

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

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

22 March 2020

Lent 4

Celebrations Sunday



‘Though I was blind, now I see’

Ministers: *All the people in Christ*
Minister: *Rev Jin Sook Kim* **Reader:** *Pauline Ross*
Director of Music: *Catherine Macdonald*
Organist: *David Russell*
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 23 CH4 #14 (verses 1-2)

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own name's sake.**

Call to worship

Let's go to some place green and cool!
**But we have to go through that industrial area
to get there!**

We'll just take the shortcut by the river.
And let's take something to eat!

Good idea! We can share it with the people
over on the other side!

They never have enough to eat!

And tonight we can sleep out under the stars!
**We are part of God's creation
and God will take care of us!**
God is good, all the time!
And all the time, God is good!

We sing – Immortal, invisible, God only wise **CH4 #132**

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Prayer of praise and confession

Words of Assurance

We sing – Shine Jesus Shine,

CH4 #448

**Lord, the light of Your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth You now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me,**

Refrain

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

**Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
from the shadows into Your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me,**

Refrain

**As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
so our faces display Your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me,**

Refrain

Readings

First reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 (NRSV) *Pauline Ross*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Choir: Anthem – In our darkness (Taizé)

Our darkness is never darkness in your sight:
The deepest night is clear as the daylight.

Gospel reading: John 9:1-41 (NRSV) *Pauline Ross*

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ
Praise to Christ the Word

Choir: Anthem – In our darkness (Taizé)

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Celebrations Sunday:

Please share your stories that you want to celebrate with the church family.

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

(And koha for our Guardian Angel Mission, please leave your donation
in the yellow box at the back of the church)

Korero (discussion) – “The Visitor” by Antije Damm

- with the theme of “Though I was blind, now I see!”

We sing – Christ be our light CH4 #543, Verses 1-3 and 5

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.**

Refrain

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.*

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.**

Refrain

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.**

Refrain

**Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.**

Refrain

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

We pray together

**God of light and love and peace,
we praise your name
for leading us in paths of righteousness,
that we may come into your presence,
forgiven and free.**

**We give you thanks for guiding us to this place:
where we may rest beside the still waters
of your grace,
where we are filled with the good gifts
of your goodness and mercy.**

**We offer you these gifts,
that you might bless them and send them out
into the valley of the shadow of death,
and everywhere in need of your light. Amen.**

***We sing* – We are marching (x2) CH4 #516**

**We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, marching, we are marching,
 O-o,
 we are marching in the light of God,
 we are marching, marching, we are marching,
 O-o
 we are marching in the light of God.**

Sending

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
22 March	Pauline Ross	<u>Chrissie Parker</u> Pat Smith Dianne Burrows	Gwenda Gray Liz Lyell	S: Peter C V: Linda Savage
29 March	Dianne Burrows	<u>Pat Flockhart</u> Jean Hillyard Cathy Porter	Paulina Melief Jill Wallis	S: Peter C V: Alan Groves

NOTICES

Sunday	22	10.30 am	St Andrew's Celebration Sunday & Guardian Angel Lent 4 No Service at Matawhero
Monday	23	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	24	10.00am	Open Door
Wednesday	25	9.45am	mainly music
Friday	27	1.00pm	choir practise
Saturday	28	8.00am	Car boot Sale
Sunday	29	10.30am	St Andrew's Service Lent 5 No Service at Matawhero
Monday	30	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	31	10.00am	Open Door

It is with regret that St Andrew's Lunchtime concert with guest international pianist Lynelle James on 1 April, has been CANCELLED (due to Covid-19 travel restrictions)

COVID-19

There are now 2 hand sanitisers located in the church foyer and the community hall. Please ensure this is used when entering either facility.

Protect
yourself and others against
COVID-19

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
HEALETU WHAKAORA

Cover your coughs or sneezes with tissues or your elbow

Put your used tissue in the rubbish bin or in a plastic bag

Wash and dry your hands often, especially after coughing or sneezing – use soap or hand sanitiser

Stay away from others if you're unwell

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Saturday April 4th in the Hall
11.00 am - 1.00pm

**MATAWHERO CHURCH
GARDENING AND WORKING BEE
CHANGE OF DATE**

Saturday April 4th 9.00 am



Eyes Opened

John 9:1-41

