

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

5 December, 2021

Advent 2

Sunday Service



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

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

Greetings with news and notices

Introit – Wait for the Lord, Words & Music © Ateliers et Presses de
Taize, CH4 #276, vv1-2

Wait for the Lord, his day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.

Prepare a way for the Lord. Make a straight path for him.

Prepare a way for the Lord.

Rejoice in the Lord always: God is at hand. Joy and gladness for all who
seek the Lord.

Call to Worship

People of faith, prepare for the coming reign of Christ!

**As we gather to pray and sing and listen,
a spirit of anticipation and hope fills us.**

The days are surely coming, says Our God,
when justice and righteousness will prevail.

**May our worship illuminate our hearts and minds,
freeing us to respond joyfully to God's call in the days to come.**

We sing - On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry, CH3 #208,
TUNE: WINCHESTER NEW, CH3#234, vv 1-4

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken for he brings**

glad tidings of the King of kings.

**Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty Guest may come**

**For you are our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.**

**Stretch out your hand, to heal our sore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
once more upon your people shine,
and fill the world with love divine.**

Advent candle lighting

We sing – Hope is a candle, Music © Douglas Galbraith; Words: Selah
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**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.**

Prayers

Story Time

We sing - Come, thou long-expected Jesus, CH3 #320, vv 1-4

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a King,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Gospel Reading – Diane burrows

Luke 3:1-6

Sermon – Prepare the way of the Lord!

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

We sing – Christ is coming! CH3#313, vv 1-4

**Christ is coming! Let creation
From her groans and travail cease;
Let the glorious proclamation
Hope restore and faith increase:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Come, thou blessed Prince of Peace**

**Earth can now but tell the story
Of thy bitter cross and pain;
She shall yet behold thy glory,
When thou comest back to reign
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Let each heart repeat the strain.**

**Long thine exiles have been pining,
Far from rest, and home, and thee:
But, in heavenly vestures shining,
They their loving Lord shall see:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Haste the joyous jubilee.**

**With that blessed hope before us,
Let no harp remain unstrung;
Let the mighty advent chorus
Onward roll from tongue to tongue:**

**Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!**

Sending

THREE FOLD-AMEN