

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

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

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Lent 2

A Service of Diminishing lights



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*We gather together as the people of God
Kia Ora, Talofa, BullaVinaki, Shalom and Annyeong-haseyo, Guten Tag,
Goede Morgen*

Greetings with news and notices

Introit – You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd, Words © 1991, GIA
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You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer
In the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,
Stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory,
Harrowing hell to save the lost,
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our gift and cost.

Call to worship (Psalm 27 -The message)

27 Light, space, zest—
that's God!
**So, with him on my side I'm fearless,
afraid of no one and nothing.**

²When vandal hordes ride down
ready to eat me alive,

**Those bullies and toughs
fall flat on their faces.**

³When besieged,
I'm calm as a baby.

**When all hell breaks loose,
I'm collected and cool.**

⁴I'm asking God for one thing,
only one thing:

To live with him in his house
my whole life long.

**I'll contemplate his beauty;
I'll study at his feet.**

⁵That's the only quiet, secure place
in a noisy world,

**The perfect getaway,
far from the buzz of traffic.**

¹³⁻¹⁴I'm sure now I'll see God's goodness
in the exuberant earth.

Stay with God!

Take heart. Don't quit.

I'll say it again:

Stay with God.

Ceremony For The Second Sunday Of Lent

During Lent, we remember the events that led up to the crucifixion. Jesus had come to bring hope and light to the world, but at every step there were those who willingly tried to put out that light. He brought grace and forgiveness, but these gifts were often rejected by those filled with hatred and fear.

We read in the Gospel of Matthew in the twelfth chapter: It was the Sabbath, and Jesus went to a synagogue, where there was a man with a paralyzed hand. Some people were there who wanted to accuse Jesus of doing wrong, so they asked him, "Is it against our **law to heal on the Sabbath?**" Jesus answered, "What if one of you has a sheep and it falls into a deep hole on the Sabbath? Will you not take hold of it and lift it out? And a man is worth so much more than a sheep! So then, our Law does allow us to help someone on the Sabbath." Then Jesus said to the man with the paralyzed hand, "Stretch out your hand."

The man stretched out his hand, and it became well again, just like the other one. Then the Pharisees left and made plans to kill Jesus.

Even when Jesus was healing, there were those who could not accept the power and mercy of God. As the Pharisees left to make plans to kill Jesus for healing on the Sabbath, a little of the light which had come into the world was snuffed out by people Jesus had come to save.

(Extinguish one of the remaining candles in the crown of thorns.)

We sing - Immortal, invisible God only wise, CH4 132, vv 1-4

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;

in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Prayers

Story Time – Transformers (2007)

https://www.imdb.com/video/vi513779993?playlistId=tt0418279&ref=tt_ov_vi

Question: what makes transformers change?

We sing – Come Living God, CH4 609, TUNE ST CLEMENT (CH4 220),
vv 1-3 & 5-6

**Come, living God, when least expected,
when minds are dull and hearts are cold,
through sharpening word and warm affection
revealing truths as yet untold.**

**Break from the tomb in which we hide you
to speak again in startling ways;
break through the words in which we bind you
to resurrect our lifeless praise.**

**Come now, as once you came to Moses
within the bush alive with flame;
or to Elijah on the mountain,
by silence pressing home your claim.**

**Then, through our gloom, your Son will meet us
as vivid truth and living Lord,
exploding doubt and disillusion
to scatter hope and joy abroad.**

**Then we will share his radiant brightness
and, blazing through the dread of night,
illuminate by love and reason,
for those in darkness, faith's delight.**

Gospel reading – Ruth McLennan

Luke 9:28-36

Sermon – Seeing Transfiguration on the mountain

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The clouds and light and mountains
the people met by chance
each creature with their warning
transformed by Christ's bright glance.

The daily grind and workplace
the fuel we burn and sell

the cost we've disregarded:
Christ points to these as well.

For 'gainst our world's injustice
the poor, the Earth need Voice:
injustice, plain as daylight:
God says: you have the choice.

Take notice when the Cloud's gone
don't hide from what Christ says:
to warn and to encourage
just living is high praise.

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

We sing - Behold! The mountain of the Lord, *CH3* 312 (*CH4* 715)
vv 1, 3-4, & 5, 7

**1 Behold! the mountain of the Lord
in latter days shall rise
on mountain tops above the hills,
and draw the wondering eyes.**

**3 The beam that shines from Zion hill
shall lighten every land;
the King who reigns in Salem's towers
shall all the world command.**

**4 Among the nations he shall judge;
his judgements truth shall guide;
his sceptre shall protect the just,
and quell the sinner's pride.**

**5 No strife shall rage, nor hostile feuds
disturb those peaceful years;
to ploughshares men shall beat their swords,
to pruning-hooks their spears.**

**7 Come then, O house of Jacob! come
to worship at his shrine;
and, walking in the light of God,
with holy beauties shine.**

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**