

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

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

*9 April 2020 Maundy Thursday Service 7.30pm*



**Ministers:** *All the people in Christ*  
**Minister:** *Rev Jin Sook Kim* **Readers:** *Alvin & Val Hall*  
**Director of Music:** *Catherine Macdonald*

\*For this service, you will need;

- a towel and a basin/a bowl
- a candle to be lit
- a cross

(The cross and the candle will be placed on the table before the service)

### ***Introduction***

Maundy Thursday is the day to remember Christ's final week before being crucified and resurrected. On this day, Jesus had the Last Supper with his disciples, and he was washing their feet. Our Saviour's love for us is expressed in the washing of the disciples' feet, in giving himself in bread and wine, in dying upon the cross.

*We'll have a moment of silence. While we are listening to the choir singing, light the candle on your table. The candle together with the cross, represents the presence of God in our midst.*

### ***Introit – A new commandment***

A new commandment I give unto you  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this will others know that you are my disciples  
if you have love one for another;  
by this will others know that you are my disciples  
if you have love one for another.

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Roy Crabtree; TUNE: New Commandment

*Call to worship*

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
Let the humble hear and be glad.**

Oh magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.

*Hymn – The servant king* © Graham Kendrick

**From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled,  
not to be served but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.**

*Refrain*      *This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

**There in the garden of tears  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.**

*Refrain*

**Come see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.**

*Refrain*

**So let us learn how to serve  
and in our lives enthrone him,  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.**

*Refrain*

*Prayer of confession (We pray together)*

**Loving God, you taught us compassion  
You took a servant's role and knelt at the feet of your friends.  
You gave us a meal to remind us of your life-giving love.  
You called us to love one another too.  
Forgive us, Lord, for wanting to be served rather than to serve.  
Forgive us, Lord, for not loving as you called us to love. Amen.**

*Assurance of pardon*

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
the Jesus we remember tonight is the Saviour of the world.  
**In Christ, we are forgiven. And through him,  
God abides even with us.  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

*Readings*

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

(NRSV)

*Val Hall*

## **The Institution of the Lord's Supper**

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for

you. Do this in remembrance of me.”<sup>25</sup> In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”<sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

***We sing - Lord of all love (© AA # 91 verses 1-2)***

**Lord of all love, all life,  
and death,  
giver of time and place  
and breath,  
hear us, as now we bring our loss  
into the presence of your cross.**

**Sing us the songs we cannot sing,  
pardon the praise  
we cannot bring,  
speak all the words  
we cannot say,  
pray for us, Lord, we humbly pray.**

**John 13:1-17, 31b-35** (NRSV)

*Alvin Hall*

## **Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet**

**13** Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.<sup>2</sup> The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him.

And during supper <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

## **John 13:31-35**

### **The New Commandment**

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

<sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*We sing - Lord of all love (© AA # verses 3-4)*

**That darkest mystery is here,  
sorrow and pity, anger, fear;  
conquer once more, dear Lord,  
death’s sting,  
faith, trust and consolation bring.**

**Though precious dust  
return to dust,  
in your good purpose will we trust,  
content to place within your care  
*she* whom we love and grieve for here.**

*Footwashing (or handwashing)*

On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

During the hymn, those who prepared a towel and a basin/bowl of water, wash one another's feet/hands. The person who washes the other's feet/hands say the following to the person whose feet/hands are washed:

**Person A: Our Lord loves and will love us till the end.**

**Person B: Indeed, Amen**

*Song- Loving Spirit* (© Shirley Erena Murray)

**Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be,  
you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.**

**Like a mother, you enfold me,  
hold my life within your own,  
feed me with your very body,  
form me of your flesh and bone.**

**Like a father, you protect me,  
teach me the discerning eye,  
hoist me up upon your shoulder,  
let me see the world from high.**



**Friend and lover, in your closeness  
I am known and held and blest,  
in your promise is my comfort,  
in your presence I may rest.**

**Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be,  
you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.**

*(When all the footwashing/handwashing is completed)*

Jesus says, “If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, then you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.”

**All: Our Lord loves and will love us till the end.**

*Sending*

**Psalm 22** *(spoken in unison)*

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

**Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?**

**<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night, but find no rest.**

**<sup>3</sup> Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

**<sup>4</sup> In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

**5 To you they cried, and were saved;  
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.**

**6 But I am a worm, and not human;  
scorned by others, and despised by the people.**

**7 All who see me mock at me;  
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;**

**8 “Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”**

**9 Yet it was you who took me from the womb;  
you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.**

**10 On you I was cast from my birth,  
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.**

**11 Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near  
and there is no one to help.**

**12 Many bulls encircle me,  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

**13 they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.**

**14 I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;**

**it is melted within my breast;  
15 my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.**

**16 For dogs are all around me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me.**

**My hands and feet have shrivelled**

**17 I can count all my bones.**

**They stare and gloat over me;  
18 they divide my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.**

**19 But you, O LORD, do not be far away!  
O my help, come quickly to my aid!  
20 Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog!  
21 Save me from the mouth of the lion!**

**From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.  
22 I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:  
23 You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
24 For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me,  
but heard when I cried to him.**

**25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.  
May your hearts live forever!**

**27 All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD;  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.  
28 For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.**

- 29 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.**
- 30 Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord,**
- 31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.**

*When the Psalm is completed, we extinguish the candle and leave the table in silence or remain and pray as long as you wish.*

*There is no benediction this evening. The service continues with the Good Friday liturgy tomorrow at 10:30 am.*

