GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S GISBORNE

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

16 October 2022

Pentecost19

A Service of Worship



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

Reader: Pat Flockhart Organist: David Russell 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 - Kum Ba Yah, vv 1 & 3

Kumbayah, my Lord, kumbayah (x 3) O Lord, kumbayah.

Someone's praying, Lord, kumbayah ... (x3) O Lord, kumbayah.

Call to Worship

Oh, how I love all you've revealed; I reverently ponder it all the day long.

Your commands give me an edge on my enemies; they never become obsolete.

I've even become smarter than my teachers since I've pondered and absorbed your counsel.

I've become wiser than the wise old sages simply by doing what you tell me.

With your instruction, I understand life; that's why I hate false propaganda.

We sing - Immortal, invisible, God only wise, CH4 132 (CH3 32), vv1-4

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

We sing – There's a wideness in God's mercy, CH4 187 (CH3 218), vv1 & 3-5

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows

are more felt than in God's heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the grasp of mortal mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we would take him at his word; and our lives be filled with glory from the glory of the Lord.

Readings

First reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Gospel reading: Luke 18:1-8

Sermon – faith and prayer

Anthem – Lord, teach us how to pray aright, *CH4 545*, vv1-3 & 6 TUNE: WINCHESTER OLD *CH4 4*

Lord, teach us how to pray aright, with reverence and with fear; though fallen sinners in thy sight, we may, we must draw near.

Our spirits fail through lack of prayer:

Oh, grant us power to pray; and, when to meet thee we prepare, Lord, meet us by the way.

God of all grace, we bring to thee a broken, contrite heart; give, what thine eye delights to see, truth in the inward part.

Give these, and then thy will be done; thus strengthened with all might, we through thy Spirit and thy Son, shall pray, and pray aright.

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

We sing - Now thank we all our God, CH4 182 (CH3 368), 1-3

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices, - who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

May you, O bounteous God

through all our life be near us, with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us in your grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God our Maker now be given, to Christ, and Spirit too, our help in highest heaven, the one, eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore, for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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