

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

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

8 March 2020

Lent 2



LENT

Ministers: *All the people*

Minister: *Rev Jin Sook Kim* **Reader:** *Pat Flockhart*

Director of Music: *Catherine Macdonald*

Organist: *Paul Pollock*

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 – Psalm 121 (CH4 #81-1) Choir

I to the hills will lift mine eyes.
From whence doth come mine aid?
My safety cometh from the Lord,
who heaven and earth hath made.

Thy foot he'll not let slide, nor will
he slumber that thee keeps.
Behold, he that keeps Israel,
he slumbers not, nor sleeps.

Call to Worship

Come, all who need help!

**Our help comes from God,
the one who made heaven and earth.**

Come, all who desire blessing!

**Our blessing comes from God,
the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.**

Come, all who long for salvation!

**Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ,
the one sent by God to save the world.**

We sing – Love divine, all loves excelling (CH4 #519)

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave:
thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Prayer of praise and confession

Words of Assurance

Story time

We sing – He came singing love (AA #59)

**He came singing love
and he lived singing love;
he died singing love.
he arose in silence.
For the love to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.**

**He came singing faith
and he lived singing faith;
he died singing faith;
He arose in silence.
for the faith to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.**

**He came singing hope
and he lived singing hope;
he died singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.**

**He came singing peace
and he lived singing peace;
he died singing peace.
He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on
We must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.**

**Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a
 John 3:1-17**

Sermon: Faith in God – from below or from above?

(We remain in silence while the choir sings anthem.)

Anthem – Wait for the Lord (Taizé)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near, wait for the Lord, be strong take heart. (x2)

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

We pray together

**Generous God,
you shower us with gifts,
including the greatest gift of all,
your own Son, Jesus Christ.
In thanksgiving and praise,
we offer you our time, our money,
our very selves.
In these actions,
we proclaim our intention to be a blessing
in your world. Amen.**

We sing – Now to your table spread AA 100

**Now to your table spread we come, each one, in faith
that you alone provide the words of life and death:
In wine and bread, in promised food
we find your loving heart, O God.**

**Hands of the world stretch out, your mystery to touch,
in longing to believe a truth beyond our reach,
to sing in joy, to cry in grief,
to know your meaning for our life.**

**Here is our common wealth in sharing what is good
as though all human kind around one table stood,
this bread to break, this wine to taste –
one people in the name of Christ.**

[Communion]

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People will come from east and west,

From north and south, ...

...And whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they will be filled.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty,

It is truly right and our greatest joy

...

Therefore we praise you,

Joining our voices with the heavenly choirs

And with all the faithful of every time and place,

Who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to God the Father

That our Saviour, Jesus Christ, before he suffered,

Gave us this memorial of his sacrifice,

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For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Therefore we proclaim our faith
as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit
So that this bread and cup may be for us
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
And remain faithful in hope and love
Gather your whole church, O Lord,
Into the glory of your kingdom.

**Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, now and forever.**

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to 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 today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Is not the bread that we break

a sharing in the body of Christ?

We who are many are one body,

for we all share the same loaf.

Is not the cup for which we give thanks

a sharing in the blood of Christ?

The cup that we drink

is our participation in the blood of Christ.

Holy Father, in thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ,

in the joy of his resurrection,

in the hope of his coming again,

we present ourselves a living sacrifice

and come to the table of our Lord.

Distribution

Prayer after Communion

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you all

And also with you

(we exchange a sign of peace each other)

We sing – Lift high the cross (AA #87) 1-3 & 5

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His glorious name.*

**Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
if we are silent, even stones cry out...**

**Jesus, you wept to see our human strife,
teach us compassion for each human life....**

**Peace was your plea and peace your loving theme
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream....**

**Worlds to be born and children yet to be
come, take up this song into eternity....**

Sending

As you leave this place,

... Go now in peace, with God's blessing.

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

Please join us for a cup of tea in the lounge

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
8 March <i>Communion</i>	Pat Flockhart	<u>Pat Smith</u> Jenny Lawton Marilyn Matthews	Danielle & Sabine Lapointe	S: Pete Cowley V: Mike Willis
15 March	Alvin Hall	<u>Don McConnochie</u> Sarah McCon Gwenda C.	Trish Kwak Marilyn Matthews	S: Hans Kwak V: Colin Matthews

STRIDE FOR STROKE GPP WALKING GROUP will support this on Monday 9 March. *Everyone welcome to join us for a leisurely walk.*

Meet at the hall 9.00 am for sponsored walk (ask someone to sponsor you) or give a donation which will be given to Gisborne Stroke Support Group

NOTICES

Monday	9	9.00am	Walking Group – Walking for ‘Stride for Stroke’ sponsor a walker or come and join us.
Monday		9.30am	Matawhero Gardeners Meet
Tuesday	10	10.00am	Open Door
		1.30pm	Rymans Service – all welcome
Wednesday	11	9.45am	mainly music
Friday	13	1.00pm	choir practise
Saturday	14	8.00am	Car Boot Sale
Sunday	15	9.00am	Matawhero Communion Service
		10.30am	St Andrew’s Service Lent 3
		3.00pm	Sea of Faith Meeting in Lounge <i>Guest Speaker – Norman MacLean</i>

****Parish Council Meeting Thursday 19 March 5.30pm**

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MONDAY 6 April 9 am