#### GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

#### *28 January 2023 Epiphany 4*

***We welcome all other 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.***

***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.***

Prelude

Welcome and notices

**Introit**: # 68 Alleluia Aotearoa “If I take the wings of the morning” vv1,2,4

**If I take the wings of the morning**

**to fly with them over the sea,**

**no matter how far or how fast I've flown,**

**I'll not be alone, my God is forever with me.**

 **I may reach the gateway of heaven,**

**descend to the portals of hell,**

**though spirits of evil or death appear,**

**I'll show them no fear, for God will be with me as well.**

 **Now I need no wings of the morning,**

**from paths of despair I'll be free,**

**and though I encounter the darkest shade,**

**I'll not be afraid, for God will be ever with me.**

 *Nigel Eastgate Based on Psalm 139*

**Opening prayer**

**First hymn** “Rejoice the Lord is King”  *CH4 449*

**Rejoice! the Lord is King,**

**your Lord and King adore.**

**Mortals, give thanks and sing,**

**and triumph evermore:**

 ***Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;***

 ***rejoice; again I say: Rejoice!***

**Jesus the Saviour reigns,**

**the God of truth and love;**

**when he had purged our stains,**

**he took his seat above:**

**His kingdom cannot fail;**

**he rules both earth and heaven;**

**the keys of death and hell**

**are to our Jesus given:**

**He sits at God’s right hand**

**till all his foes submit,**

**and bow to his command,**

**and fall before his feet:**

**Responsive reading** Psalm 111 “The Message”

L: Hallelujah! I give thanks to God with everything i’ve got - wherever good people gather, and in the congregation.

**C: God’s works are so great, worth a lifetime of study - endless enjoyment!**

L: Splendor and beauty mark his craft; His generosity never gives out.

**C: His miracles are his memorial-**

 **This God of Grace, this God of love.**

L: He gave food to those who fear him,

 He remembered to keep his ancient promise.

**C: He proved to his people that he could do what he said:**

 **Hand them the nations on a platter - a gift!**

L: He manufactures truth and justice;

 All his products are guaranteed to last -

**C: Never out-of-date, never obsolete, rustproof.**

 **All that he makes and does is honest and true:**

L: He paid the ransom for his people, He ordered his Covenant be kept forever.

**C: He’s so personal and holy, worthy of our respect.**

 **The good life begins in the fear of God -**

L: Do that and you’ll know the blessing of God.

**C: His Hallelujah lasts forever!**

**Children’s Chat**

**Children’s hymn** - (stay seated) “Jesus hands were kind hands”

CH4 351

**Jesus’ hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus’ hands were kind hands, doing good to all.**

**Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you;
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do.
Let me watch you, Jesus, till I’m gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.**

**Gospel reading** Mark 1 v 21-31 - Contemporary English Version (reader - Sally Spence

Jesus and his disciples went to the town of Capernaum. Then on the next Sabbath he went into the Jewish meeting place and started teaching. Everyone was amazed at his teaching. He taught with authority, and not like the teachers of the Law of Moses. Suddenly a man with an evil spirit in him entered the meeting place and yelled, ‘Jesus from Nazareth, what do you want with us? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are! You are God’s Holy One.” Jesus told the evil spirit, “Be quiet and come out of the man!” The spirit shook him. Then it gave a loud shout and left. Everyone was completely surprised and kept saying to each other, “What is this? It must be some new kind of powerful teaching! Even the evil spirits obey him.” News about Jesus quickly spread all over Galilee. As soon as Jesus left the meeting place with James and John, they went home with Simon and Andrew. When they got there, Jesus was told that Simon’s mother-in-law was sick in bed with fever. Jesus went to her. He took hold of her hand and helped her up. The fever left her, and she served them a meal.

**Reflection** “The Qualities of Mercy”

**Hymn** “Nothing is lost on the breath of God” FFS 50

 **Nothing is lost on the breath of God,**

 **Nothing is lost forever;**

 **God’s breath is love, and that love will remain,**

 **holding the world forever.**

 **No feather too light, no hair too fine,**

 **no flower too brief in its glory,**

 **no drop in the ocean, no dust in the air,**

 **but is counted and told in God’s story.**

**2. Nothing is lost to the eyes of God,**

 **nothing is lost forever;**

 **God sees with love, and that love will remain,**

 **holding the world forever.**

 **No journey too far, no distance too great,**

 **no valley of darkness too blinding,**

 **no creature too humble, no child too small**

 **for God to be seeking and finding.**

**3. Nothing is lost to the heart of God,**

 **nothing is lost forever;**

 **God’s heart is love, and that love will remain,**

 **holding the world forever.**

 **No impulse of love, no office of care,**

 **no moment of life in its fullness,**

 **no beginning too late, no ending too soon,**

 **but is gathered and known in its goodness.**

 *Colin Gibson*

**Offering** & dedication

**Doxology** CH4 809 Ruth C. Duck

Praise God, the source of life and birth;

praise God, the word, who came to earth;

praise God, the spirit, holy flame:

all glory, honour to God’s name

**Prayers of the People** followed by a version of the Lords Prayer

All say -

**Eternal Spirit,**

 **Source of all that is and that shall be,**

**Loving God in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name**

**echo throughout the universe**

**The way of your justice be followed**

**by the peoples of the earth.**

**Your heavenly will be done by all.**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom**

**sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In time of temptation and testing, strengthen us.**

**From trials too great to endure, spare us.**

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,**

**Now and forever. Amen**

**Final hymn** Sing we the King who is coming to reign MHB116 vv1,3,4

**SING we the King who is coming to reign,**

**Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain,**

**Life and salvation His empire shall bring,**

**Joy to the nations when Jesus is King.**

***Come let us sing: Praise to our King,***

***Jesus our King, Jesus our King:***

***This is our song, who to Jesus belong:***

***Glory to Jesus, to Jesus our King.***

**3. All shall be well in His kingdom of peace,**

**Freedom shall flourish and wisdom increase,**

**Foe shall be friend when His triumph we sing,**

**Sword shall be sickle when Jesus is King.**

**4. Souls shall be saved from the burden of sin,**

**Doubt shall not darken His witness within,**

**Hell hath no terrors, and death hath no sting;**

**Love is victorious when Jesus is King.**

C. S. Horne [10.10.10.10.Ref.](https://pressbooks.pub/hymnbook/chapter/10-10-10-10-ref/) MHB 116

Benediction - all say

**May the God of new beginnings**

 **Start with you and me.**

**May the God of continuing story**

 **Speak through you and me.**

**May the God of infinite wisdom**

 **Shine in you and me.**

**May the God of safe home-comings**

 **Welcome you and me.** (John Murray)

Amen x 3

*Please join us in the hall for a time of fellowship and friendship over a cup of tea or coffee*

**Ministers*:*** *All the people***Service created and led by:** *Ruth McLennan*

**Reader:** *Sally Spence* **Organist:** *Paul Pollock*

**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.

**DIARY**

**SUNDAY 28 EPIPHANY 4**

**10.00am St Andrew’s Ruth McLennan**

 **Matawhero No service**

**Monday 29 ANNIVERSARY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

9.00am Walking Group

Tuesday 3010.00am Open Door 109 Ormond Road

**Friday 2 1.00pm Choir rehearsal**

**SUNDAY 4 EPIPHANY 5 Lynnor Cooke 10.00am St Andrew’s**

**Matawhero No service**

**Coming up:**

Choir resumes Friday 2 February

Open Door returns to St Andrew’s lounge Tuesday 6 February

mainly music resumes Wednesday 7 February

Sunday 11 February St Andrew’s: Communion, with Rev Shirley Barker-Kirby

**Mindful Prayer topics:** 28th Jan & 4th Feb 2024 Those suffering the effects of climate extremes. Peace & Unity. GPP. Health. Thanks for happy moments.

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

Christian Blind Mission accepts used stamps. Send directly to them or Val Hall. (Leprosy Mission no longer accepts stamps)

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

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

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 28 January 10amEpiphany 4Ruth McLennan | **Matawhero**No service**St Andrew’s** Sally Spence | **Cathy Porter**Chrissie Parker, Linda Savage | Lapointe family | S:HansV: AlanC:Don |
| 4 February 10amEpiphany 5CommunionLynnor Cooke | **Matawhero**No service**St Andrew’s** Jenny Lawton | **Alvin Hall**Marilyn Matthews, Pat Flockhart | Trish KwakMargaret Palmer | S:HansV: DonC:Hans |

**Communion Elders 11 February: VAL HALL SETON CLARE** Wendy Morris Jan Gordon

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