

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

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

20 December 2020

Advent 4



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

Reader: *Lynnor Cooke*

Organist: *David Russell* **Director of Music:** *Catherine Macdonald*

We gather together as the people of God

Welcome & Notices

Kia Ora, Bula (mbula), Talofa, Kia Orana, and An-nyeong Haseyo
(*please include these greetings in the OS onwards)

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

*The Bible, 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 – Hope is a candle, Music © Douglas Galbraith, CH 4#284,
verses 1-4

Hope is a candle, once lit by the prophets,
never consumed, though it burns through the years;
dim in the daylight of power and privilege –
when they are gone, hope will shine on.

Peace is a candle to show us a pathway,
threatened by gusts from our rage and our greed.
Friend, feel no envy for those in the shadows –
violence and force their dead-end course.

Love is a candle whose light makes a circle,
where every face is the face of a friend.
Widen the circle by sharing and giving –
God's holy dare: love everywhere.

Joy is a candle of mystery and laughter,
mystery of light that is born in the dark;
laughter at hearing the voice of an angel,
ever so near, casting out fear.

Call to Worship

Host of Hosts, from sunrise to sunrise,
and generation to generation, we are your people.

You have been with us wherever we have gone.

You will be with us wherever we may go.

You planted us in a land flowing with milk and honey,
then you planted our salvation in Mary's womb.

**Jesus, who is the Christ, is planted firmly
in each one of us.**

Our souls magnify the Holy One.

Our spirits rejoice in God, our Saviour.

We sing – Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord, Music © Oxford University Press, CH4 #286, verses 1-4 Words © Hope Publishing Company

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;

tender to me the promise of his word;

in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of God's Name!

Make known God's might, the deeds God's arm has done;

God's mercy sure, from age to age the same;

God's holy Name – the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of God's might!

Powers and dominions lay their glory by.

Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,

the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of God's word!
Firm is God's promise, and God's mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

Prayer of praise

Prayer of confession

Compassionate, Forgiving God,
we trespass on your mercy
and take your favour for granted.

We think only of ourselves.

We forget the lessons
of those who came before us,
and ignore our responsibility
to those who will follow us.

We grow proud and seek power.

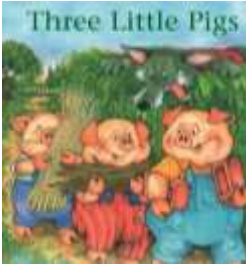
We do not see the destruction of our actions
and how it distances us from you.

**We do not recognize our hunger for what it is,
or where it leads us.**

We grow faint.

Bring us home to you, Merciful Beloved.

Words of Assurance



Storytime – The three little pigs’ story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CtP83CWOMwc>

Question: In the story, what saved three pigs in the end?

We sing – the Angel Gabriel from heaven came, Music © 1922
B. Feldman & Co, CH4 #285, verses 1-4

**The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
All hail’, said he, ‘thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady.’**

Gloria!

**‘For known a blessèd Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold;
most highly favoured lady.’**

Gloria!

**Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
‘To me be as it pleaseth God,’ she said.
‘My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name’
Most highly favoured lady.**

Gloria!

**Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,
'Most highly favoured lady.'**
Gloria!

Reading:

First reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

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

Gospel reading: Luke 1:26-38

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

Sermon: Being a house of God

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

Anthem – Where is the room, Music © 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Offering prayer

**God only Wise,
accept these offerings,
the fruit of our labour and lives,
in obedience of our faith,
through Jesus Christ,
to whom be the glory forever!
Amen.**

We sing – When out of poverty is born,
Words © The Revd Kathy Galloway, CH4 # 291, verses 1-3

**When out of poverty is born
a dream that will not die,
and landless, weary folk find strength
to stand with heads held high,
it's then we learn from those who wait
to greet the promised day,
'The Lord is coming; don't lose heart.
Be blest; prepare the way!'**

**When people wander far from God,
forget to share their bread,
they find their wealth an empty thing,
their spirits are not fed.
For only just and tender love
the hungry soul will stay.
And so God's prophets echo still
'Be blest; prepare the way!'**

**When God took flesh and came to earth,
the world turned upside down,
and in the strength of woman's faith
the Word of Life was born.
She knew that God would raise the low,
it pleased her to obey.
Rejoice with Mary in the call,
'Be blest; prepare the way!'**

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

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
<i>December 20</i>	Lynnor Cooke	<u>Jenny Lawton</u> Peter Lawton, Jean Hillyard	Marilyn Matthews Wendy Morris	S: Hans Kwak V: Colin Matthews
<i>December 24</i> 11.30pm	Gwenda Crawshaw	Jenny & Peter Lawton	_____	S: Pete Cowley
<i>December 25</i> 9.00am	Jenny Lawton	Xxxxx tba	_____	S: Pete Cowley
<i>December 27</i>	Gina Hughes	<u>Alvin Hall</u> Cathy Porter Jean Robinson	Margaret Palmer Paulina Melief	S: Hans Kwak V: Don Mc Connochie

DIARY

SUNDAY	20	2.00pm	Carols at Dunblane – all welcome
Monday	21	9.00 am	Walking group
Tuesday	22	10.00am	Open Door
Wednesday	23	4.30pm	Advent Study 4 – lounge
Thursday	24	2.00pm	Leighton House service
Thursday	24	7.00pm	Christmas Eve Service at Matawhero
		11.30pm	Christmas Eve candlelight service at St Andrew's
CHRISTMAS DAY			
Friday	25	9.00am	Christmas Day Service No Service at Matawhero

****Revd Jin Sook Kim will be on leave until 16th January****
Office will re-open 18th January (emails checked regularly)

**Sunday 27 10.30am St Andrew's Celebration
Service (*Lynnor Cooke*)**

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**Sunday 3 10.30am Combined Service & picnic
at Matawhero (*Alvin Hall*)**

Monday 4 9.00am Walking group

Tuesday 5 10.00am Open Door at 109 Ormond Rd

Saturday 9 8.00am Car Boot Sale

**Sunday 10 10.30am St Andrew's Service
(*Val Hall*)**

Monday 11 9.00am Walking Group

Tuesday 12 10.00am Open Door at 109 Ormond Rd

STUDY WILL BE HELD IN ST ANDREW'S LOUNGE

Advent Study 4 – ***JOY*** on Wednesday 23 Dec 4.30 - 5.30pm

CHRISTMAS GIFTS UNDER THE TREE – these will be collected on Monday lunchtime

If you would like to donate a Christmas present to go under our Christmas tree, the gifts will be given to ‘Family Works’ (Presbyterian Support) for their families in need.

Please wrap and label your gift – gender (adult), child (boy or girl) and age.

