#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### ***Matawhero Church – Church Lane***

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

#### ***176 Cobden Street, Gisborne***

#### ***8 May 2022 Home and Family Sunday Easter 4***

***Mothers’ Day***



***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.***

Prelude

*We gather together as the people of God*

*Kia Ora, Talofa, Bula Vinaka, Shalom, Annyeong-haseyo, Bonjour, Guten Tag, Goede Morgen*

Welcome, News and Information

Introit and entry of the Bible and Candle, representing the light of Christ among us

**Part of the Family** SfaGP44 vv1&2

*Chorus:*

*Come in, come in and sit down, - you are a part of the fam’ly*

*We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the fam’ly.*

**You know the reason why you came, yet no reason can explain;**

**so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,**

**for we are a part of the fam’ly**

**God is with us in this place, like a mother’s warm embrace.**

**We’re all forgiven by God’s grace, for we are a part of the fam’ly.**

*Chorus*

**Children and elders, middlers and teens,**

**singles and doubles and in-betweens,**

**strong eighty-fivers and streetwise sixteens,**

**for we are a part of the fam’ly.**

**Greeters and shoppers, long-time and new,**

**nobody here has a claim on a pew;**

**and whether we’re many or whether we’re few, -**

**we are a part of the fam’ly**

*Chorus*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Come and join the joyful dance of life!

### People: Come and be part of the family

Leader: We’ll sing and we’ll dance

**People: We’ll share good times and bad**

**All: And we’ll always be part of the family!**

Leader: A Psalm for Home and Family Sunday is Psalm 84 vv 1-4:

How lovely is your dwelling place, O God Almighty

**People: My soul yearns, even faints for your courts**

**All: my heart and flesh cry out for the living God**

Leader: Even the sparrow has found a home,

**People: and the sparrow a nest for herself,**

**All: where she may have her young – a place near your altar,**

Leader: O God Almighty

**People: Blest are those who dwell in your house;**

**All: they are ever praising you.**

**Hymn**: Guide me O CH4 167 CH3 89

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,**

**pilgrim through this barren land**

**I am weak, but thou art mighty;**

**hold me with thy powerful hand:**

**Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,**

**\* feed me till my want is o’er.**

**Open now the crystal fountain**

**whence the healing stream doth flow;**

**let the fire and cloudy pillar**

**lead me all my journey through:**

**strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,**

**be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,**

**bid my anxious fears subside!**

**Death of death, and hell’s destruction,**

**land me safe on Canaan’s side!**

**Songs of praises, songs of praises,**

**I will ever give to thee.**

\**The last line of each verse is repeated.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to God who is good

whose love endures forever

**We thank you and praise you God**

For sun and moon,   
and stars of the southern sky

**We thank you and praise you God**

For sunrise and sunset, night and day

**We thank you and praise you God**

For mountains and valleys, grassland and scree,   
glacier, avalanche, mist and snow

**We thank you and praise you God**

For Kauri and Pine, Rata and Kowhai,

Mosses and Ferns

**We thank you and praise you God**

For Dolphins and Kahawai,   
Sealion and Crab,   
Coral and Paua and Pipi

**We thank you and praise you God**

For rabbits and reptiles,   
cats and dogs,   
Kiwi and Sparrow   
Tui and Hawk

**We thank you and praise you God**

For Maori and Pakeha,   
women and men, teens and children,  
all who inhabit the long white cloud

**We thank you and praise you God**

***Story Time –***

**Hymn:** **WB 48** Tune: Omni Die

**1.** **Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,**

**you have chosen me to be -**

**you have drawn me to your wonder,**

**you have set your sign on me.**

**2. Like a mother, you enfold me,**

**hold my life within your own,**

**feed me with your very body,**

**form me of your flesh and bone.**

**3. Like a father, you protect me,**

**teach me the discerning eye,**

**hoist me up upon your shoulder,**

**let me see the world from high.**

**4. Friend and lover, in your closeness**

**I am known and held and blessed:**

**in your promise is my comfort,**

**in your presence I may rest.**

**5. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,**

**you have chosen me to be -**

**you have drawn me to your wonder,**

**you have set your sign on me.**

## God’s love and ours: Family “Cement”

***Reading –*** 1 John 4:7-12 & 20-21

***Message –***

***Anthem –*** I love this family of God

**1. I love this family of God**

**so closely knitted into one –**

**they’ve taken me into their hearts,**

**and I’m so glad to be a part of this great family.**

**2. I love this family of God**

**where fellowship with Christ begins –**

**new life, new love, new friendships start,**

**and I’m so glad to be a part of this great family.**

**3. Within the family of God**

**united by the bonds of love –**

**our worship and our praise we bring,**

**together to our God we sing, of this great family.**

***Offering***

***We sing –***  Take our bread WB74

**Take our bread, we ask you,  
Take our hearts, we love you,  
Take our lives, oh Father,  
We are yours, we are yours.**

**Yours as we stand at the table you set,  
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.  
We are the signs of your life with us yet;  
We are yours, we are yours.**

**Take our bread, we ask you,  
Take our hearts, we love you,  
Take our lives, oh Father,  
We are yours, we are yours.**

**Your holy people stand washed in your blood,  
Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food.  
We are poor, but we brought ourselves the best we could.  
We are yours, we are yours.**

**Take our bread, we ask you,  
Take our hearts, we love you,  
Take our lives, oh Father,  
We are yours, we are yours.**

***Communion***

**Communion liturgy A**

***The Invitation***

We come to the table not just as individuals but as a community. By sharing the loaf and the cup, Christ makes us one with him and with each other.

The Thanksgiving

**Minister:** Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Minister:**Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

**Minister**   
With joy we praise you, gracious Father,  
      for you have created heaven and earth,  
      made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—  
      even when we fell into sin.  
We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
      who by his life, death, and resurrection  
      opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
Therefore we join our voices  
      with all the saints and angels and the whole creation  
      to proclaim the glory of your name.

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

***The Words of Institution***

**Minister:**We give thanks to God the Father that our Saviour, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again. At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it *[here the minister breaks the bread]*and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, he took the cup after supper *[here the minister pours the wine]*and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me.” For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:  
**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## *The Prayer of Consecration*

**Minister:**Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray,  
**All: “Our Father in heaven**

**Hallowed by 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.”**

***The Communion***

**Minister**: The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## *Prayer after Communion*

**All:**  
**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
     you have graciously accepted us as living members  
     of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
     and you have fed us with spiritual food  
     in the sacrament of his body and blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
     and grant us strength and courage  
     to love and serve you  
     with gladness and singleness of heart.  
Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

**Dedication** of all families, including our church family.

Please form a circle outside the pews, with peninsulas to include those who cannot easily get there and who need to stay in the pews.

**All: Peace between neighbours,**

**Peace between kindred,**

**Peace between lovers;**

**In the love of the King of life.**

### Peace between person and person,

**Peace between wife and husband,**

**Peace between woman and children**

**The peace of Christ above all peace.** From *Carmina Gadelica*

**Hymn:** Please remain where you are to sing: CH3 368 CH4 182

    V1 **Now thank we all our God,**  *Nun Danket*

**with heart and hands and voices,**

**who wondrous things has done,**

**in whom this world rejoices, -**

**who, from our mothers’ arms,**

**has blessed us on our way,**

**with countless gifts of love,**

**and still is ours today.**

**V2 May you, O bounteous God**

**through all our life be near us**

**with ever-joyful hearts**

**and blessed peace to cheer us,**

**and keep us in your grace,**

**and guide us when perplexed,**

**and free us from all ills**

**in this world and the next.**

**V3. All praise and thanks to God**

**our Maker now be given,**

**To Christ, and Spirit too,**

**our help in highest heaven,**

**The one eternal God**

**whom earth and heaven adore,**

**For thus it was, is now,**

**and shall be evermore.**

Benediction: JJ

Leader: Go - continue the joyful dance of life!

Go as part of the family!

Sing and dance, share good times and bad,

Just remember – you’re part of the family!

**All**: **May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the holy spirit be with us all**

Sing 3-fold **Amen** (during which Bible and Candle Exit)

Postlude

**Ministers*: All the people***

**Minister*:*** *Rev Jin Sook Kim* **Leaders:** *Alvin Hall (message) Val Hall (Communion).*

**Director of Music:***Catherine Macdonald* **Organist:**  *David Russell*

**Choir**

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