**Order of Service**

**for the Eighth Day of Creation.**

**At St. Andrews, Gisborne**

**9th. April, 2023.**

**EASTER SUNDAY - 2023**

**\*\*\*Welcome and Greeting ::**  [ Duty Elder.]

In the name of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

We, the Community of Faithful Believers here

welcome you: -- wherever you come from,

as you join us this Easter Sunday.

**>>>Our Easter Narrative continues :: The Minister.**

**>>>Reading from the Gospel of Matthew, Ch.28: vs. 1 ff.**

*L : After the Sabbath, in the dawn of the first day of the week:*

*Mary Magdalene and the other Mary,*

*went to see the sepulchre.*

*: The Angel, who had rolled the stone away,*

*spoke to Mary and the other women – saying:*

***“ … Do not be afraid !***

***For I know that you seek Jesus -- who was crucified.***

***He is not here ! For He is risen; just as He said …”***

*\*\*\*L :Therefore … Let us celebrate and sing together*

*this mystery of our Faith*

**\*\*\*1-PRAISE: CH-4 410** [Easter Hymn.] **Jesus Christ is risen today,**

**Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia!***

**our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia!***

**who did once, upon the Cross, *Alleluia!***

**suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia!***

**Hymns of praise, then, let us sing, *Alleluia!***

**unto Christ, our heavenly King, *Alleluia!***

**who endured the cross and grave, *Alleluia!***

**sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluia!***

**But the anguish he endured *Alleluia!***

**our salvation has procured; *Alleluia!***

**now in heaven Christ is King, *Alleluia!***

**where the angels ever sing *Alleluia!***

**Sing we to our God above *Alleluia!***

**praise eternal as his love; *Alleluia***

**praise him, all you heavenly host, *Alleluia!***

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Alleluia!***

**\*\*\*Prayer of Adoration and Praise.**

*L : Let us pray; .... ... Ever present, ever living, ever loving God;*

*amidst all the great things we could praise You for,*

*we remember with joy and faith that first Easter morning*

**All : When the darkest of nights turned into the brightest of days**;

**the day You gave us an unmistakable sign**

**of Your love and the promises given to us by our Lord.**

*L : Almighty God, Creator of us all, we marvel and worship You.*

**All : You fill us with awe at the power and the mystery of Your creativity;**

**You raised our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, from the grave,**

**You say to all who see and hear, "He indeed spoke My Word!"**

*L : Lord Jesus, Living Lord; we praise you and give you thanks.*

**All : By Your presence amongst us, we know this Holy truth:**

**It can only come from a self-revealing source outside ourselves.**

**Yours is the final victory; for You give our living hope and meaning.**

*L : Holy Spirit; Comforter, companion at all times.*

**All : It is You who guards and guides us, who gives us all individual gifts;**

**who empowers us; who strengthens us when we stumble,**

**who encourages us to be more loving of others and of ourselves;**

**and who restrains us from the worst of our human nature.**

*L : We praise You as the One Triune God****,*** *who made all things possible.*

**All : Glory and praise, honour and thanksgiving be Yours forever,**

**As Creator, Risen Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN.**

# MINISTRY of the WORD

**R-READING (1) The Prophet Jeremiah. Ch. 31 : (7 – 9)**

**R-READING: (2) 1st Letter to the Corinthians . Ch. 3 : (4 – 9)**

**\*\*2-PRAISE:CH-4 459** [Diademata] Crown Him with many crowns

**Crown him with many crowns,**

**the lamb upon his throne;**

**Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns**

**all music but its own.**

**Awake, my soul, and sing**

**of him who died for thee,**

**and hail him as thy matchless King**

**through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of life,**

**who triumphed o’er the grave,**

**and rose victorious in the strife**

**for those he came to save.**

**His glories now we sing,**

**who died and rose on high,**

**who died eternal life to bring,**

**and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;**

**behold his hands and side,**

**rich wounds yet visible above,**

**in beauty glorified.**

**All hail, Redeemer, hail!**

**for thou hast died for me:**

**thy praise shall never, never fail**

**throughout eternity.**

**>>>Easter Address**  Revd Dr Clive Yates

*“… It is God who makes us grow .. “ (St. Paul )*

**\*\*\*The OFFERING :**

*L : Accept, O lord, all of our giftings of support and donations;*

*All our mini tries of song and music;*

*All our Administration and acts of personal service,*

*Our outreach through hospitality and caring for others …. …*

**All : Use these, and use us; for the growth of Your Kingdom**

**here in this place; all in Jesus Name . Amen.**

# R-- OUR EASTER AFFIRMATION ::

*L : We say together, the following: --*

**Our faith and certainty is in You.**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**in love, You created our world and all that keeps it in being.**

**You have made us all Your children,**

**We proclaim Jesus, son of Mary as the Lord of Life within us.**

**Born. , he lived as one of us, sharing life; sharing death:**

**declaring forgiveness; giving hope; bringing healing.**

**His death upon the Cross being the means of showing**

**the power of God for salvation in His triumph over all things.**

**Jesus is the Lord of life, and calls us to His service.**

**Through the Holy Spirit, we are united in our Baptism with Christ.**

**We rejoice in the sure and certain belief in the resurrection**

**through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master.**

**We look joyfully for His coming again;**

**to the day when we are made one with all those we miss,**

**those no longer with us, but whom we loved so dearly.**

**Then, all will join in worshipping and praising together.**

**the Father, through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit;**

**One God, blessed and forever blessing , evermore, AMEN.**

**\*\*\*Final Dressing of the Cross with Flowers:**

*You are all invited to come forward to the Communion Table area*

*and finish the Flowering of the Cross.*

*Not Flowers of sorrow; but flowers of joy and celebration;*

*Celebrating ‘new life’, and grateful thanks for lives filled with meaning*.

**\*\*\* *There are seats available at the front for you to sit upon …***

**During the singing of the hymn, please approach and remain near & around the Communion Table for the duration of Communion**

**When I survey the wondrous cross CH-4 392**

**On which the Prince of Glory died,**

**My richest gain I count but loss,**

**And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,**

**Save in the death of Christ, my God;**

**All the vain things that charm me most,**

**I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See! from his head, his hands, his feet,**

**Sorrow and love flow mingled down;**

**Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,**

**Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,**

**That were an offering far too small;**

**Love so amazing, so divine,**

**Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

**>>> The Invitation to the Lord's Table.**

**>>> The Communion Hymn: CH-4 380**  (vs.1 & 2. only)

**There is a green hill far away,**

**Outside a city wall,**

**where the dear Lord was crucified,**

**who died to save us all.**

**We may not know, we cannot tell**

**what pains he had to bear;**

**but we believe it was for us**

**He hung and suffered there.**

**>>> The Thanksgiving Prayer**  ( The Minister )

**The Words of Institution**

**The Breaking of Bread and**

**The Communion**

These are the gifts of God

for the children of God

**>>>The Post-communion Hymn.** *During which you may return to your pew in the church* **CH-4 519** [ Hyfrydol ] ***selected …***

1 **Love divine, all loves excelling,**

**joy of heaven, to earth come down,**

**fix in us thy humble dwelling,**

**all thy faithful mercies crown.**

**Jesus, thou art all compassion,**

**pure, unbounded love thou art;**

**visit us with thy salvation,**

**enter every trembling heart.**

**3 Finish then thy new creation:**

**pure and spotless let us be,**

**let us see thy great salvation**

**perfectly restored in thee:**

**changed from glory into glory,**

**till in heaven we take our place,**

**till we cast our crowns before thee,**

**lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

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**\*\*\*The Thanksgiving Prayer**. [ led by Duty Elder ]

*L* :  *Let us pray. ... Loving Father, Spirit of Truth, Living Lord Jesus Christ,*

*for these holy mysteries through which You feed and nurture us,*

*we give You our grateful thanks.*

**All : For the fellowship we share in this sacrament;**

**for the fellowship we keep with all who rest safely with You:**

**for the assurance that at the last, we will arrive in Your presence**

**to participate fully in the communion of everlasting love**

**of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to whom is due**

**all praise, thanks and glory; Amen.**

**\*\*\*Final-PRAISE : CH-4 419** [Maccabeus] **Thine be the Glory**, ... ...

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,**

**Endless is the victory thou oér death hast won;**

**Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,**

**Kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,*

*Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.*

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;**

**Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;**

**Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,**

**For her Lord now liveth;**

**Death hath lost its sting.**

*Refrain*

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;**

**Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;**

**Make us more than conquerors , through thy deathless love:**

**Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

*Refrain*

**\*\*\*We share our Easter Grace together.**

*L : As the Risen Christ stepped forth from Death to Life,*

*may He lead us through Life and Death to Life with Him.*

**All : You gave Your life, and You give me Life:**

**You gave us love, and You bring us peace;**

**You gave all You had, and You have enriched u all.**

**Bless each one of us, as we go to be of service to others.**

**May we do this together as Your followers and disciples.**

[ (Sung) --- The 3-fold Amen. --- ]

**The Music as we depart today is a short excerpt from**

Handel’s ‘Messiah’ – *“And the Glory of the Lord. “*

**Please stay and listen / sing -- the words are on the screen ….**