

# GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S GISBORNE

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

*26 April 2020*

*Easter 3*

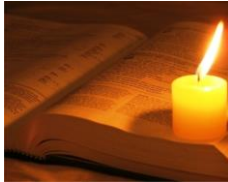


**Ministers:** *All the people in Christ*  
**Minister:** *Rev Jin Sook Kim Story by Bob Bos read by Alvin Hall*  
**Reader:** *Kathelyn Hong*  
**Director of Music:** *Catherine Macdonald*

*We gather together as the people of God*

## **Welcome & Notices**

*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 – Breathe on me, breath of God*** (© CH4 #596 verses 1 &4)

**Breathe on me, Breath of God;  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love the way you love,  
and do what you would do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God;  
so shall I never die,  
but live with you the perfect life  
of your eternity.**

## **Call to worship**

As you walk with us, as we journey together,  
**Lord, your word fills our hearts!**  
As you speak with us, as your love is revealed,  
**Lord, your fire burns in our hearts!**  
As we proclaim what we have seen and heard,  
**may all people be drawn to you, the risen Lord!**

*We sing* – All people that on earth dwell (© CH4 #63, verses 1-4)

**All people that on earth do dwell  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**Oh, enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto:  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? the Lord our God is good,  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.**

*Prayer of praise and confession*

We're afraid to take a truthful look at ourselves,  
yet you see us as we really are.

**Open our eyes, Lord.**

Even when we won't listen to you,  
you hear us when we call your name.

**Open our ears, Lord.**

We keep the light of your word hidden to ourselves,  
though you gave it to share with the world.

**Open our mouths, Lord.**

May we know and serve the One  
who calls us to see, hear, and speak.  
**Open our hearts, Lord.**

### *Words of Assurance*

*We sing Abide with me* (© CH4 #580 verses 1 & 5)

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

### *Celebration time*



- Gwenda's 28<sup>th</sup> great grandchild arrived safely on March 28<sup>th</sup> he is to be called Theo, all well.
- Kathelyn Hong with her favorite song – "Why worry" by Nana Mouskouri.
- Jan Ewart about passing of Eunice McIntyre
- The meaning of ANZAC day by Bob Bos read by Alvin Hall

### **What does ANZAC Day mean to me?**

Initially we all think of ANZAC Day as a time to remember the fallen soldiers who paid the ultimate price for the freedom enjoyed by present and future generations.

Here are four groups of people I think of each ANZAC Day.

I think of the fallen soldiers who were members of the armies of countries which were invaded by enemy forces. Many fell in battle, many were captured and taken as prisoners to some far-off camp, frequently never to be seen again. Their family members came face to face with the enemy on a daily basis and often wondered if this, or that particular soldier might have been part of the particular atrocity.

I also think of the millions of displaced civilians who were forced out of their home or perhaps even their homeland. There was always a good chance their house was destroyed by bombing or shellfire, perhaps their home was requisitioned by the invaders. Countless thousands fled because there was no food available in the area. So many of these people lost everything except the clothes on their backs.

I remember those who became “non-persons” because of their race, the actions they undertook against the enemy or perhaps because of mental or physical disability. Countless numbers of these people “disappeared”. A few managed to survive through the goodness of others. They were taken into hiding, fed and clothed through the goodness and kindness of support groups. I think of the doctors and nurses who secretly worked to maintain the health of these hidden people and supported them at the time of childbirth and sickness while they were in hiding.

I remember those who joined secret underground armies. They did all they could to annoy and frustrate the enemy. Each and every one of them was constantly on edge, living under a code of complete silence about their activities or the people they worked with.

So, along with all the women and men in uniform, I think of the millions of others who were forced into situations they never imagined would happen to them. Sadly, war affects us all in one way or another and it has so very many on-going consequences.

*We Listen to 'Hymn for ANZAC Day'*

Honour the dead, our country's fighting brave,  
honour our children left in foreign grave,  
where poppies blow and sorrow seeds her flowers,  
honour the crosses marked forever ours.

Weep for the places ravaged with our blood,  
weep for the young bones buried in the mud,  
weep for the powers of violence and greed,  
weep for the deals done in the name of need.

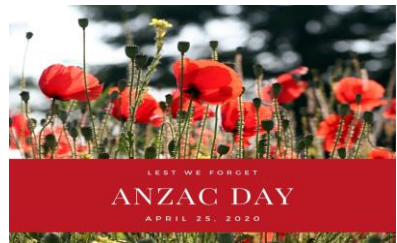


Honour the brave whose conscience was their call,  
answered no bugle, went against the wall,  
suffered in prisons of contempt and shame,  
branded as cowards, in our country's name.

Weep for the waste of all that might have been,  
weep for the cost that war has made obscene,  
weep for the homes that ache with human pain,  
weep that we ever sanction war again.

Honour the dream for which our nation bled,  
held now in trust to justify the dead,  
honour their vision on this solemn day:  
peace known in freedom, peace the only way.

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Erena Murray  
Tune: ANZAC 2005



## *Readings – Kathelyn Hong*

### **First reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23 (NRSV)**

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

### ***Gospel reading: Luke 24:13-35 (NRSV)***

#### **The Walk to Emmaus**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still,

looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

<sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”

<sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning



within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”<sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.<sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”<sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

*Sermon – The Pilgrim’s Progress on the Way*

*Prayers of Intercession*

*Offering*

*We pray together*

**Lord, we ask your blessing on these gifts and on these people. Please be with them, give them courage. Use these gifts to help others as you have healed and helped us, for we ask this in Jesus’ name. AMEN.**

*We sing* – Lord of the dance (© CH4 #404)

**I danced in the morning  
When the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon  
And the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven  
And I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem  
I had my birth.**

*Refrain*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he*

**I danced for the scribe  
And the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance  
And they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen,  
For James and John  
They came with me  
And the Dance went on.....*Dance then, wherever...***

**I danced on the Sabbath  
And I cured the lame;  
The holy people  
Said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped  
And they hung me on high,  
And they left me there  
On a Cross to die.....*Dance then, wherever.....***

**I danced on a Friday  
When the sky turned black  
It's hard to dance  
With the devil on your back.  
They buried my body  
And they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the Dance,  
And I still go on....*Dance then, wherever....***

**They cut me down  
And I leapt up high;  
I am the life  
That'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you  
If you'll live in me -  
I am the Lord  
Of the Dance, said he.....*Dance then, wherever.....***

*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***

## **BEREAVEMENT**

### **Eunice McIntyre 13.3.1928 – 19.04.2020**

Eunice was the organist at Matawhero previously at Te Hapara and she also played at St. Andrews.

Eunice sadly had to give up playing as her memory failed her but it was always good to hear her playing on some of the CD's that we have been using at Matawhero services in recent times.

Eunice was always a gracious lady putting other people before herself and always had such a lovely warm smile. We have missed Eunice at church for some time now but have lasting memories of her music book with the pages held open with clothes pegs, her humour, the love for her family and her commitment and faith which was expressed by organ playing and involvement in the church. Eunice was a member of the Worship Committee for many years.

Eunice was predeceased by her daughter Kirsty and husband Duncan both of whom she missed so much. Duncan was always on Eunice's mind and has continued to be so since his death.

Eunice's daughter and one of her sons were able to be with her when she died (at Kiri Te Kanawa) which was wonderful given the current Covid - 19 restrictions

Our thoughts and prayers are with the McIntyre's, Heather, Richard, Jim and their families

## *Korero this week*



For this Korero, you may need popcorn in hand. ☺ Have you ever read the Pilgrim’s Progress by John Bunyan? Here are links to watch the Pilgrim’s progress (an animation movie produced by Revelation Media in 2019). A

question you might ask to yourself is - “Where am I in this story?”

You can watch it on Google play or on YouTube or on Amazon via a paid version as below.

<https://play.google.com/store/search?q=the%20pilgrim%27s%20progress&c=movies>

Alternatively, the following is a link to watch it for free. You will be asked to submit your email address. This is offered by Revelation Media (they made this movie) for missional purposes.

<https://www.revelationmedia.com/watchpilgrims/BGWP2/>

Or, you may wish to read the book itself. You can read it online here for free:

[http://bunyanministries.org/books/pp\\_full\\_text.pdf](http://bunyanministries.org/books/pp_full_text.pdf)

After watching/reading it, share your thoughts with people in your bubble.

### *Notices*

\*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** for on-line offerings.

Please do not post cheques at this time as they cannot be banked until a later date. Thank you.