

# GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH WELCOME TO MATAWHERO CHURCH

*1 January 2023*

*Christmas 1*

## *Service of Sunday Worship*



**Minister:** *Rev Jin Sook Kim*

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## ***Greetings with news and notices***

***Introit*** – Amazing Grace, WB 3, 1-2

### ***Call to Worship***

Praise the Lord! Let all the angels praise the Lord.

**Praise him, sun and moon;**

**praise him, shining stars;**

**praise him, highest heavens.**

Let them all praise the name of the Lord!

**God commanded, and the universe  
was created, fixed in place forever.**

Praise God,

Kings and all peoples, princes and all other rulers,  
girls and young men, old people and children too.

**Let us all praise the name of the Lord,  
and worship the Prince of Peace.**

***We sing*** - O Love, how deep, ow broad, how high, CH3 223, 1-2 & 5-6

### ***Prayers***

***We sing*** – Unto us a boy is born, CH3 187, 1-4

### ***Readings***

*First Reading*- Hebrew 2:10-18

*Gospel Reading* – Matthew 2:13-23

***Sermon*** – From flight to conquest

**We sing** – O little love, who come again, Words & Music © 1992 Hope Publishing Company, CH4 329, 1-3

O little love, who comes again,  
the Word reborn to make God plain,  
O Child who shines, the Jesus light --  
disarm the world this Christmas night!

No heart so hard it may not move,  
no hate resist your open love;  
defenseless in our hands you come  
to Herod's power, to Mary's home.

As all the wise look for your star,  
so I must follow where you are --  
as you are light so must I be,  
as you are peace, be peace in me.

### ***Prayers of Intercession***

#### ***Offering***

**We sing** - Love came down at Christmas, CH3 194 (ii), 1-3

#### ***Sending***

Let us go into the new year with Jesus,  
common in origin with us.

**We go into the new year with Jesus,  
who treats us as family, as brothers and sisters.**

Let us go, placing our trust in God, just as Jesus did.

**We go as children of God, with Jesus by our side.**

And all of God's Christmas people say together: **Amen!**

***The Grace***

***We sing*** - Amazing Grace, WB 3, 3-4

***Sing:*** AMENx3 CH4#819