

**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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Advent 4

Family Carol Service



Ministers: *All the people in Christ* **Minister:** *Rev Jin Sook Kim*
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*We gather together as the people of God
Kia Ora, Talofa, Bula, Shalom, Dobry den and Annyeong-haseyo*

Greetings with news and notices

Introit - O come, O come Emmanuel, CH4 273, 1-2

O Come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O Come, O Come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Call to Worship

We have been looking for a sign.

Emmanuel—God with us.

We have been waiting for a saviour.

Emmanuel—God with us.

The time is near—can it be?

Emmanuel—God with us.

Come let us worship the God of sign,
wonder, and promise.

Lighting the Advent candle of love

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we remember the love we find in
God, and the gifts of love we offer to others.

Read the Partner Story

Light the candle

Together:

**God of love and surprises; May we love one another, embracing your
generous spirit and ways of justice. Give us perseverance to bring love
to the world in word and in action. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

We sing – O Come, all ye faithful, CH4 306, 1-3

**O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
born the King of angels:**

Refrain

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him'
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

God of God,

**Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created.**

Refrain

**Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
'Glory to God in the highest':**

Refrain

Prayers

Reading: The annunciation

Luke 1:26-38

We sing –*the Angel Gabriel*, Music © 1922 B Feldman & Co Ltd, *CH4*
285, 1-3

1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he to meek and lowly Mary,
'most highly favoured maiden.' Gloria!

2 'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honour thee,
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!

**3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said.
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name.'
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!**

Reading: The journey

Luke 2:1-5

We sing –Little Donkey, © Words and music: Eric Boswell, 1-2

**Little donkey, little donkey,
on the dusty road,
got to keep on plodding onwards
with your precious load.
Been a long time, little donkey,
through the winter's night.
Don't give up now, little donkey,
Bethlehem's in sight.**

**Ring out those bells tonight,
Bethlehem, Bethlehem.
Follow the star tonight,
Bethlehem, Bethlehem.
Little donkey, little donkey,
had a heavy day.
Little donkey, carry Mary
safely on her way.**

Reading: No room

Luke 2:6-7

We sing –O little town, CH4 304, 1-2

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above the deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in the dark street shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.

Reading: A shoot of the king David
Isaiah 11:1-5

We sing –Once in Royal David's city, CH4 315, 1-2

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle-shed,
where a mother laid her Baby
in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

**He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.**

Reading: The birth

Matthew 1 18-25

We sing –*Away in a manger, CH4 312, 1-3*

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes,
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from on high,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

We sing –*Silent Night, CH4 309, 1-3*

**Silent night, holy night:
all is calm, all is bright
round the virgin mother and child,**

**holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night:
shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly host sing "Alleluia;
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.'**

**Silent night, holy night:
wondrous star, lend your light;
with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King;
Christ our Saviour is born,
Christ our Saviour is born.**

Reading: The shepherd

Luke 2:8-15

We sing – While humble Shepherds watched, CH4 296, 1-2 & 6

**While humble shepherds watched their flocks
In Bethlehem's plains by night,
An angel sent from heaven appeared,
And filled the plains with light.**

**'Fear not' he said, for sudden dread
Had seized their troubled mind;
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.**

**'All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good will is shown from heaven above
And never more shall cease.'**

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Love came down at Christmas

***Response:* Love divine**

We sing –*Hark the Herald angels, CH4 301, 1-2*

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!'
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies,
with the angelic host proclaim
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'**

Refrain

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King'.*

**Christ, by highest heaven adored.
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail, the Incarnate Deity,
pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel!**

Refrain

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King'.*

Reading: Wise Ones

Matthew 2:1-12

We sing –*The first Noel, CH4 323, 1-3*

**The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:
in fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

Refrain Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born in the King of Israel.

**They looked up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.**

Refrain Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born in the King of Israel.

**And by the light of that same star,
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a King was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.**

Refrain Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born in the King of Israel.

Offering

We sing— *As with gladness, CH4 326, 1& 3*

As with gladness those of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle rude and bare –
so may we with holy joy,
pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

We sing – *Joy to the World, CH4 320, 1 & 4*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive its King;
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing,

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love
And wonders, and wonders of His love

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**