

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

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

17 April, 2022

Easter Day

A Service of Easter Sunday



Ministers: *All the people in Christ* **Minister:** *Rev Jin Sook Kim*
Organist: Paul Pollock **Reader:** Lynnor Cook
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 – This joyful Eastertide, *CH4*, 415 vv1-2

1 This joyful Eastertide
away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
has sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain:

Had Christ, who once was slain,
not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain:
but now hath Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen;
but now has Christ arisen!

2 My flesh in hope shall rest
and for a season slumber
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number. [Refrain]

Call to Worship

It was early dawn,
still dark when the women approached the garden
In their grief and emptiness they had to go there
Taking the spices they had prepared

They had to do what had been denied them on the Friday
One final act of love

Dawn was breaking,
The sun was on the rise,
Small signs of change
The stone rolled away
The body gone
And then two men beside them
They were startled, perplexed
Who are you?
What's happening?

As the sun rose
'He is not here, but has risen.'
Light was shining
And they remembered His words
And they ran to tell the disciples
The Lord is risen
He is risen indeed

We sing - The Day of Resurrection, CH4 413, vv1-3

The day of resurrection
earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
from sins dominion free,
our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,

that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light,
and, listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own “All hail!” and, hearing,
may rise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful
and earth her song begin;
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our Joy that has no end.

Prayers

The Flowering of the Cross

*(We will place the flowers on the cross to celebrate the resurrected Lord
Jesus Christ while the anthem is being sung)*

Anthem – Christ is alive, and the universe must celebrate, CH4 422,
Word & Music © Hope Publishing Company, verses 1-3

**Christ is alive, and the universe must celebrate
and the stars and the suns shout on this Easter Day!
Christ is alive, and his family must celebrate
in a great alleluia, a great alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.**

**Here is our hope: in the mystery of suffering
is the heartbeat of Love, Love that will not let go,
here is our hope, that in God we are not separate,
and we sing alleluia, we sing alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.**

**Christ Spirit, dance through the dullness of humanity
to the music of God, God who has set us free!
You are the pulse of the new creation's energy;
with a great alleluia, a great alleluia
we praise the power that made the stone roll away.**

Readings

First reading: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel reading: Luke 24:1-12

Sermon – Witnesses to Easter Day

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

We sing – Eat this bread, drink this cup, Words and Music © Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, CH4 661, v 1 (x3)

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.**

Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a right, a good, and a joyful thing,
...we praise your name
and join their unending hymn, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one
who comes in your holy name.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and holy is your child, Jesus Christ...for the healing of the world.

Words of Institution

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,...we praise you now,
tomorrow, and always.

The Lord's prayer

The Breaking of the bread

The Distribution

Prayer after Communion

The peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you

(We exchange a sign of peace with each other)

We sing - Thine be the glory, Words © World Student Christian
Federation, CH4 419, vv 1-3

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment, rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.**

***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.***

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.**

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;

**life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

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**