

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

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

27 December 2020

One perfect light
to reach the earth
and show mankind
the Christ child's birth.

One perfect love
to lead the way
To peace and love for us today.

One perfect sign
For all to see
One Saviour for ETERNITY

Minister: Rev Jin Sook Kim
Prepared and led by Lynnor Cooke
Reader: Gina Hughes

Organist: David or Belinda 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: Arohanui Blessing Joy Cowley AA 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.

Call to Worship:

Jesus said “He who has seen me has seen the Father”.
Come let us adore Him.
Come and share His word, His wisdom, His peace,
His love. Come, we are His people.

Opening Prayer:

Thank you Lord, for coming, not as a bejeweled monarch brandishing a sword, but as a human infant, small, defenceless and vulnerable, needing the love and warmth of a human family. We are your family now. Enter our hearts this day. Renew our trust, revive our faith. Make us generous in sharing the gifts you so freely offer us. **Amen.**

We sing: Love came down at Christmas CH4 316

**Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
star and angels gave the sign.**

**Worship we the Godhead,
Love Incarnate, Love Divine;
worship we our Jesus:
but wherewith for sacred sign?**

**Love shall be our token,
love be yours and love be mine,
love to God and all men,
love for plea and gift and sign.**

Story Time: All wrapped up!

Celebration Time



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

Celebration Sunday and Koha for Guardian Angel
(Please place your gift in the yellow container at the back of the church)

We sing: *Give thanks for life AA 45*

**Give thanks for life,
the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through
beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope,
our love, our praise:**

Alleluia

**Give thanks for those
who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame,
bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who
burned for what is right,**

Alleluia

**And for our own, our living
and our dead,
thanks for the love by
which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time
or death or dread,**

Alleluia

**Give thanks for hope that,
like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness,
does its life retain
in resurrection to grow green again.**

Alleluia

The Readings today all come from the Gospel of John and 1 John.
The Good News Bible and The Message.

Anthem – choir ‘I cannot tell’ Tune: Londonderry Air vv1 & 4

I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,
should set His love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
when Bethlehem's manger was His only home,
and that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad, myriad human voices sing.
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!

William Young Fullerton

Reflection: “The gifts Jesus offers us”



Prayer for others: *(written as a poem)*

Offering and we pray together

God, we thank you for your many gifts to us. Bless the offering we bring and bless us as we seek to serve you. Amen.

We sing: *'Lift high the Cross' AA 87*

Refrain: *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His glorious name.*

**Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
if we are silent, even stones cry out...**

**Jesus, you wept to see our human strife,
teach us compassion for each human life....**

**Peace was your plea and peace your loving theme
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream....**

**Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.....**

**Worlds to be born and children yet to be
come, take up this song into eternity.....**

Sending out: *Words from "The Canticle of the Gift" WOV 213*

O what a gift, what a wonderful gift! Who can tell the wonders of the Lord? Let us open our eyes, our ears and our hearts: it is Christ the Lord, it is He!

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

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
<i>December 27</i>	Gina Hughes	<u>Alvin Hall</u> Cathy Porter Jean Robinson	Margaret Palmer Paulina Melief	S: Hans Kwak V: Don McConnochie
<i>January 3 10.30am</i>	Matawhero	Service and Picnic		
<i>January 10 Worship</i>	Bob Bos	<u>Don McConnochie</u> Sarah McConnochie Marilyn Matthews	Karen Neumegen Sally Willis	S: Pete Cowley V: Colin Matthews

NOTICES

JANUARY 2021

Sunday	3	10.30am	Combined Service & picnic at Matawhero (<i>Alvin Hall</i>)
			No Service at St Andrews
Monday	4	9.00am	Walking group
Tuesday	5	10.00am	Open Door at 109 Ormond Road
Saturday	9	8.00am	Car Boot Sale
Sunday	10	10.30am	St Andrews Service (<i>Val Hall</i>)
Monday	11	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	12	10.00am	Open Door at 109 Ormond Road
Sunday	17	10.30am	Combined St Andrews Communion
			No Service at Matawhero

