

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

7 February 2021

Epiphany 5



Calling Disciples,

He Qi , from *Art in the Christian Tradition*,
a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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

Reader: *Ruth McLennan*

Organist: *Paul Pollock* **Director of Music:** *Catherine Macdonald*

Welcome & Notices

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 – Come and find the quiet centre, © John Bell, Words © Shirley Murray, *Faith Forever Singing* 10 (i), verse 1

Come and find the quiet centre
In the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter,
Find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
Clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter,
Be at peace, and simply be.

Call to worship (The message 147:1-6)

Hallelujah!

It's a good thing to sing praise to our God;
praise is beautiful, praise is fitting.

**God's the one who rebuilds Jerusalem,
who regathers Israel's scattered exiles.**

He heals the heartbroken
and bandages their wounds.

**He counts the stars
and assigns each a name.**

Our Lord is great, with limitless strength;
we'll never comprehend what he knows and does.

**God puts the fallen on their feet again
and pushes the wicked into the ditch.**

We sing – Be still my soul, Music © Breitkopf & Härtel, CH4 #691
verses 1-4

- 1. Be still my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

- 2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice, who ruled them while he lived below.**

- 3. Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you shall better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.**

- 4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

Prayer of Praise

Confession

Let us join in our prayer of confession. How great is your faithfulness, O God of all eternity.

We race through life, so full of our own plans, so consumed by our own anxieties, and yet you are still there for us when we dare to pause before your holiness.

Forgive us, O God, and bring us to that moment.

Without defenses we come before you, ready to know who we are and open to the light of your presence.

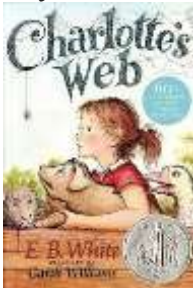
We are not the people we would like to be; forgive us and heal us, O God.

(Silence)

Assurance of Pardon

Words of Assurance

Story time – Charlotte's Web



Question: How was Wilbur's wish granted?

We sing – Eternal Spirit of the living Christ, © Colin Gibson Words © 1974 The Hymn Society in the U.S. and Canada, *Alleluia Aotearoa* #33, verses 1-3, TUNE:CHILTON FOLIAT (CH4 #497)

1. **Eternal Spirit of the living Christ,
I know not how to ask, or what to say;
I only know my need, as deep as life,
And only you can teach me how to pray.**

2. **come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
help me to see your purpose and your will –
where I have failed, what I have done amiss;
held in forgiving love, let me be still.**

3. **Come with the vision and the strength I need
To serve my God, and all humanity;
Fulfilment of my life in love outpoured -
My life in you, O Christ, your love in me**

Readings: Ruth McLennan

First reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

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

Gospel reading: Mark 1:29-39

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

Sermon – Praying God

Anthem – In the quiet of this day, Music © Jillian Bay © Shirley Erena Murray, *Faith forever singing*, #37, verses 1-4

1. In the quiet of this day,
In the safety of this place,
Holy Presence, hear me pray,
Soothe my spirit with your peace.
2. Take the tangle of my thought,
take the tension from my frame,
free within me what is fraught,
Still the waves I cannot tame.
3. I am tired and out of tune:
It is you who gives new song.
I am fearful and alone:
Bring me home where I belong.
4. What I am, you truly know,
More than lover, more than friend,
You the light to which I grow,
You my meaning and my end.

Prayers of Intercession

We sing – National Anthem

**E ihowa atua,
O nga iwi matou ra
Ata whakarangona
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai
Kia tau to atawhai
Manaakitia mai**

**God of nations! At thy feet
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star,
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.**

Offering

Offering Prayer (together)

Loving God, we present now what we have brought to you. Things that are both visible and invisible. The coins and paper represent our work, and express in a clear and visible way our love and thanks. But we also bring as an offering the fragile dreams and hopes that we have. These invisible gifts are what sustain our lives. Receive all that we have brought in love. Amen

We sing – God within our deepest thought, Music © Colin Gibson,
Words © Shirley Erena Murray, *Hope is Our Song*, #53, verses 1-4
TUNE:PETRA CH4 #377

- 1. God within our deepest thought,
Come where human words fall short,
Come when human eye and ear
Cannot get the message clear,
When the signals we receive
Tell no truths we can believe.**

- 2. From the earth our voices rise:
Battle cries and lullabies,**

**Blessings met with blasphemies,
Pictures that distort and tease,
Human triumph, human joy,
Human play, inhuman ploy**

3. Give us honesty and grace

**Each within our listening place,
Each with eye to what is true,
Finding treasures old and new,
Widening our view to see
Where another's truth might be.**

4. Yours the truth that Christ has brought,

**Yours the love his life has taught;
Give us insight to discern,
Make us passionate to learn
Language of the loving Way
New-translated for our day.**

Sending

The God who named the stars has named each of us.
Remember that God is calling your name.

**We will answer God's call
to proclaim the gospel of love.**

Jesus Christ healed, cast out the demons,
and made people whole.

Jesus offers you wholeness.

**Healed by Christ, even in our brokenness,
we go to proclaim the gospel of love.**

The Holy Spirit anointed Mary, birthed the church,
and is right now blowing you out this door!

**Empowered by the Spirit,
we go out to proclaim the gospel of love!**

Amen!

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.**

Benediction

Sing: AMEN x 3 CH4 #819

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
7 February	Ruth McLennan	<u>Pat Flockhart</u> Jenny Lawton Jean Hillyard	Jan Gordon Val McGreevy	S: Hans Kwak V: Don McConnochie
14 February Communion	Val Hall	<u>Pat Smith</u> Dianne Burrows Joan McKay	Wendy Morris Marilyn Matthews	S: Pete Cowley V: Colin Matthews

DIARY

WAITANGI DAY OBSERVED

Monday	8	9.00am 9.30am	Walking Group Matawhero Gardening Group
Tuesday	9	10.00am 11.30am 1.30pm 2.30pm	Open Door Worship Cttee Meeting Rymans Service – Kiri Te Kanawa village Beetham HealthCare Service in Chapel
Wednesday	10	9.45am 12.00pm	mainly music Pastoral Care Meeting in lounge
Friday	12	10.30am 1.00pm	ZOOM (chat) meeting Choir practise
Saturday	13	8.00am	CAR BOOT SALE
SUNDAY	14	10.30am	St Andrew's Communion Service No Service Matawhero

Gisborne Presbyterian Parish is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom



Join Zoom Meeting **FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY AT 10.30 AM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82591026519>

Meeting ID: 825 9102 6519

Passcode: 463618



Week 1 Tuesday 23 February 4.30 – 5.30pm (theme: God)

Week 2 Tuesday 2 March 4.30 – 5.30pm (theme: Image of God)

Week 3 Tuesday 9 March 4.30 – 5.30pm (theme: Sin)

Week 4 Tuesday 16 March 4.30 – 5.30pm (theme: Covenant)

Week 5 Tuesday 23 March 4.30 – 5.30pm (theme: Crucifixion &
Resurrection)