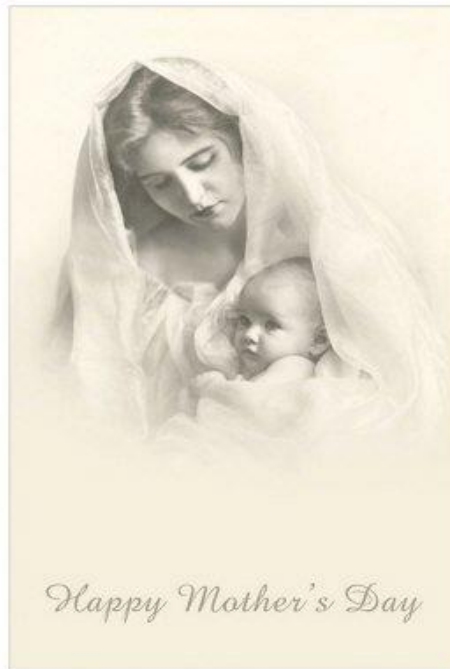


**GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH
WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S GISBORNE**

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

10 May 2020

Easter 5



Ministers: *All the people in Christ*

Minister: *Rev Jin Sook Kim*

Reader: *Raewyn Hannah* **Recording:** *Peter Cowley*

Director of Music: *Catherine Macdonald*

**For this service, you will need;*

- *a candle to be lit*
- *a cross*
- *a few flowers from your garden or picture(s) of your mother*

(They will be placed on the table before the service.)

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 – To be God’s people in *Festival Singers - Tell my people*

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Call to worship

The Lord is our refuge.

We can find peace in God’s abiding love.

When troubles assail us, we call upon the Lord.

When joys abound, we call upon the Lord.

Welcome this day to God's house, one of many dwellings of the Almighty One.

We thank you and praise God for his refuge and sanctuary. AMEN.

We sing – **To God be the glory** (© CH4 #512) verses 1-3

**To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

*Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory!
Great things he has done!*

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
for every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

Refrain

**Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.**

Refrain

Prayer of praise and confession

Words of Assurance

Story time – A story of the green frog who didn't listen

– Question: Where is a safe room in this story?

We sing – Where is the room? (© David Dell Words © Shirley Murray, AA #154) verses 1-4

**Where is the room,
where is the house of Christmas?
Where shall we welcome Jesus,
where are the signs of home?
Where are the signs of home?**

**Let Christ have space,
place at the heart of living,
centre for birth's new breathing,
cradle for hope and peace,
cradle for hope and peace.**

**Let there be room,
room for the friend and stranger,
room without hurt or anger,
room for whoever come,
room for whoever come.**

**Let love be here,
love from the Christmas stable,
love at our open table,
love to be shared all year,
love to be shared all year.**

Readings (Raewyn Hannah)

First reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10 (NRSV)

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸ **and**

“A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

Gospel reading: John 14:1-14 (NRSV)

Jesus the Way to the Father

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

Sermon – Many dwelling places in Christ



(For reflection, while the Anthem is played, we light the candle and place it before the cross on the table.

Flowers/photos of your mother/a person like a mother for you will be placed before the cross. We say a short prayer for mother's love for us.)

Anthem – You are my hiding place

**You are my hiding place
You always fill my heart
With songs of deliverance
Whenever I am afraid
I will trust in You
I will trust in You
Let the weak say I am strong
In the strength of the Lord (x4)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIVC6rfX3Z8>

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Prayers of Intercession (together)

**O Lord, our Rock,
we stand upon you alone,
and upon no other.
Build our faith into a house
made of living stones.**

**We offer these prayers of compassion
for our families and friends.**

Teach us anew

**that the foundation of life
is love for you and for neighbour.**

**We pray for the community
in which we live and work and learn.**

**Offer us, O God,
at least one clear opportunity
to be of service to someone in need.**

**Hear our prayers for those who are ill
and who struggle to recover health and wholeness.**

**Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with us, today.**

In Christ the solid rock we pray. Amen.

Offering

We pray together

**Receive these gifts this morning, O God,
author of every good gift.**

**Out of the bounty of our hearts,
we respond with faithful generosity and love.**

**May these gifts become blessings for others
as they have been blessing for us. Amen.**

***We sing* – Church of God, elect and glorious**

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**Church of God, elect and glorious,
holy nation, chosen race;
called as God's own special people,
royal priests and heirs of grace:
know the purpose of your calling,
show to all his mighty deeds;
tell of love which knows no limits,
grace which meets all human needs.**

**God has called you out of darkness
into his most marvellous light;
brought his truth to life within you,
turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
that God's name is glorified;
and all find fresh hope and purpose
in Christ Jesus crucified.**

**Once you were an alien people,
strangers to God's heart of love;
but he brought you home in mercy,
citizens of heaven above.
Let his love flow out to others,
let them feel a Father's care;
that they too may know his welcome
and his countless blessings share.**

**Church of God, elect and holy,
be the people he intends;
strong in faith and swift to answer
each command your master sends:
royal priests, fulfil your calling
through your sacrifice and prayer;
give your lives in joyful service
sing his praise, his love declare.**

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

Korero this week



What kind of room/place has helped you when you were in need? What kind of room would you like to offer to others when they are in need? Talk about this with people in your extended bubbles.

If appropriate, please share them with us by sending them to Liz or Jin Sook.

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**

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

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