

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

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

12 April 2020

Easter Sunday



Ministers: *All the people in Christ*

Minister: *Rev Jin Sook Kim* **Reader:** *Jan Ewart*

Director of Music: *Catherine Macdonald*

Soloist: *Catherine Macdonald*

**For this service, you will need;*

- *a cross*
- *a few flowers from your garden*
- *a string/ribbon to tie the flower(s) to the cross*

We gather together as the people of God

Welcome & Notices

(The cross is placed on the table before the service)

We take a few moments of silence to prepare ourselves to worship God

Now close your eyes. Imagine that you see the Bible and Candle, representing the Light of Christ among us is being carried into the Church during the singing of the Introit.

Introit – I want Jesus to walk with me (© CH4 # 539)

**I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
oh, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
oh, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
oh, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

Call to worship

Welcome to this joyous Easter day!

Praise God for the brightness and colour.

The darkness has been overcome. Jesus Christ has defeated our greatest fear, death.

He is risen from the dead. ALLELUIA!

Sing your praises to the Lord!

For God has given to us new life! Hallelujah! AMEN.

We sing – Christ is alive (© CH4 #422)

**Christ is alive, and the universe must celebrate
and the stars and the suns shout on this Easter Day!**

**Christ is alive, and his family must celebrate
in a great alleluia, a great alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.**

**Here is our hope: in the mystery of suffering
is the heartbeat of Love, Love that will not let go,
here is our hope, that in God we are not separate,
and we sing alleluia, we sing alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.**

**Christ Spirit, dance through the dullness of humanity
to the music of God, God who has set us free!
You are the pulse of the new creation's energy;
with a great alleluia, a great alleluia
we praise the power that made the stone roll away.**

Prayer of praise and confession

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace of Christ

I invite you to exchange signs of peace with one another in your bubble using these traditional words that have been spoken by Easter Christians throughout the centuries:

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Halleluiah!

Story time – Hope for the Flowers by Trinia Paulus

(Let's listen to the summary of this lovely story! 😊)

Question: What is continuity, and what is transformation in this story?

Readings from New International Version

First reading: Colossians 3:1-14, Jan Ewart

Living as Those Made Alive in Christ

3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. **3** For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. **6** Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. **7** You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. **8** But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. **9** Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices **10** and have put on the new

self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

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

Gospel reading: John 20:1-18

The Empty Tomb

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Sermon: Easter - Continuity and transformation

Flowering of the cross



(We will place the flowers we prepared on the cross with a string/ribbon, to celebrate the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ while the anthem is sung)

Anthem – I know that my Redeemer Liveth, sung by Catherine Macdonald (please click on the link below)

<https://youtu.be/ymCHkuhFogY>

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

We pray together

**Thank you, God,
for the gift of this amazing day of resurrection!
Our hearts are overflowing
with the joy and excitement of Easter.
We pray that you will take our exuberance
and use it to bring light and hope
to those trapped in darkness and despair.**

Use these gifts of money to empower our work
with those who have not yet seen the risen Lord
in their midst.

Use the gift of our very lives to empower our calling
to carry your Incarnate Love into the world.

We pray this with the boldness of those
who have encountered the living Christ. Amen.

We sing – Jesus Christ is risen today (© CH4 #410)

Jesus Christ is risen today,
our triumphant holy day,
who did once, upon the Cross,
suffer to redeem our loss.

Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Hymns of praise, then, let us sing,
unto Christ, our heavenly King,
who endured the cross and grave,
sinners to redeem and save.

Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!

But the anguish he endured
our salvation has procured;
now in heaven Christ is King,
where the angels ever sing

Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above
praise eternal as his love;
praise him, all you heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Sending

Benediction

Christ is with us in this place.

Halleluiah!

Christ goes with us into the world.

Halleluiah!

Go now in peace. Christ is risen!

Risen indeed! Halleluiah!

Sing: AMEN x 3 CH4 #819

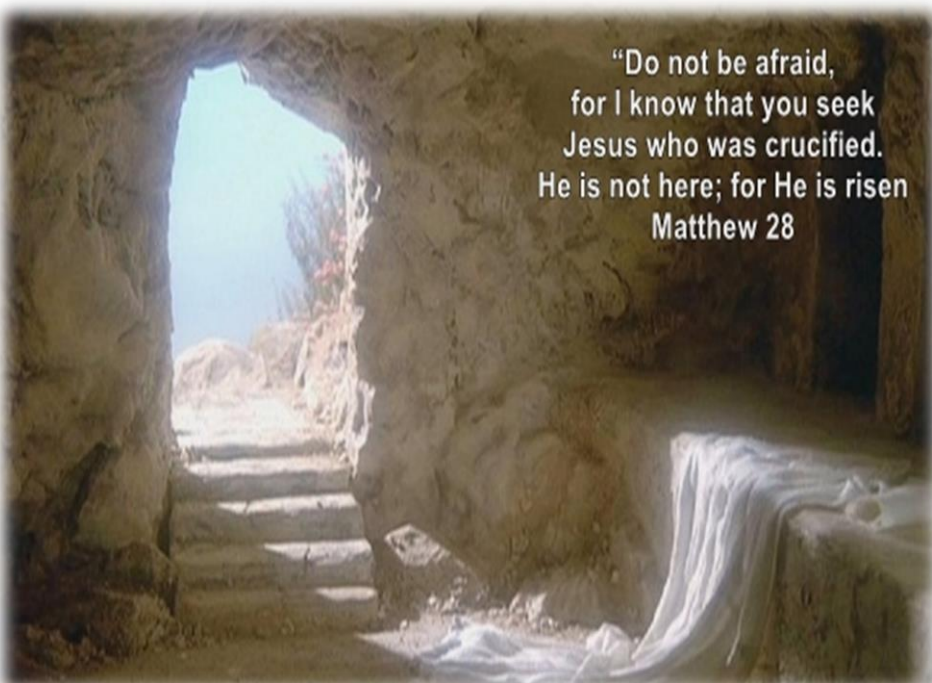
**You might like to share some of this worship and reflection with someone who hasn't got email. If you would like to keep up your freewill offering during this time, the church bank account is:*

GPP: 03 0638 0462917 00. Thank you.

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**“Do not be afraid,
for I know that you seek
Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here; for He is risen
Matthew 28**