

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

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

24 May 2020

Easter 7



Ministers: *All the people in Christ*

Minister: *Rev Jin Sook Kim*

Reader: *Bob Bos* **Recording:** *Peter Cowley*

Director of Music & beautiful singing: *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 – Tell my people I love them (Alleluia Aotearoa #132)

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Verses 1-2 with Refrain

*Tell my people I love them;
tell my people that I care.
When they feel far away from me,
tell my people I am there.*

**Tell my people I came and died
to give them liberty;
as they abide in me
they will be really free!**

**Tell my people where-e'er they go
to claim my risen power;
my peace and joy and love
is for them hour by hour.**

Call to worship

Jesus prayed for his disciples, giving them into God's eternal care.

Jesus prays for us, giving us into God's care.

Know that you have been blessed with the love of the Savior.

We live in that love and seek to serve God.

Open your hearts and spirits now to hear God's word.

May our lives be open to God's Spirit and reflect God's love. AMEN.

We sing – Come down, O love divine (© CH4 #489) verses 1-4

**Come down, O Love Divine,
seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity
my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
we cannot guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Prayer of praise and confession

Words of Assurance

Anthem – The Lord bless you and keep you
© *Festival Song* – *Tell my people*

Celebration Time



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

We sing – The kingdom of God is justice and joy, © Bryn Austin Rees,
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**The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores
what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory
in Jesus we know
and here and hereafter
the kingdom shall grow.**

**The kingdom of God
is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed,
the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed
God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened
in place of despair.**

**The kingdom of God
is challenge and choice:
believe the good news,
repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners
brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgement
for gain or for loss.**

**God's kingdom is come,
the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun,
in heaven made whole.**

**The heirs of the kingdom
shall answer his call
and all things cry 'Glory!'
to God all in all.**

Readings **Bob Bos**

First reading: Acts 1:6-14 (NRSV)

The Ascension of Jesus

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of^[a] James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Gospel reading: John 17:1-17 (NRSV)

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

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

Sermon – Are you living the Life?

We sing – May the mystery of God enfold us

Music © Ian Render, Words © Joy Cowley Alleluia Aotearoa #95

**May the mystery of God enfold us,
may the wisdom of God uphold us,
may the fragrance of God be around us,
may the brightness of God surround us,
may the wonder of God renew us,
may the loving of God flow through us,
may the peace of God deeply move us,
may the moving of God bring us peace.**

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

We pray together

Generous God, you have given us life. A place to live in, and people to live with. Open our eyes to each other and to all our brothers and sisters, especially the poor, the oppressed, the alienated. Make us humble enough to help and comfort them, so that your love and justice and peace may come to them. We make bold to consecrate ourselves and our gifts to you and to the service of others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

We sing – Lord, you give the great commission

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**Lord you give the great commission
Heal the sick and preach the word
Lest the Church neglect its mission
And the gospel go unheard
Help us witness to Your purpose
With renewed integrity
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry**

**Lord You call us to Your service
In my name baptise and teach
That the world may trust Your promise
Life abundant meant for each
Give us all new fervour draw us
Closer in community
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry**

**Lord You make the common holy
This my body this my blood
Let us all for earth's true glory
Daily lift life heavenward
Asking that the world around us
Share Your children's liberty
With the Spirit's gift empower us
For the work of ministry**

**Lord You show us love's true measure
Father what they do forgive
Yet we hoard as private treasure**

**All that You so freely give
May Your care and mercy lead us
To a just society
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry**

**Lord You bless with words assuring
I am with you to the end
Faith and hope and love restoring
May we serve as You intend
And amid the cares that claim us
Hold in mind eternity
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry**

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

NOTICES

Next Sunday (31st May) is Pentecost. Please wear something red e.g. hats, scarfs, sweaters etc., to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. If we don't meet at church, we'll meet via zoom.

"Moderator's Appeal For Vanuatu Cyclone Harold"

The Category 5 Tropical Cyclone wreaked tremendous havoc on Vanuatu's northern Islands on 6 April. PCANZ has raised \$33,000 as of 15 May. Moderator says thank you for your generous giving and hopes that the appeal will conclude on 9 June. You can donate online to the PCANZ Global Mission account number: 02 0500 0086963 10 with the reference Cyclone Appeal. Cheques can be mailed to the PCANZ assembly Office, PO Box 9049, Wellington 6141. If donating online, send an email to katrina@prebyterian.org.nz to request a receipt.

Korero this week



1. As soon as we finish the service, from 11:30 am till 12:00, we'll have korero via zoom. Please click the link then you will be directed to the zoom meeting. Allow the camera and the sound are on in your computer. We will do zoom korero each Sunday till we meet at church.
2. The first three lines (RED) are important to keep just in case. As soon as you click on the https:// It will direct you to the meeting.

GPP is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sunday Korero zoom

Time: May 24, 2020 11:30 AM Auckland, Wellington

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86302535922?pwd=b1FKZ2VrL2JxK2UwQi95eS9sWGkrdz09>

Meeting ID: 863 0253 5922

Password: 226522

To give a freewill offering during this time, the church bank account is:

GPP: 03 0638 0462917 00

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