

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

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

*8 November 2020*

*Pentecost 23*

*Communion Service*



**Led by Alvin Hall**

**Ministers:** *All the people in Christ*

**Reader:** *Jean Robinson*

**Organist:** *Paul Pollock*

**Director of Music:** *Catherine Macdonald*

*We gather together as the people of God*

Welcome, Introduction and Notices

Silent Preparation

*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:** Beautiful Presence

**HS 9**

Beautiful presence, how can we name you?  
words are too small for the one who is all.  
How can we speak of your gentleness in us,  
the warmth of our hearts in response to your call?

*Beautiful presence, ocean of love,  
strong as forever, soft as a dove,  
Words often fail us, but this we know true,  
you live within us as we live in you.*

There have been times of spiritual blindness,  
when error and pain have distorted our sight.  
Beautiful presence, you were there with us,  
to show us how darkness can turn into light.

Nothing that happens to us will be wasted,  
all of our living is grounded in grace.  
Gently you take down the walls of division,  
Leading us on to a larger place.

*Joy Cowley*

Call to Worship: Psalm 19: 7-11 (RSV)

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect,  
**Response: reviving the soul;**  
Leader: the testimony of the LORD is sure,  
**Response: making wise the simple;**  
Leader: the precepts of the LORD are right,  
**Response: rejoicing the heart;**  
Leader: the commandment of the LORD is pure,  
**Response: enlightening the eyes;**  
Leader: the fear of the LORD is clean,  
**Response: enduring for ever;**  
Leader: the ordinances of the LORD are true,  
**Response: and righteous altogether.**  
Leader: More to be desired are they than gold,  
**Response: even much fine gold;**  
Leader: sweeter also than honey  
**Response: and drippings of the honeycomb.**  
Leader: Moreover by them is thy servant warned;  
**Response: in keeping them there is great reward**

**HYMN Holy, holy, holy**

**CH4 111**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!**  
**early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;**  
**holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,**  
**casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;**  
**cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,**  
**God ever living through eternity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!  
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

Prayer of Approach & Confession

**Story Time:**                      *Watch out for the Weka*



**HYMN**                      Stand up and bless the Lord vv 1,3,5

**CH4 202**

**Stand up and bless the Lord;  
all people now rejoice:  
stand up and bless the Lord your God  
with heart and soul and voice.**

**O for the living flame  
from his own altar brought,  
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,  
and wing to heaven our thought!**

**Stand up and bless the Lord,  
the Lord your God adore;  
stand up and bless his glorious name  
both now and evermore.**

Scripture Readings: Joshua 24: 1-3a 14-25 (RSV) *Jean Robinson*  
Matthew 25: 1-13

Offering & Dedication

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

Reflection

**HYMN**      Let us talents and tongues employ

**CH4 673**

**Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

*Refrain: Jesus lives again,  
earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around:  
loaves abound!*

**Christ is able to make us one;  
at his table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.**

*Refrain: Jesus lives again,  
earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around:  
loaves abound!*

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God-Emmanuel everywhere!**

## **Communion**

Leader: The Table is now prepared for us. We are invited to share in the feast of God's presence, celebrating here and now, all that is meant by being alive. The Spirit of God moves in and through all time, in every age, in every corner of the earth, calling people to renew their hope and joy.

## **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Almighty God, Loving Father, Your glory fills the whole earth. You are omnipotent, Omnipresent, and Omniscient and so we cannot be out of your care or company at any time. Sometimes, Lord, we tend to forget about you when we get engrossed in our activities, but it is comforting and assuring to realise afresh your constant love and presence. We confess our sins before you now and humbly ask your forgiveness. We pray that you will strengthen our resolve to follow your leading more closely and help us to give you all the glory. In Jesus' Name, **Amen**

## **The Institution:**

Hear the words of institution of this sacrament as recorded by the apostle Paul:

For I received from the Lord  
What I also delivered to you,  
that the Lord Jesus,  
on the night he was betrayed,  
took bread,  
and when he had given thanks,  
he broke it and said:  
This is my body which is for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
In the same way also the cup,  
after supper, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
for the remembrance of me.

For as often as you eat this bread  
and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

The cup we take, is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,

**Response: Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

**Response: Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world.

**Response: Grant us Peace**

**The Distribution:**

Receive this Holy Sacrament  
Of the body and blood of Christ,  
And feed on him in your hearts  
By faith with thanksgiving.

The body of Christ, given for you.      **Amen**

The blood of Christ, given for you.      **Amen**

**Prayer after Communion:**

Let us pray  
Lord of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
That when we were still far off,  
You met us in your son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
We whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Anchor us in this hope that we have grasped;  
so we and all your children shall be free.  
And whole earth live to praise your name;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**HYMN**              Glory be to God (tune Regent Square)              **CH4 110**

**Glory be to God the Father,  
glory be to God the Son,  
glory be to God the Spirit, -  
great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, glory, glory  
while eternal ages run!**



**Glory be to him who loved us,  
washed us from each spot and stain!  
Glory be to him who bought us,  
made us kings with him to reign!  
Glory, glory, glory, glory  
to the Lamb that once was slain!**

**Glory to the King of angels,  
glory to the Church's King,  
glory to the King of nations!  
Heaven and earth, your praises bring;  
glory, glory, glory, glory  
to the King of Glory bring!**

**“Glory, blessing, praise eternal!”  
Thus the choir of angels sings;  
‘Honour, riches, power, dominion!’  
Thus its praise creation brings;  
glory, glory, glory, glory  
glory to the King of kings!**

Benediction (Jude 24, 25)

Threefold Amen

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
November 8th	Jean Robinson	<b><u>Seton Clare</u></b> Pat Flockhart Jean Robinson	Karen Neumegen Raewyn Hannah	S: Pete Cowley V: Colin Matthews
November 15th	Dianne Burrows	<b><u>Chrissie Parker</u></b> Joan McKay Marilyn Matthews	Pat Flockhart Jill Wallis Karyn Williams	S: Peter Cowley V: Mike Willis

**WHAKARONGO Thursday 12 November 4.00pm**  
**St Andrew's lounge**      (*Where am I in these texts?*)

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**KORERO ME KAI - Wednesday 12.30 pm in the lounge**

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Gisborne Presbyterian Parish is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting



**Join Zoom Meeting FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87957046149>

**Meeting ID: 879 5704 6149**

**Passcode: 836858**

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**COME AND JOIN THE WALKING GROUP ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 9.00 AM (meet at the hall). Walk for Alzheimers, all donations will go to the local Gisborne Society.**

**Sponsor a walker!**

## DIARY

Monday	9	9.00am 9.30am	Walking Group Matawhero Gardening Group
Tuesday	10	10.00am 11.30am 1.30pm	Open Door Worship Cttee Meeting Rymans Service
Wednesday	11	9.45am 12.30pm	mainly music Korero me kai St Andrew's
Thursday	12	4.00pm	<b>Whakarongo</b> St Andrew's
Friday	13	10.30am 1.00pm	ZOOM (chat) meeting Choir practise
Saturday	14	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.00am</b>	<b>Car Boot Sale</b> <b>Monster BOOK SALE – hall</b>
Sunday	15	<b>9.00am</b> <b>10.30am</b> 3.00pm	<b>Matawhero Worship Service</b> <b>St Andrew's Worship Service</b> Sea of Faith Meeting in lounge (last for year)

### **St Andrew's Concert Series:**

City of Gisborne  
Highland Pipe Band  
**NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> 2pm – 4pm**



At St Andrew's Church – Koha welcome for performers - also available: copies of Jean Johnston's new book  
**Gisborne Highland Pipe Bands: 100 years of civic service**

**Book Sale SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**FROM 9.00 AM**

Where: **ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY HALL**



**Contact Roy & Karen Neumegen 867 4166**  
**or Jenny 868 4268.**



**ST ANDREWS DINNER**  
**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>**

**from 5.30 pm in the hall –**  
**fun & entertainment provided**

The cost is \$15 pp payable in advance. Please pay online:

**03 0638 046291700 ref: Dinner**

**or** pay at the office. There will be clipboards available in the outer office for you to register your interest and also to pay in advance.

Parish Council need the advance numbers for catering purposes.