

**GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH
WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S GISBORNE**
*Matawhero Church – Church Lane
St Andrew's Church and Community Centre:
176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

14 November 2021

Pentecost 25

Sunday Service



Ministers: *All the people in Christ* **Minister:** *Rev Jin Sook Kim*
Reader: *Lynnor Cooke*
Director of Music: *Catherine Macdonald*

*We gather together as the people of God
Kia Ora, Talofa, Bulla, Shalom and Annyeong-haseyo*

Welcome & Notices

Introit – Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, Words © Scripture union
arrangement: © Church of Scotland Panel on worship, CH4 #600, vv1-2

*Refrain Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
Gentle as is the dove,
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love.*

- 1 You spoke to us long, long ago,
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard.

- 2 Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your strength,
following Christ each day.

Call to Worship (The Message Psalm 16)

16 ¹⁻² Keep me safe, O God,
I've run for dear life to you.

I say to God, "Be my Lord!"

Without you, nothing makes sense.

³ And these God-chosen lives all around—
what splendid friends they make!

⁴ Don't just go shopping for a god.
Gods are not for sale.

**I swear I'll never treat god-names
like brand-names.**

⁵⁻⁶ My choice is you, God, first and only.

And now I find I'm *your* choice!

You set me up with a house and yard.

And then you made me your heir!

We sing – All people on earth do dwell, *CH4 #63 (i) (CH3 #1)*, vv 1-4

**All people that on earth do dwell
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**Oh enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

Prayers

Story Time – Jesus and the great buildings

Question: How did Jesus know the great buildings would be thrown down?

We sing - Have faith in God, my heart, WOV #552, vv 1-4 (on screen)

**Have faith in God, my heart,
trust and be unafraid;
God will fulfil in every part
each promise he has made.**

**Have faith in God, my mind,
though oft your light burns low;
God's mercy holds a wiser plan
than you can fully know.**

**Have faith in God, my soul,
his cross for ever stands;
and neither life nor death can pluck
his children from his hands.**

**Lord Jesus, make me whole;
grant me no resting place
until I rest, heart, mind and soul,
the captive of your grace.**

Reading – Lynnor Cooke

Mark 13:1-8

Sermon – The beginning of the birth pangs

Anthem – Take a grape, HOS #127, vv 1-3, © Colin Gibson

Take a grape and an apple, take a pomegranate too,
take a fig, and a melon, take an apricot or two,
take a date and an olive, throw some nuts into a bowl,
and you'll have a fruit salad that is good for the soul.
It's the bounty of nature and lovely to see:
they are food for the body, the fruits of the tree.

*By planting and growing and tending with care,
we may harvest the crop and enjoy it here.*

Take some barley and wheat, take a cucumber too,
take an onion, some beans and a lentil or two,
take some millet and leeks, add some salt (not a lot),
pour in water, make soup for your soul in a pot.
It's the bounty of earth and the sun and the rain,
and there's food for the soul in the growth of the grain.

Refrain

Take some love and some patience, some faithfulness too,
take some joy and some kindness, take a good deed or two,
take some gentle behaviour, add some peace and self-control,
and you'll have a fruit salad that is good for the soul.
They're the fruits of the Spirit and lovely to see,
all the fruits of the life of the Spirit in me.

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

We pray together

**Bless these gifts, Generous God,
we offer you our time, energy, and love,
knowing full well they are mere tokens
of the awesome faith you inspire within us.
Accept these gifts,
that they may continue the good work in Christ —
in our church, in our community,
and in the world.
Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

We sing – Faith has set us on a journey, Music © Colin Gibson, Words
© Shirley Murray, Tune: Marching (WOV#110), *FF #14 (WB#13)*, vv1-4

**Faith has set us on a journey
past the landmarks that we know,
taking risks with no insurance
but the Word that tells us "go!"
Friend or job or home or lover
we may need to leave behind,
outworn truths and ways of thinking,
baggage to the past consigned.**

**We are this unlikely people
in the Body knit as one,
company of clowns and cripples --
some are wise and some can run.
Prophets are our travel agents,
gospel-makers lay this road:**

**to the place of peace and promise
faith will take us into God.**

Sending

Benediction

The Grace prayer

**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