

**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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Pentecost 13

A Service of Worship



Ministers: *All the people in Christ* **Minister:** *Rev Jin Sook Kim*
Reader: *Bob Boss* **Director of Music:** *Catherine Macdonald*

*We gather together as the people of God
Kia Ora, Talofa, Bula, Shalom, Dobry den and Annyeong-haseyo*

Greetings with news and notices

Introit – You are before me, God, you are behind, Music: ©Estate of
Doris Wright Smith, Words: © The Estate of Ian Pitt-Watson
CH4 96 (CH3 68), vv 1 & 5

You are before me, God, you are behind,
And over me you have spread out your hand;
Such Knowledge is too wonderful for me,
Too high to grasp, too great to understand.

Search me, O God, search me and know my heart,
Try me, O God, my mind and spirit try;
Keep me from any path that gives you pain,
And lead me in the everlasting way.

Call to Worship

We come with praise
for the wonderful works of God.

**Even before we speak,
God knows us completely.**

The Holy One knows us and sustains us,
even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

**Who can count the thoughts of God?
They are more than all the sands of the desert.**
Like clay in the hand of the potter,

we are shaped into vessels of divine will.

**We come with praise
for the wonderful works of God.**

We sing – Lord, speak to me, that I may speak, *CH4 542 (CH3 485)*, vv

1- 6

**1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone.**

**As you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children, lost and lone.**

**2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.**

**3 O strengthen me, that, while I stand
Firm on the rock, and secure and free,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea.**

**4. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.**

**5 O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.**

**6 O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

Prayers

We sing – My God is so big! (with actions) WB 56

Story Time – The Potter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NYGZzQH757w>

Question: What did clay do while being moulded into a form?

We sing – Loving Spirit, Words © Shirley Murray, *Alleluia Aotearoa 94*,
vv 1-5 (WB 48)

**Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.**

**Like a mother, you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.**

**Like a father, you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.**

**Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blest,
in your promise is my comfort,
in your presence I may rest.**

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Readings

First reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Gospel reading: Luke 14:25-33

Sermon – Clay and the Potter

Anthem –Christians are all kinds of people, Music arrangement ©
Barry Brinson, Words and Melody © Stan Stewart, *Hope is Our Song* 16

**Christians are all kinds of people,
they're average, they're short and they're tall,
from all kinds of backgrounds, with all kinds of outlooks,
our gracious God uses them all.
Christians are all kinds of people,
not even especially good,**

**but God's love is mighty and that is what counts,
with mercy as wide as the sea, it reaches to you and to me.**

**Christians are all kind of people,
they're smilers, they're grouchers and clowns,
in all kinds of weather, whenever they gather,
you'll find every kind of them round.**

**Christians are all kinds of people,
and sometimes all kinds are in me,
but God's love is mighty and that is what counts,
with mercy as wide as the sea, it reaches to you and to me.**

**God uses all kinds of people,
the black and the pale and the tan,
new-born and the aged, the fit and disabled,
they all play a part in the plan.**

**God uses all kinds of people,
with problems, with hang-ups and scars,
but God's love is mighty and that is what counts,
with mercy as wide as the sea, it reaches to you and to me.**

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

**With these gifts,
we lay down all that we have
and all that we are,
and take up the cross with Jesus.
May we live as clay in God's hands. Amen**

We sing - Jesus calls us o'er the tumult, CH3 211 (CH4 509) TUNE: ST ANDREW

1 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his voice invites me,
saying "Christian, follow me!"

2 As, of old, Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Saviour, help us hear your call;
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all!

Sending

The Grace

Kia tau ki a tātou katoa

Te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, a Ihu Karaiti Me te aroha o te Atua

Me te whiwhingatahitanga, Ki te wairua tapu

Ake, ake, ake

Amine

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**