#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW’S GISBORNE**

***Matawhero Church – Church Lane***

***St Andrew’s Church and Community Centre:***

***176 Cobden Street, Gisborne***

***15 January 2023 Epiphany 2***

*Jesus, and our loved ones, Live on,*

*In words they have spoken, in Lives*

*They have touched and in Love*

*They have shared: we find*

*Happiness whenever we Remember them*

**Minister*s:*** *All the people*

**Reader:** Sally Spence **Organist:** David Russell

**Director of Music:** *Catherine Macdonald*

***We welcome all visitors to our service this morning.***

***Please sign the Visitors’ Book and make yourself known to the Hosts who stand at the back of the church.***

***A toilet is located in the foyer.***

***In our worship we use inclusive language as much as possible. Sometimes, especially in the hymns, this is not possible. Feel free to insert the language with which you are most comfortable.***

***BOLDED WORDS are for congregational response.***

***Where there is an asterisk \* please stand.***

*We gather together as the people of God*

*Kia Ora, Talofa, Bula, Shalom, Annyeong-haseyo, Bonjour, Guten Tag, Goede Morgen,* *Dobryi den*

Welcome, Introduction and Notices

Greet each other

***Introit and Entry of Bible and Candle. Please remain seated to sing:*** Living Lord WB 40 vv1,4

Lord Jesus Christ  
You have come to us  
You are one with us  
Mary’s Son  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin  
Pouring Your love and goodness in  
Jesus, our love for you we sing  
Living Lord

Lord Jesus Christ  
I would come to you  
live my life for you  
Son of God  
All your commands I know are true  
Your many gifts will make me new  
Into my life your power breaks through  
Living Lord

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 40)***

God teaches us to sing a new song

**A song of Praise to our God**

Many who see this will take warning.

**They will put their trust in the Lord**

Happy are those who trust in the Lord and do not put their trust in idols

**You have done many things for us, O God, there is no one like You. You have made many wonderful plans for us**

***We sing -*** Morning has broken WB 55

Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning  
Born of the one light, Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise every morning  
God's recreation of the new day

***Prayer***

***Children’s Activity:* Freedom is doing what you like**

**Happiness is liking what you do.**

***We sing*** – Loving Spirit WB48 Tune: Omni Die

**1. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,**

**you have chosen me to be -**

**you have drawn me to your wonder,**

**you have set your sign on me.**

**2. 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.**

**3. Like a father, you protect me,**

**teach me the discerning eye,**

**hoist me up upon your shoulder,**

**let me see the world from high.**

**4. Friend and lover, in your closeness**

**I am known and held and blessed:**

**in your promise is my comfort,**

**in your presence I may rest.**

**5. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,**

**you have chosen me to be -**

**you have drawn me to your wonder,**

**you have set your sign on me.**

***Reading:*** *Romans 8: 28-39* (Good News Bible)

***We sing –*** Song of Faith that sings forever Shirley Murray FFS 57

Tune: There’s a light upon the mountain WOV 206

**Song of faith that sings forever through God’s people, ages long,**

**Word that holds the world together**

**when our hearts take up the song,**

**always, always somewhere sounding,**

**though the source we do not see,**

**counterpoint to all despairing, it is hope that sets the key.**

**Song of faith in exultation, rising through the vaults of prayer,**

**tune of simple celebration offered up in open air,**

**song in chapel and cathedral, descant to our daily tone,**

**song from sickbed or in prison: faith must often sing alone.**

**And when life would overwhelm us,**

**when there seems no song to sing,**

**hear the constant voice of courage out of fear and suffering:**

**all who’ve loved and trusted Jesus, all who lift us to be strong,**

**endless, endless are the voices of the faith that makes the song.**

***Reflection*** – God is Love

***We sing –*** Nothing, nothing in all creation HS102 Shirley Murray

**Refrain:** **Nothing, nothing in all creation**

**can separate us from the love of God.**

**This is our faith: trouble may break us,**

**grief overtake us, sickness and death,**

**this is our creed: no place so distant**

**God is not present, knowing our need,**

**for nothing, nothing in all creation...**

**Powers of our day, angel and devil,**

**danger and evil make their own play;**

**God's love is sure, unseen but seeing**

**heart of our being, comfort and cure,**

**for nothing, nothing in all creation...**

**Never alone, though human error,**

**turmoil or terror shake every bone,**

**hope is our song: hope that is joyous,**

**born with Christ Jesus, where we belong,**

**for nothing, nothing in all creation**

**can separate us from the love of God.**

***Prayers of Intercession***

***Offering***

***Prayer of Dedication:*  God, bless these gifts we bring in thanks to you. Bless us as we recommit ourselves to share your Love. Amen**

***We sing*** – And can it be? WOV138ii CH4 396ii

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| **1** | **And can it be that I should gain An interest in the Saviour’s blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, should’st die for me? Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, should’st die for me?** |
| **3** | **He left His Father’s throne above, So free, so infinite His grace; Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam’s helpless race: ’Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me. ’Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me.** |
| **5** | **No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness Divine, Bold I approach the eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own. Bold I approach the eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own.** |

**Benediction: Go joyfully in God’s grace and keeping. Be empowered by the Holy spirit as God’s people of Love, and**

**May 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***: 3-fold Amen CH4#819

*Please join us for a time of fellowship and friendship and a cup of tea or coffee in the lounge of the Community Centre next door*

**Daily Centering prayer at noon (**12 - 12:15 pm) wherever we are whatever we are doing. Focus on key word **GPP** (for its continuing mission and life in the community)

**DIARY**

**SUNDAY 15** **EPIPHANY 2**

**Matawhero 9.00am Informal Service in Hall.**

**St Andrew’s 10.00am Lynnor Cooke**

3.00pm Sea of Faith

Monday 16 9.00am Walking Group resumes for the year

9.30 Matawhero Gardening

Tuesday 17 10.00am Morning Tea at 109 Ormond Rd. All welcome

Thursday 19 3.30pm Dunblane Service tbc

**SUNDAY 22** **EPIPHANY 3**

**St Andrew’s 10.00am Ruth McLennan**

**Matawhero no Service**

**Please remember** donations for the Love basket. Breakfast cereals very welcome

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 15 January  Epiphany 2 | **Matawhero**  tbc  **St Andrew’s**  Sally Spence | **Alvin Hall**  Dianne Burrows  Linda Savage | Marilyn Matthews  Margaret Palmer | : S: Colin Matthews  V. Alan Groves |
| 22 January  Epiphany 3 | **Matawhero**  No service  **St Andrew’s**  tbc | **xxx**  xxx | xxx  xxx | S: Colin Matthews  V:. xxx |

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