.
Go to live in God’s light and grace
and be a blessing to all you meet.
God loves you. God bless you. **Amen**

We sing: Amen, Amen, A-men

Please stay for morning tea in the church lounge

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
October 6 th <i>World Communion</i>	Pat Flockhart	<u>Seton Clare</u> Cathy Porter Joan McKay	Wendy Morris Jill Wallis	S: Peter Cowley V:Don McConnochie
October 13 th <i>Rev Jin Sook Kim</i>	Marilyn Matthews	<u>Pat Smith</u> Chrissie Parker Dianne Burrows	Trish Kwak Pat Flockhart	S: Hans Kwak V:Colin Matthews

NOTICES

Sunday	6	**10.30am	World Communion Sunday Combined & Celebrations Guardian Angel and Special Thanksgiving Offering No Service at Matawhero
Monday	7	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	8	10.00am	Open Door
		1.30pm	Rymans Service
Wednesday	9	3.30pm	Te Wiremu Service
Friday	11	1.00pm	Choir practise
Saturday	12	8.00am	Car boot Sale
Sunday	13	10.30am	Worship Service <i>Rev Jin Sook Kim</i> No Service at Matawhero
Monday	14	9.00am	Walking Group
		9.30am	Matawhero Gardeners Meet

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Our **Guardian Angel** box will be available
at the back of the church every Sunday.

Today is our **Thanksgiving offering** -
All thanksgiving gifts and contributions will
go towards future ministry in this parish.

If you are not able to make a special donation at this time, you might like to
take the opportunity to review your regular giving. For online payments:

GPP: 03-0638-0462917- 00

After morning tea all are welcome to stay for a fun exercise in

Discovering Our Gifts

to help you acknowledge and affirm the skills and abilities you have and
be affirmed by others as you encourage them too.

