

*The 25th. Sunday after Trinity,
The first in Our Advent Exploration*

at St Andrews's, Gisborne.

19th., November, 2023.

++ Welcome to this series of Services:

the Minister

<https://youtu.be/MxTCKN8FBbo>

Introduction to Today's Theme

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G. F. Handel: "... *Eternal Source Of Light Divine ...*" (HWV 74)

(aus: Ode for the Birthday of Queen Anne, [HWV 74]

Maie-Sophie Pollak with Matthew Sadler & The Munich Concerto Ensemble.]

Eternal source of light divine

Ewiger Quell göttlichen Lichts

With double warmth Thy beams display:

Sende deine Strahlen aus mit doppelter Wärme

And with distinguish'd glory shine

Und scheine mit prangender Herrlichkeit,

To add a lustre to this (our) day.

um diesem Tag Glanz zu verleihen.

*****Our Call to Worship :**

(led by Our Duty Elder)

Taken from PSALM 8 :: [Adapted for congregational reading. © cbyates 2023]

*L : When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—
the moon and the stars you have set in their place --*

All : What are we -- mere mortals that You should think about us?

We human beings --that You should care for us ?

L : Yet you made us only a little lower than God --

and crowned us with glory and honour.

You gave us charge of everything you made,

putting all things under our authority --

All : In all of the flocks, and all the herds, and all the wild animals,

All the birds which fly in the sky,

All the fish that swim in the seas;

Even the grass and grains that grow in our fields:

O Lord; our LORD: Your majestic Creation fills the earth!

Amen.

*****1-PRAISE : CH-4 139 Praise the Lord, you heavens adore him
Tune: Austrian Hymn CH4 738**

**Praise the Lord, you heavens, adore him;
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him,
praise him, all you stars and light.
Praise the Lord! For he has spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken
for their guidance he has made.**

**Praise the Lord! For he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail;
God has made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven, and earth, and all creation,
laud and magnify his name.**

*****We PRAY TOGETHER**

[Psalm 95, adapted (c) cbyates 2023]

*L : Let us begin this day with songs praising our Father God.
Whether we feel like singing or not, breathe the actual thoughts;
shape the sounds we make; form the syllables;
speak the words: -- praise --and honour our Creator.*

**All : The fact is that God is always in His world;
journeying with us, and loving us despite ourselves.
Through Jesus Christ, He has adopted us as His children.
He makes us valid; worthwhile; and truly significant;
despite our human feelings, and our critics.**

*L : We may not always be aware that these things are true,
He has made it this way despite contrary appearances.*

**All Let us begin the day with singing and thanksgiving.
Our God does not shrink from our doubts or from our anger:
for He has made us the object of His concern and love.
Blessed be the God of Abraham, Moses; Rachel; and Mary,
through His promise of children to them, He blesses us all.**

God came in Jesus Christ! God is here -- now! AMEN.

*****2-PRAISE: CH-4 132 Immortal, invisible; God only wise tune: St Denio (Joanna)**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

>>1-READING : The Book of JOB : Ch 38 : selected verses.

>>2-READING :The Book of ECCLESIASTES: Ch. 1 : vs1ff

*****3-PRAISE : For the beauty of the earth CH4 181i Tune Lucerna Laudoniae
Choir sing verses, congregation join the chorus**

**For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies
for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies:**
*Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

**For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:**
Refrain

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:**
Refrain

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:**
Refrain

**For each perfect gift and sign of your love so freely given,
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:**
Refrain

Our REFLECTION on the THEME of TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

led by a Minister Emeritus

Revd Dr Clive Yates

“ ... In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ... ”

“... What is OUR response to this statement Today?? ...”

*****4-PRAISE: WOC 151 When morning gilds the skies Tune: Laudes Domini**

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awakening cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer,
to Jesus I repair;
may Jesus Christ be praised!

To God the Word, on high,
the hosts of angels cry:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let mortals too upraise,
their voice in hymns of praise;
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round,
in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth and sea and sky,
from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song
through all the ages on:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

*****Our OFFERTORY**

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Dedication :

*L : These are our gifts and donations, originally created by You, O Lord.
In creating them, You provided for us. You could curtail them too.*

*All : What we have been given, we cannot keep forever, but use wisely.
Help us to use them to help us grow and enlarge Your Kingdom
here in this locality; and in every home and place.*

*Let us always remember what we have promised to you,
of serving You faithfully every day in the name of Jesus.*

AMEN

*****RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THIS CONGREGATION :-**

L : Lord in your goodness

All : HEAR OUR PRAYER.

*****5-PRAISE Ch-4 110] Glory be to God, our Maker ... Tune: Regent Square**

**Glory be to God our Maker,
God Redeemer, holy Son;
glory be to God the Spirit,
God almighty, Three-In-One!
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
while eternal ages run.**

**Glory to the One who loved us,
washed us from each sin and stain,
glory to the One who bought us,
raised us up to serve and reign.
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
to the Lamb that once was slain.**

**“Glory, blessing, praise eternal!”
angel choirs their hymns prolong;
“Honour, riches, power, dominion!”
echoes all creation’s song.
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
praises to our God belong.**

+++ SENDING FORTH :

+++Min. : *Stay with us and bless us, all the days long of all our journeyings.*

All : Put Your Divine spark to work within me.

Kindle a fire in the hearth of my heart.

Protect and nurture these growing flickering flames.

Let them burn warmly as a beacon of brightness

to all who seek to find their way in the disabling darkness.

For You are the Father who pitied and sought me:

You are the Son who came and taught me:

You are the Spirit who found and brought me:

Our God, our faith; our Lord, our Spirit of Unity. Amen.

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You may like to stay for about Four- minutes to ENJOY and CONTEMPLATE upon

“The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God”

Oratorio by F.J. Hayden (1732-1809)

From ‘The Creation’, [‘Die Schopnung’ :: “Die Himmel erzählen die Ehre Gottes”]

By the ‘Top Notch’ Ensemble ... accompanied on Piano

4-38..

Please join us for a time of fellowship and friendship over a cup of tea or coffee.

Ministers: *All the people*
Worship Leader: *The Rev Dr Clive Yates*

Duty Elder: *Jenny Lawton*
Organist: *Paul Pollock*

Reader: *Dianne Burrows*
Choir

DIARY

SUNDAY 19 PENTECOST 25

10.00am St. Andrew's Rev Dr Clive Yates
Matawhero – **Hall service**

Monday 20 9.00am Walking Group
9.30am Matawhero gardening
Tuesday 21 10.00am Open Door
1.30pm Ryman Rest Home service tbc
- No Lessons and Carols choir rehearsal
Wednesday 22 9.45am mainly music
Thursday 23 2.30pm Leighton House Service tbc
2.30pm Parish Council
Friday 24 1.00pm Choir rehearsal
Saturday 25 8.00 – 11.30am Car Boot Sale

SUNDAY 26 REIGN OF CHRIST ST ANDREW'S DAY CELEBRATED

10.00am St. Andrew's Rev Dr Clive Yates
Followed by Pot luck luncheon in the hall.
Matawhero – **No service**
3.00pm Sea of Faith

Coming up:

Sunday 26 November: A nod to St Andrew's day. Wear tartan and stay for a pot-luck lunch after the service

Sunday 17 December Lessons and Carols for Christmas. All-comers choir rehearsals on Tuesdays from 7th November 7-8pm St Andrew's church

Mindful Prayer topics: 19th & 26th Nov 2023 Peace in the world between countries at war; Carers and clients; Church and Community Volunteers; Our Faith journey; GPP; Parish Council; Family issues & concerns The Right Rev Rose Luxford and her ministry as Moderator of PCANZ.

.Mindful Prayer contact Margaret Graham ph. 021 026 03990 or email m.n.e.gra@xtra.co.nz

Note: The offering is now received at the door as we enter. If you miss noticing this, you may place a retiring offering in the offering boxes at the door as you leave.

Please remember donations for the Love basket when shopping. All offerings gratefully received.

As you will have read in the recent *Signpost* Val Hall and Pat Flockhart are offering Home Communion, and they need an Elder to be present. Any Elders willing to assist, please phone or email Val Hall.

For all Pastoral care needs please contact one of the committee members:

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With blessings from the Pastoral Committee

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
19 November Pentecost 25	Matawhero Wendy Johnston	Seton Clare Cathy Porter Alvin Hall	Wendy Morris Margaret Palmer	S:Hans V:Linda C:Hans

Rev Dr Clive Yates Jenny Lawton	<u>St Andrew's</u> Dianne Burrows			
26 November Reign of Christ St Andrew's Day Rev Dr Clive Yates Pat Flockhart	<u>Matawhero</u> No service <u>St Andrew's</u> Ruth McLennan	<u>Chrissie</u> <u>Parker</u> Marilyn Matthews tbc	Pot luck lunch Dianne Burrows Val Hall Paulina Melief	S:Hans V:Don C:Don

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