

**GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH
WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S GISBORNE**

*Matawhero Church – Church Lane
St Andrew's Church and Community Centre:
176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

1 March 2020

Lent 1



Ministers: *All the people*
Minister: *Rev Jin Sook Kim* **Reader:** *Jennifer McDonald*
Director of Music & Organist: *Catherine Macdonald*
Choir

We gather together as the people of God

Welcome & Notices

We take 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 during the singing.

Introit –Choir Amazing grace (CH4 #555) verse 1

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

Call to worship

Happy are the people whose sins are forgiven!

God's forgiveness is poured on them as a healing balm.

Happy are the people who place their trust in God.

God's presence is their guide and their strength.

Come, let us worship the God who forgives and heals us.

Let us celebrate God's presence with us each day. AMEN.

We sing – Seek ye first the kingdom of God (CH4 #641)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you
allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
allelu, alleluia.

You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;
allelu, alleluia.

Prayer of praise and confession

Words of Assurance

We sing – What a friend we have in Jesus (CH4 #547)

What a friend we have in Jesus
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer;
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

**Have we trials and temptations,
is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness:
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus is our only refuge:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.**

Story time

We sing – Jesus, tempted in the desert (CH4 #338)

**Jesus, tempted in the desert,
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
'Use your power,' the tempter tells him;
'turn these barren rocks to bread!'
'Not alone by bread,' he answers,
'can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us
is our deepest hunger stilled!'**

**Jesus, tempted in the temple,
high above its ancient wall:
'Throw yourself from lofty turret;
Angels wait to break your fall!'
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,
feats that fickle crowds request:
'God, whose grace protects, preserves us,
we must never vainly test.'**

**Jesus, tempted on the mountain
by the lure of vast domain:
'Fall before me! Be my servant!
Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!
Jesus sees the dazzling vision,
turns his eyes another way:
'God alone deserves our homage!
God alone will I obey.'**

**When we face temptation's power,
Lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,
come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us
lest we fall, your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices,
be the Word we hear, obey.**

***Readings:* Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (NRSV)
 Matthew 4:1-11**

Jennifer McDonald

We sing – Jesus walked this lonesome valley

**Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
He had to walk it by Himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for Him,
He had to walk it by Himself.**

**We must walk this lonesome valley,
We have to walk it by ourselves;
O, nobody else can walk it for us,
We have to walk it by ourselves.**

**You must go and stand your trial,
You have to stand it by yourself,
O, nobody else can stand it for you,
You have to stand it by yourself.**

Sermon: Trial or Temptation?

We respond to God

Anthem – You are my hiding place (Choir)

You are my hiding place
You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance
whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you
I will trust in you
Let the weak say I am strong in the strength of my Lord. (x2)

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, it seems as though...

... Give us courage and strength as we journey to you.

And now as Jesus taught us, we pray –

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one. (NRSV)**

Offering

We pray together

**In the hour of his temptation, when Jesus hungered,
he knew from where his sustenance came:
“One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes
from the mouth of God.”**

**Lord,
from the abundance of your grace,
your word has provided all that we need.
All that we have is yours.
Receive the offering of our hands
and the gratitude of our hearts.
In the name of our Savior we pray. Amen.**

We sing – Love is your way (HOS #95)

**Love is your way,
love is your nature,
blessing each creature,
lighting each day;
grace is your sign,
gift of forgiveness,
chalice that changes
water to wine**

Refrain

*God, in your grace,
God in your mercy,
turn us to you
to transform the world,
turn us to you
to transform the world!*

**Pathways we choose,
Undeserved freedom,
earth as our kingdom,
still we abuse;
much we have done,
gross human error,
misuse of power
darkens the sun...**

Refrain

**Terror and tears,
wounds without healing,
hearts without feeling
mirror our fears:
life without trust,
greed and high prices,
conflict and crisis
grind us to dust**

Refrain

**Let us stand still,
look at each other,
sister and brother
thwarting your will:
teach us good care,
grace to see pardon,
reclaim your garden,
riches to share**

Refrain

Sending

Sisters and brothers,
Let us claim the freedom Christ gives us by his self-giving on the cross.
May he enable us to serve together in faith, hope, and love.
Go in peace and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Benediction (Together)

**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: AMEN x 3 CH4 #819

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
1 March <i>Rev Jin Sook Kim</i>	Jennifer Macdonald	<u>Alvin Hall</u> Pat Flockhart Jean Robinson	Jan Gordon Dianne Burrows	S: Hans K V: Colin M
8 March <i>Communion</i>	Pat Flockhart	<u>Pat Smith</u> Jenny Lawton Marilyn Matthews	Danielle & Sabine Lapointe	S: Pete Cowley V: Mike Willis

NOTICES

Sunday	1	10.30am	St Andrew's Worship Service No Service at Matawhero
Monday	2	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	3	10.00am	Open Door
Wednesday	4	9.45am	mainly music
Friday	6	1.00pm	Choir practise
Saturday	7	8.00am	Car boot Sale
Sunday	8	10.30am	St Andrew's Communion Service No Service at Matawhero
Monday	9	9.00am 9.30am	Walking Group Matawhero Gardeners Meet

SIGNPOST

Please note that the March edition of the newsletter will go out at the end of this coming week, allowing input from our new Minister Rev Jin Sook Kim.

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COMMUNION ROSTER MARCH 8TH

CHRISSIE PARKER

DON MCCONNOCHIE

Jan Gordon, Jean Hillyard, Gwenda Crawshaw, Grace Johnstone,
Alvin Hall, Pat Flockhart

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CHURCH**
**gardening and
working bee**
(date to be confirmed)
MONDAY 6 April
9 am

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