

**Gisborne Presbyterian Parish  
Welcomes you to  
MATAWHERO CHURCH**

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

*2 April 2021*

*10.00am*

*Good Friday Service*

**THE SEVEN CANDLES AND THE APPROACHING DARKNESS**



**Ministers:** *All the people in Christ*

**Minister:** *Rev Jin Sook Kim* **Readers:** *Alvin & Val Hall, Bob Bos,  
Jan Ewart, Jenny Lawton, Karyn Williams*

**Director of Music:** *Catherine Macdonald*

*In silence, please leave your pebbles at the foot of the cross  
and be seated*

***Call to Worship:***

*Jin Sook*

We gather today in the shadow of the Cross.

**Evil abounds. Jesus goes forth to suffer and die.**

How we tremble with fear!

**How we weep.**

Why have we forsaken Him?

**Why have we betrayed and run from his Passion?**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

***Readings from Psalm 22***

**Reader 1** (at the back of the congregation)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

[the 1<sup>st</sup> candle is extinguished]

*We read* – Ah, holy Jesus *CH4 #381*, vv 1-2

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:  
I crucified thee.**

**Reader 2** (from the right side of the congregation)

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is  
dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death. For dogs are all around me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have  
shrivelled; I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over  
me; they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my  
clothing they cast lots. But you, O Lord, do not be far away!  
O my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the  
sword, my life from the power of the Dog! Save me from the  
mouth of the lion!  
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

[the 2<sup>nd</sup> candle is extinguished]

*We read* – Ah, holy Jesus *CH4 #381*, vv 3-4

**Lo, the good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;  
for man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,  
God intercedeth.**

**For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
for my salvation.**

*Prayer*

*Jin Sook*

Lord, we come before you in the approaching darkness  
of our souls.

We have travelled this Lenten journey, overcoming and  
conquering barriers that have kept us from serving you.

We gathered at the gates of joy on Palm Sunday, and feasted at  
the table that the Lord provides. But today is a different story.

We witness the arrest and trial of the Innocent Saviour.

We watch as he is moved brutally from place to place, to be  
judged by people who have hardened their hearts against you.

The sorrow that we feel lies heavy upon us. Lift us, Lord.  
Comfort us. Help us get through this time of darkness. AMEN.

*Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus* (John 18:1-11)

*Alvin*

[the 3<sup>rd</sup> candle is extinguished]

***We read*** - Go to Dark Gethsemane,  
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*CH4 #377, vv 1 & 2*

**Go to dark Gethsemane,  
you that feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflict see,  
watch with him one bitter hour.  
From his grief turn not away;  
learn of Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgement hall;  
see him beaten, bound, arraigned;  
patiently he bears it all,  
all our pain his soul sustained.  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
learn from Christ to bear the cross.**

***Jesus before the High Priest*** (John 18:12-14; 19-24) *Karyn*

[the 4th candle is extinguished]

***Peter Denies Jesus*** (John 18:15-18; 25-27) *Jan*

[Extinguish the 5<sup>th</sup> candle]

***Jesus before Pilate*** (John 18:28-40) *Val*

[Extinguish the 6<sup>th</sup> candle]

*We read* - O Sacred Head, Now Wounded, CH4 #382, vv1 & 2

**O Sacred Head! sore wounded,  
with grief and shame bowed down!  
O Kingly Head, surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown!  
How pale art thou with anguish,  
with sore abuse and scorn!  
How does that face now languish,  
which once was bright as morn!**

**O Lord of life and glory,  
what bliss till now was thine!  
I read the wondrous story;  
I joy to call thee mine.  
Thy grief and bitter Passion  
were all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but thine the deadly pain.**

***The Crucifixion of Jesus*** (John 19:16b-30)  
and the following:

*(Bob Bos)*

**Jesus:**

“My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”

“Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing?”

“Woman, here is your son. Here is your mother.”

“I am thirsty”

“It is finished!”

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit!”

[Extinguish the Christ’s candle]

*The burial of Jesus* (John 19:31- 40)

*Jenny*

*We read* - Were You There, CH4 #403, verses 1-3

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

[In silence, people will leave the church]

*The service will be continued on Easter Sunday  
at St Andrew’s church at 10.30 am.  
Please bring a flower for transformation of the Cross*

