

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

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

22 January 2023

Epiphany 3

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

Introit and Entry of Bible and Candle. This is the Day v1 x2 CH4 194; WB79

**This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.**

**We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

Call to Worship (adapted from Charles Wesley)

In the morning, fill us with Your love,
and we shall live this day in joy & praise!

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Christ, the true and only Light.

Sun of righteousness, arise, Triumph over the shades of night

Dayspring from on high, be near:

Daystar in my heart appear.

We sing - Christ is the world's light WB8

**Christ is the world's Light, Christ and none other;
born in our darkness, he became our Brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high.**

**Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;
no one can serve him and despise another.
Who else unites us, one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high.**

**Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother-
he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high.**

**Give God the glory, God and none other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;
give God the glory, God with us, my brother:
Glory to God on high.**

Prayer followed by The Lords Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever.**

Children's chat, Celebrations & sing the celebration song

Celebrations today

May God bless you, we pray

Live for Jesus dear people

May He guide you each day

We sing – I have decided to follow Jesus WB 25

I have decided to follow Jesus; (3x)

No turning back, no turning back.

2. The world behind me, the cross before me; (3x)
No turning back, no turning back
3. Tho' none go with me, I still will follow; (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.
4. Where Jesus leads me, I'll surely follow, (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.
5. Sing glory, glory, and halleluiah (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.

Readings: Isaiah 9 1-4
Matthew 4 12-23

Message –Are we true followers?

We sing – When Jesus saw the fishermen CH4 340 Tune Tyrol WOV 176
When Jesus saw the fishermen in boats upon the sea,
he called to them, ‘Come, leave your nets
and follow, follow me.’
They followed where he healed the sick
and gave the hungry bread,
and others joined them as they went
wherever Jesus led.

And now his friends are everywhere;
the circle once so small
extends around the whole wide world,
for Jesus calls us all.
In this great circle we belong,
wherever we may be,
if we will answer when he calls,
‘Come, follow, follow me.

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

We sing – Will you come and follow me CH4 #533 Tune Kelvingrove

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such at this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me**

Benediction:

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*

Leader: Ruth McLennan **Ministers:** *All the people*
Reader: Colleen Skuse **Organist:** Paul Pollock
Director of Music: *Catherine Macdonald*