

GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

*Matawhero Church – Church Lane
St Andrew's Church and Community Centre:
176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

20 April 2025

Easter Day

***Welcome to all visitors on this special Festival day,
Especially the Rev Michael Cotton,
And Lynne Cotton, on organ and piano***



*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 * please stand.*

Preamble

Mike

Leader: The Lord is risen: Alleluia!

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Welcome, news and Notices

Lynnor

Introit, entry of Bible and lighting of candle Alleluia WA Mozart

Call to Worship: Psalm 118 14-24 New International Version

The Lord is my strength and my defence¹;
he has become my salvation.

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

“The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!

The Lord’s right hand is lifted high;

the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

The Lord has chastened me severely,

but he has not given me over to death.

Open for me the gates of the righteous;

I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord

through which the righteous may enter.

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

**We sing:- Jesus Christ is risen today
Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day,
Who did once, upon the Cross,
Suffer to redeem our loss.**

**CH4 410
Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise, then, let us sing,
Unto Christ, our heavenly King,
Who endured the cross and grave,
Sinners to redeem and save.**

**Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

**But the anguish he endured
Our salvation has procured
Now in hea-ven Christ is King
Where the angels ever sing**

**Alleluia!
Alleluia
Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above
Praise eternal as his love;
To God in love made known,
Word, Creator. Spirit, One**

**Alleluia!
Alleluia
Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

Opening prayer

With the family

Hymn: Christ is alive

CH4 422

**1 Christ is alive, and the universe must celebrate,
and the stars and the suns shout on this joyful Day!
Christ is alive, and his family must celebrate
in a great alleluia,
a great alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.**

**2 Here is our hope: in the mystery of suffering
is the heartbeat of Love, Love that will not let go,
here is our hope, that in God we are not separate,
and we sing alleluia,
we sing alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.**

**3 Christ Spirit, dance through the dullness of humanity
to the music of God, God who has set us free!
You are the pulse of the new creation's energy;
with a great alleluia,
a great alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.**

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke Chapter 24 vv1-12 New International Version

Jesus Has Risen

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words

seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and **he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.**

Sermon

“Wonder”

Mike

Hymn: Lord of the Dance

CH4 404

1. **I danced in the morning when the world was begun
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun;
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth
at Bethlehem I had my birth.**

Refrain Dance then wherever you may be;

I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be.

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2. **I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance, and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -
they came with me and the dance went on.**
3. **I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and the left me there on a cross to die.**
4. **I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black -
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone -
but I am the dance and I still go on.**
5. **They cut me down and I leapt up high -
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.**

Sydney Carter

Prayers of Intercession

Paulina Melief

Lord's Prayer (sung)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen (x8)**

Presentation of Offerings and Flowered Cross

Dedication:

Mike

Communion Hymn Now to your table spread AA100 WB58

- 1. Now to your table spread we come, each one, in faith
that you alone provide the words of life and death:
In wine and bread, in promised food
we find your loving heart, O God.**
- 2. Hands of the world stretch out, your mystery and touch,
in longing to believe a truth beyond our reach,
to sing in joy, to cry in grief,
to know your meaning for our life.**
- 3. Here is our common wealth in sharing what is good
as though all human kind around one table stood,
this bread to break, this wine to taste –
one people in the name of Christ.**

Communion

The Peace

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you

PEOPLE: And also with you

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We sing: Thine be the glory CH4 419

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er 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.**

**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.**

Final Prayer

Blessed be God who calls us together.

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

**Therefore we offer all that we are
and all that we shall become.**

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

**Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done.
Our hands were empty, and you filled them.**

Mike – **Blessing and Dismissal**

Sung:- Three fold **Amen**

Ministers: *All the people in Christ*

Leader: *Rev. Michael Cotton*

Reader: *Lynnor Cooke*

Prayer: *Paulina Melief*

Organist: *Lynne Cotton*

???Please join us for friendship and fellowship and a cup of tea or coffee in the lounge after the service???

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.

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.

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

Jenny Lawton 868 4268; Ruth McLennan 021 02704867; Jan Gordon
0211836008; Lynnor Cooke 06 214 3945; Barbara Larsen 863-9009

Matawhero Gardening happens from time to time. If you would like to help, please contact Paulina Melief 867 0605

Mindful Prayer topics: April 20th & 27th 2025

The TRUE meaning of Easter. Global turmoil. ANZAC Day and the sacrifices made. GPP, Parish Council and our future. Thanks to those who bring joy. Ourselves.

Mindful Prayer contact Margaret Graham ph. 021 026 03990 or email
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Commission contact: Commission Convenor *Rob McIntosh*,
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 time to talk further

DIARY

SUNDAY	20	EASTER	Rev Mike Cotton School Hols (2)
		10.00am	St. Andrew's Communion
			Matawhero– no service
Monday	21	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	22	10.00am	Open Door tbc
		12 noon	Worship Committee
Thursday	24	2.30pm	Leighton House Service tbc
		2.30pm	Parish Council
Friday	25	ANZAC Day	
Saturday	26	8.00am – 11.30	CAR BOOT SALE
SUNDAY	27	EASTER 2	ANZAC remembrance School Hols End
		10.00am	St Andrew's followed by farewell morning tea for David Russell.
			Matawhero– no service
		3.00pm	Sea of Faith

Coming up:

Sunday 27th April morning tea after the service to farewell David Russell.

Morning tea contributions welcomed.

mainly music resumes Wednesday 30 April

4th May Pianist Quang Hong Luu plays Sonatas by Scarlatti and Liszt

Monday 2 June Piano Extravaganza XV

Notices

Parish Council are looking for

- someone to be Hall Coordinator
- someone to be Garage Sale (Church Fair) Coordinator

Talk to Pat, Jan or Jenny if interested

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
Easter Sunday 20th April Rev. Mike Cotton	M: St A's: Lynnor Cooke	<u>Pat Flockhart</u> Dianne Burrows	Jenny Lawton	S&V: Hans C: Hans
Sunday 27th April ANZAC observed Bev Smith	M: No service St A's: Bob Bos	<u>Chrissie Parker</u> Cathy Porter	Dianne Burrows	S&V: Alan C: Don

Communion elders: **Don McConnochie, Chrissie Parker** Cathy Porter Jan Gordon

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