

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

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

*12 December, 2021*

*Advent 3*

*Communion Sunday  
with Ordination and Induction of an Elder*



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

**Reader:** *Bob Boss*

**Organist:** *David Russell*    **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*** – The bright wind is blowing, Words and Music © 1993, Stainer & Bell Ltd. CH4 607, vv 1-2

The bright wind is blowing, the bright wind of heaven,  
And where it is going to, no one can say;  
But where it is passing our hearts are awaking  
To grope from the darkness and reach for the day.

The bright wind is blowing, the bright wind of heaven,  
And many old thoughts will be winnowed away;  
The husk that is blown is the chaff of our hating,  
The seed that is left is the hope for our day.

***Call to Worship***

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!

**Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.**

Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

**Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done.**

Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!

**Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah! Praise be to God. AMEN.**

***We sing*** – In the name of Christ we gather, Words © 1992 Hope Publishing Company, vv1-4

**In the name of Christ we gather,  
in the name of Christ we sing!  
As we celebrate the promise**

**of your servant's offering,  
here ordained to lead God's people  
at the Gospel's beckoning.**

**Sons and daughters of the Spirit --  
we are called to teach and care,  
called as were the first disciples,  
Christ's own ministry to share,  
And in bread and wine and water  
sacraments of grace declare.**

**In the preaching, praying, caring  
may the Word spring into life,  
in our time of doubt and challenge  
may its truth affirm belief,  
and in days of pain and darkness  
may it heal our guilt and grief.**

**Word of joy, enlivening Spirit,  
more than lover, parent, friend,  
born in Jesus, born in Mary,  
born in us, that love extend,  
grow within your chosen servants,  
life of God that has no end!**

***Advent candle lighting***

We have lit the first two candles, one for hope and one for peace  
Today we light the third candle, the candle of joy. This should be the  
easy one, because joy is all around us – in the children, the lights, the  
music, the gathering together. But how often do we let our  
preparations – or memories – push joy to the side? Joy is like an  
underground spring that wells up within us, but joy is also a choice, an  
attitude. Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised. So today we open

ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us. All we need to do is give it care and offer it to share.

*(The candles are lit)*

**We sing** – Hope is a candle, Music © Douglas Galbraith; Words: Selah Publishing Co. Inc. CH4 #284, vv1-2 &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.**

**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.**

**Prayers**

**Ordination and Induction of an elder** – Wendy Morris  
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**We sing** – The Lord bless you and keep you, CH4 #796, v1  
**The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
And be gracious unto you:  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.**

***We sing*** – Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes, *CH4 160, vv1-5*

**Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,  
the Saviour promised long;  
let every heart exult with joy,  
and every voice with song!**

**He comes, the prisoners to relieve,  
In Satan's bondage held;  
the gates of brass before him burst,  
the iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken hearts to bind,  
the bleeding souls to cure;  
and with the treasures of his grace  
to enrich the humble poor.**

**The sacred year has now revolved,  
accepted of the Lord,  
when heaven's high promise is fulfilled,  
and Israel is restored.**

**Our glad hosannas Prince of Peace,  
thy welcome shall proclaim;  
and heaven's exalted arches ring  
with thy most honoured name.**

***Gospel Reading*** – Bob Boss

Isaiah Luke 3:7-18

Luke 3:7-18

***Sermon*** – chaff and grain

***Offering***

***We sing*** - Brother sister, let me serve you, Words: ©Scripture in Song,  
Music: © Sovereign Lifestyle Music Ltd. AA 8, vv 1-4 & 6

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you,  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear,  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you,  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you,  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.**

## **COMMUNION**

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***We sing*** – Come, thou long-expected Jesus, *CH3 320, vv1-4*

**Come, O long expected Jesus,  
born to set your 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 you are,  
Dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born your people to deliver:  
born a child and yet a king:  
Born to reign in us forever;  
now your gracious kingdom bring.**

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

***Sending***

***Blessing***

***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***

***THREE FOLD-AMEN***