

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

13 February, 2022

Epiphany 6

Sunday service



Ministers: *All the people in Christ* **Minister:** *Rev Jin Sook Kim*
Organist: *David Russell* **Reader:** *Val Hall*
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 – Beautiful Presence, Music © Barry Brinson, Words © Joy Cowley, *Hope is Our Song* 9, vv1-2

- 1 Beautiful presence, how can we name you?
Words are too small for the one who is all.
How can we speak of your gentleness in us,
the warmth of our hearts in response to your call?

*Beautiful presence, ocean of love,
strong as forever, soft as a dove,
Words often fail us, but this we know true,
you live within us as we live in you.*

- 2 There have been times of spiritual blindness,
when error and pain have distorted our sight.
Beautiful presence, you were there with us,
to show us how darkness can turn into light.

Call to Worship

Rejoice, for the power of God has come—

The same transforming power encountered in the risen Christ:

Promising to the poor the realm of heaven;

Promising to the hungry a time of satisfaction;

Promising to the weeping a life of happiness;

Promising to the reviled the gift of acceptance.

Rejoice, O people of God, the transforming power of Christ is here!

We sing - Christ is made the sure foundation, *CH3* 10, vv 1-4

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and corner-stone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the Church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever
and her confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today:
with your constant loving-kindness,
hear your servants as they pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.**

**Here bestow on all your servants
what they ask of you to gain,
what they gain from you for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.**

**Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory
while unending ages run.**

Prayers

Story Time – A Christmas carol by Charles Dickens

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-GiggvR6tHw>

Question: Do you think the Cratchits are happier than Scrooge? Why is that?

We sing – Abide with me, CH3 695, vv 1-5

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide:
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need Thy presence every passing hour;
what but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness:
where is death's sting? Where, grave, Thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

Readings

First reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Gospel reading: Luke 6:17-26

Sermon – Upside-down blessings

Anthem – Blest are they, words & music © GIA Publications Inc., *CH4*

341, vv 1-5

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

Refrain Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God!

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs.

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice and be glad - yours is the kingdom. Shine for all to see.

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

We sing - Christ has changed the world's direction, Music © Barry Brinson Words © Shirley Erena Murray, *Hope is Our Song 15*, vv1-5

HS 15

Christ has changed the world's direction!

**Christ can change the human heart:
agents of a new creation
mend the people torn apart;
 so are we
 charged to be
 go-betweeners for unity.**

Peace will be our way of thinking:

**common wealth and common state.
Gone the wounds, the words and weapons
that conspire to hurt and hate,
 and no power
 shall devour
earth or air where peace might flower.**

**Debts and doubts will be forgiven,
cancelled in the name of God,
olive trees again be planted
there where soldiers' boots have trod,
 hunger fed,
 terror fled,
justice shining in its stead.**

**What have we as commendation,
sent to speak, as speak we must?**

Love will be our global language,
hands an enemy can trust,
 faith to faith,
 race with race,
all shall find a meeting place.

Envoys of a High Commission,
Gifts of hope we find to share,
Christ the Spirit reconciling,
Christ our internet of care.
 Though we stall,
 Fail or fall,
shall we now refuse God's call?

Sending

The Grace

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: AMENx3 CH4#819