

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

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

13 September 2020

Pentecost 15

Communion Sunday with blessings for the Spring Flowers



Ministers: *All the people in Christ* **Minister:** *Rev Jin Sook Kim*

Reader: *Jean Robinson*

Organist: *Paul Pollock*

Director of Music: *Catherine Macdonald*

Welcome & Notices

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

*The Bible and Candle, representing the Light of Christ among us, will
be carried into the Church during the singing of the Introit.*

Please remain seated during the singing.

Introit – Be still and know that I am God. © CH4 #755, verses 1-2

- 1. Be still and know that I am God x 3**
- 2. I am the Lord who saves and heals x 3**

Call to Worship

Let us hear God's call to cherish the earth. Let us dream of our world
where the species are infinite
and our dreams will be delicate.

Let us sing in a world with all voices in harmony
and our song will be delicate.

Let us walk in our world of warm light and fragility
and our tread will be delicate.

Let us go gently into a delicate world.
Let us worship God.

We sing – Praise my soul the king of heaven © CH4 #160, verses 1-4

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him! Praise him!
widely as his mercy flows.**

**Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the high eternal One.**

Prayer of praise and confession

Words of Assurance

Prayer for the Spring

“For see, winter is past, the rains are over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth.

The season of glad songs has come, the call of the tui is heard in our land.”

(S. of S. 2:11, 12)

“Does the rain have a mother who gives birth to the daffodils?” (Job 38:28)

You, O God, our Creator and our Redeemer! Creator God we thank you for the spring, for the rebirth and the renewal which we see around us in Nature.

**“Does the rain have a mother who gives birth to the daffodils?”
You, O God, our Creator and our Redeemer!**

We thank you for reminding us that you are the One who is making all things new.

So often we behave as if life were always the same old grind, the same old pressures, the same old failures - no hope, no escape, nothing new.

**“Does the rain have a mother who gives birth to the daffodils?”
You, O God, our Creator and our Redeemer!**

When we see the new leaves misting the trees with green,
when the first flowers bloom in the shelter of a wall,
when the morning air is alive with birdsong, hope seeps back into our souls, warmth into our hearts.

**“Does the rain have a mother who gives birth to the daffodils?”
You, O God, our Creator and our Redeemer!**

Forgive our hopelessness. Forgive our dreary duty which we so often pass off as faith and love. Renew us; restore us; redeem us! “for see, winter is past, the rains are over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth, the seasons of glad songs has come, the call of the tui is heard in our land.”

**“Does the rain have a mother who gives birth to the daffodils?”
You, O God, our Creator and our Redeemer!**

- Olga McKellar

Mt Carmel-Zion United Church, Ontario

Blessings for Spring flowers

(While Spring flowers are being blessed, we sing All things bright and beautiful)

We sing – All things bright and beautiful, © CH4 #137, verses 1-2
Verse 1 also sung as a refrain after each verse

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful -
the Lord God made them all.*

**Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings:**

**The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky:**

Readings:

First reading: Romans 14:1-12 (NRSV)

Jean Robinson

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Gospel reading: Matthew:18:21-35

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon: The heart of forgiveness

(We will have reflection on the message while listening to the Choir)

Anthem – How deep the father’s love for us, WORDS & MUSIC © 1995

Thank You Music, CH4 #549, verses 1-3

How deep the Father’s love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One
bring many souls to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there,
my pardon he accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life –
I know that ‘it is finished’.

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from all of this?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart,
his wounds have paid my ransom.

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Offering prayer

We sing – Eat this bread, drink this cup, WORDS AND MUSIC:
© Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, CH4 #661 (**we sing twice**)

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.**

[Communion]

Hear the words of the Institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus...

...With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and ...

...and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to God the Father

...

Therefore we proclaim our faith

as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit

...Into the glory of your kingdom.

Through him, with him, in him,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

All honour and glory are yours,

Almighty Father, now and forever.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, ...

Breaking the Bread

The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.)

The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.

Distribution

Prayer after Communion

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you all

And also with you

(we exchange a sign of peace each other)

We sing – **Be thou my vision** (Harmonisation © Oxford University Press, CH4 # 465, verses 1-5)

**Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, thine own I would be:
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

**Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.**

**High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.**

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

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: A Celebration Service will be held for the 40TH :
: LICENSING ANNIVERSARY OF REV DR CLIVE :
: YATES on 27 September 2020 10.30am St Andrew's :
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Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
September 13 <i>Communion</i>	Jean Robinson	<u>Pat Smith</u> Dianne Burrows Joan McKay	Pat Flockhart Jill Wallis	S: Peter C V: Don McC
September 20	Dianne Burrows	Don McConnochie Sarah Seton Clare	Sally Willis Gwenda Gray	S: Hans Kwak V: Mike Willis

ZOOM FRIDAY 18 th Sept 10.30am



Gisborne Presbyterian Parish is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88988340357>

Meeting ID: 889 8834 0357 Passcode: 143334

WHAKARONGO Next meeting Thurs 24th Sept 5.30pm
St Andrew's lounge

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19th
mainly music picnic in
the hall
11.30 am – 1.00 pm



Gisborne Presbyterian
Parish AGM
is on **SUNDAY**
SEPTEMBER 20
after the 10.30am
service

DIARY

Monday	14	9.00am	Walking Group
		9.30am	Matawhero Gardening Group
Tuesday	15	10.00am	Open Door
Wednesday	16	9.45am	mainly music
		12.30pm	Korero me kai St Andrew's
		2.00pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday	17	3.30pm	Dunblane service
		4.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday	18	1.00pm	Choir practise
		7.00pm	Interfaith meeting
Saturday	19	11.30am	mainly music picnic in hall
Sunday	20	9.00am	Matawhero worship service
		10.30am	St Andrew's Celebration