#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

#### [*www.standrewsgis.org.nz*](http://www.standrewsgis.org.nz)

#### ***18 June 2023******Pentecost 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 \* you are invited to stand.***

WELCOME AND NOTICES Sally

SILENT PREPARATION

INTROIT (Choir) and entry of the bible **Simply to be HS118**

Simply to be, to be in stillness,

simply to trust that God is here,

simply to know the Holy Presence,

is to be blessed:

so am I blessed,

simply to hold the given moment,

simply to lay concern aside,

simply to let the heart be speaking,

is to be blessed:

so am I blessed,

so am I blessed within God’s keeping,

so am I freed from pointless stress,

steadied to feel the soul replenished,

given this grace,

folded in peace.

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 116)

Leader; Receive my love, O Beloved, You who hear my voice and my supplication

ALL; You incline your ear to me, and I call upon you with trust day and night

Leader; What shall I render to You for all your goodness to me?

ALL; I will drink the chalice of Love and praise you, who have done wondrous things.

Leader; I will bear witness to You O Bread of Life, In the presence of all people.

All; Precious to You are all who abandon themselves to your Will.

Leader; O Beloved, consider me your friend; I long to co-create with You,

For You have loosed the bonds of fear in me.

All; I will offer You the gift of gratitude and acknowledge your Loving Presence with joy.

Leader; I will bear witness to You O Giver of Life, in the presence of all people.

All; Praises be to You! You dwell within the heart of everything!

**\*HYMN Come, teach us Spirit FFS11 tune Kilmarnock CH4 69**

**Come, teach us, Spirit of our God,**

**the language of your way,**

**the lessons that we need to live,**

**the faith for every day.**

**Excite our minds to follow you,**

**to trace new truths in store,**

**new flight paths for our spirit space,**

**new marvels to explore:**

**Engage our wits to dance with you,**

**to leap from logic's base,**

**to capture insight on the wing,**

**to sense your cosmic grace:**

**Inspire our spark to light from you,**

**to catch creation's flair,**

**new artistry to celebrate,**

**new harmonies to dare:**

**Delight our hearts to worship you,**

**to learn compassion's code,**

**to live in context of your love,**

**great teacher who is God!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION; Joy Cowley Cynthia

Leader; Jesus says, “come, follow me”

All; “I say, Lord you are calling the wrong person. I am not the following type. It takes me all my time to stand on my own two feet.”

Leader; And Jesus days “I love you”

I say “Now don’t get me wrong, Lord. I do all I can within reason, but I can’t afford to go overboard. I mean, I have to live in this world.”

Leader: And Jesus says “I love you”

I say “it’s all very well to talk about love, but love is dangerous. It can get people crucified. At best it can be misunderstood. If I go around telling people that I love them, someone is going to lock me up.”

Leader: And Jesus says “I love you”

I say, “The trouble is that I am not ready. Come back in a few years when I have my life sorted out. By then I will have something to offer you.”

Leader: And Jesus says “I love you”

I say, “Lord don’t look at me like that. You are making it difficult. All right, I’ll spell it out. I am a sinner. I’d let you down. I’d give my life to you then take it back again. I’m weak, Lord”

Leader: And Jesus says “I love you”

I say “You don’t understand what I am telling you. I’d deny you and betray you. There’d be times when I’d crucify you. And what would you think of me then?”

Leader; And Jesus says “I love you

**\*HYMN** **Tell my people I love them**  **AA132**

***Tell my people I love them;***

***tell my people that I care.***

***When they feel far away from me,***

***tell my people I am there.***

**Tell my people I came and died**

**to give them liberty;**

**as they abide in me**

**they will be really free!**

**Tell my people where-e’re they go**

**to claim my risen power,**

**my peace and joy and love**

**is with them hour by hour.**

**Tell my people who grieve and mourn**

**that I allowed the night**

**of darkness to descend,**

**but I am still the Light**

**Tell my people to share their wealth**

**and fight the sin of greed;**

**care for the refugee;**

**the hungry they’re to feed.**

**Tell my people throughout the world**

**to strive for peace today,**

**show love for enemies,**

**be servants of the Way**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Romans 5: 1-8 Sally

Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8 Cynthia

**REFLECTION**

**ANTHEM (Choir) We are the singers who celebrate Jesus FFS68**

We are the singers who celebrate Jesus,

we are the cast of a play to unfold,

we have a part at the heart of the Gospel,

action that speaks as the Story is told,

*we are God's people,*

*hopeful and joyful,*

*one open circle*

*round Jesus Christ!*

This is the wonder, that we should be chosen!

We, like the earthenware vessels we are,

clay in a mould to enfold the great treasure:

light of more power than sunburst or star,

*we are God's people…*

We are the travellers set on a voyage,

ship that will sail with whoever will board,

we who can dream a regime of acceptance,

seeking a country of loving accord,

*we are God's people,…*

We have a life that is greening and growing,

centred on Jesus, the root and the vine,

we are a place for each race and each rainbow,

household of faith with a pledge of new wine,

*we are God's people,….*

INTERCESSORY PRAYER followed by Lynnor

THE LORD’S PRAYER*(based on the original Aramaic)*

**O Cosmic Birther of all radiance and vibration!**

**Soften the ground of our being**

**And carve out a space within where your presence and abide.**

**Fill us with your creativity so that we may be empowered to bear the fruit of your mission.**

**Let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with your desire.**

**Endow us with the wisdom to produce and share what each being needs to grow and flourish.**

**Untie the tangled threads of destiny that bind us,**

**As we release others from the entanglement of past mistakes.**

**Do not let us be seduced by that, which would divert us from our true purpose,**

**But illuminate the opportunities of the present moment. For you are the ground and fruitful vision,**

**The birth, power and fulfilment,**

**All is gathered and made whole again. Amen**

**\*****HYMN Great and deep the Spirit's purpose AA 55**

**Great and deep the Spirit's purpose, hidden now in mystery;  
Nature bursts with joyful promise, ripe with what is yet to be.  
In a wealth of rich invention, still the work of art unfolds -  
barely have we seen, and faintly, what God's great salvation holds.**

**Great and deep the Spirit's purpose, making Jesus seen and heard.  
Every age of God's creation grasps new meanings from the Word.  
Show us, Holy Spirit, show us your new work begun today;  
eyes and ears and hearts are open, each us what to do and say.  
  
Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,**

**all God's children brought to birth,  
freed from hunger, fear and evil every corner of the earth.  
And a million, million voices speak with joy the Saviour's name;  
every face reflects his image, never any two the same.  
  
Great and deep the Spirit's purpose, nothing shall be left to chance.  
All that lives will be united in the everlasting dance.  
All fulfilled and all perfected, each uniquely loved and known,  
Christ in glory unimagined, once, for all receives his own.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS **Note:** *The offering is now received at the door as we enter. If you missed seeing this, you may place a retiring offering in the offering boxes at the door as you leave.*

**\*DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN: He came singing love AA59**

**He came singing love**

**and he lived singing love;**

**he died singing love.**

**he arose in silence.**

**For the love to go on**

**we must make it our song:**

**you and I be the singers.**

**He came singing faith**

**and he lived singing faith;**

**he died singing faith;**

**He arose in silence.**

**for the faith to go on**

**we must make it our song:**

**you and I be the singers.**

**He came singing hope**

**and he lived singing hope;**

**he died singing hope.**

**He arose in silence.**

**for the hope to go on**

**we must make it our song:**

**you and I be the singers.**

**He came singing peace**

**and he lived singing peace;**

**he died singing peace.**

**He arose in silence.**

**For the peace to go on**

**We must make it our song:**

**you and I be the singers.**

\*BLESSING Cynthia

Loving God bless us with eyes that see goodness,

mouths that speak love, ears that are discerning,

hearts that are accommodating, hands that touch in kindness,

feet that go the extra mile,

and smiles that show acceptance.

**\*3-fold Amen**

**\***Exit of Bible and candle

**Ministers*:*** *All the people*

**Leader:** *Sr Cynthia Kearney* **Reader:** *Sally Spence*

**Organist:** *David Russell* **Choir**

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

**DIARY**

**SUNDAY 18** **PENTECOST 3**

**10a.m. St. Andrew’s – Sr Cynthia Kearney**

**Matawhero No service**

Monday 19 9.00am Walking Group

9.30am Matawhero Gardening

Tuesday 20 10.00am Open Door All welcome

Wednesday 219.45am mainly music

2.30pm **Finance Committee**

Thursday 22 2.00pm Leighton House Service

2.30pm **Parish Council**

Friday 23 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday 24 8am-noon Car Boot Sale

**SUNDAY 25** **PENTECOST 4**

**10a.m. St. Andrew’s – Rev. Sheryl McGrory**

**Matawhero no service**

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

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 18 June | **Matawhero**  Barbara Larsen  **St Andrew’s**  Sally Spence | **Pat Smith**  Sarah McC  Dianne Burrows | Ruth McLennan  Pat Flockhart | S: Hans Kwak  V: Linda  C:Hans |
| 25 June | **Matawhero**  No service  **St Andrew’s**  Gina Hughes | **Seton Clare**  Linda Savage  Cathy Porter | Margaret Palmer Diane Burrows | S: Hans Kwak  V: Alan  C: Don |

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