

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

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

25 December 2022

Christmas Day



Ministers: *All the people in Christ* **Minister:** *Rev Jin Sook Kim*
Organist: *Ian Miles* **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 – Carol our Christmas, SOA 7, 1 & 4

Call to Worship

The world was once in darkness

Now we have God's Light, Jesus to shine on us.

The words and promises of God are all true!

God has given us the best gift of all!

Rejoice! God is with us!

Praise be to God! AMEN.

The Christmas Light

The true light is shining in the world. It is the Light of our beloved Saviour Jesus Christ. We light this Christ candle and remember how much Jesus loves us.

(Light all the candles including the Christ candle)

We sing – Star child, SOA 49, 1 & 5

We sing – Joy to the world, SOA 23, 1-3

Prayers

We sing – Light of lights beholden, SOA 55, 1-2

Readings

First Reading – Isaiah 52:7-10

Gospel Reading – John 1:1-14

Sermon – The story of light

Christmas Greetings

The light and hope of Christ lives in each of us.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

We sing – O come all ye faithful, SOA 32, 1-4 (English only)

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**