GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S GISBORNE

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

21 March 2021

Lent 5



Ministers: All the people in Christ Minister: Rev Jin Sook Kim

Reader: Lynnor Cooke

Organist: David Russell Director of Music: Catherine Macdonald

We gather together as the people of God

Welcome & Notices

We take a few moments of silence to prepare ourselves to worship God

The Bible and Candle, representing the Light of Christ among us, will be carried into the Church during the singing of the Introit.

Please remain seated during the singing.

Introit – Eternal spirit of the living Christ, Music © Colin Gibson, Words © 1974 The Hymn Society in the US and Canada, *AA* #33, verses 1-2, TUNE: CHILTON FOLIAT, *CH4* #497

Eternal Spirit of the living Christ, I know not how to ask, or what to say; I only know my need, as deep as life, and only you can teach me how to pray.

Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; help me to see your purpose and your will – where I have failed, what I have done amiss; held in forgiving love, let me be still.

Call to worship (The Message Psalm 119:9-16)

How can a young person live a clean life?
By carefully reading the map of your Word.

I'm single-minded in pursuit of you;
don't let me miss the road signs you've posted.

I've banked your promises in the vault of my heart so I won't sin myself bankrupt.

Be blessed, God;

train me in your ways of wise living.

I'll transfer to my lips

all the counsel that comes from your mouth;

I delight far more in what you tell me about living than in gathering a pile of riches.

I ponder every morsel of wisdom from you, I attentively watch how you've done it.

I relish everything you've told me of life, I won't forget a word of it.

Let us worship God!

We sing − Give thanks for life, the measure of our days, Words © 1987 Hope Publishing Company, *CH4* #736, verses 1,2 & 4

Give thanks for life, the measure of our days, mortal, we pass through beauty that decays, yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise: *Alleluia*, *Alleluia*!

Give thanks for those whose lives shone with a light caught from the Christ-flame, gleaming through the night, who touched the truth, who burned for what is right, *Alleluia*, *Alleluia*!

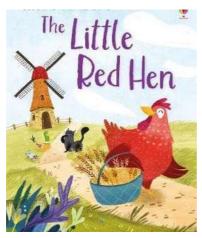
Give thanks for hope that, like the seed of grain lying in darkness, does its life retain to rise in glory, growing green again:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prayer of praise and confession

Words of Assurance

Story time – *The Little Red Hen* – *Disney story*



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UOHmyHvvqM8

Question: Are you happy with the ending? If not, what do you want to see in a new ending?

He came singing love and he lived singing love; he died singing love. he arose in silence. For the love to go on we must make it our song: you and I be the singers.

He came singing faith and he lived singing faith; he died singing faith. He arose in silence. for the faith to go on we must make it our song: you and I be the singers.

He came singing hope and he lived singing hope; he died singing hope. He arose in silence. For the hope to go on we must make it our song: you and I be the singers.

He came singing peace and he lived singing peace; he died singing peace. He arose in silence. For the peace to go on we must make it our song: you and I be the singers.

Readings

First reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church **Thanks be to God**

Gospel reading: John 12:20-33

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ **Praise to Christ the Word**

Sermon: A new covenant and a single grain of wheat

(We remain in silence while the choir sings anthem)

Anthem – Great ring of light, © Colin Gibson, AA #57, 1-4

Great ring of light, true circle with no ending; clear beam so bright, whose purpose knows no bending; O Word of God, in darkness always shining out.

A man who cried upon a cross at Calvary; for him who died an empty tomb, a mystery; O risen Christ, all pain and loss transcending. Immortal fire of love forever yearning; flame of desire for our salvation burning; Spirit divine, our friend and present comforter.

The light shines still, the eternal Word has spoken; on Calvary's hill the power of death is broken; and I receive the life, the joy, the loving.

Prayers of Intercession

Gwenda Crawshaw

Leader: You say, I will be your God.

Response: We are Your people.

Offering

We pray together

Loving Father, truly, we are your servants. In you, we live and move and have our being. We offer you our thanksgiving and call on your name. Now receive our offerings as a grain of wheat to bear much fruit for those who are in need in your kingdom. Amen.

We sing − Christ, Be our light, Words & Music © 1993 Bernadette Farrell, *CH4* #543, verses 1-5

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, Light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice... Refrain

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, Shared until all are fed....*Refrain*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, Walls made of living stone....*Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the people, Many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, Making your kingdom come ...Refrain

Sending

Benediction (Together)
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with us all now and forever.

Sing: AMEN x 3 CH4 #819

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
21 March	Lynnor Cooke	Pat Smith Chrissie P. Dianne Burrows	Pat Flockhart Sally Willis	S: Colin M. V: Linda Savage
28 March HALL	Jenny McDonald	Pat Flockhart Cathy Porter Joan McKay	Karen Neumegen Shared lunch Volunteer to assist Karen	S: Colin M NO VIDEO

Don't forget to bring your reading glasses for next Sunday (no video) service in the hall.



CAR BOOT SALE





If anyone has any camping gear that they no longer need/use – please donate it to the Car Boot sale especially now while it is still camping weather. A **BIG** thank you to everyone who did baking for the cake stall and combined with Marilyn Matthew's plant sales, the Car Boot sale made a total of \$677.90



OVER 90'S MORNING TEA SATURDAY 27TH MARCH AT 10.15am. ANY OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE with transport or providing food can be directed to Seton Clare or the office.

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SUNDAY	21	9.00am	Matawhero Worship Service			
		10.30am	St Andrew's Worship			
		3.00pm	Sea of Faith in lounge			
Monday	22	9.00am	Walking Group			
Tuesday	23	10.00am	Open Door			
		4.30pm	Lenten Study (5)			
Wednesday	24	9.45am	mainly music			
		12.30pm	Korero me kai			
Thursday	25	2.00pm	Leighton House Service			
Friday	26	10.30am	ZOOM (chat) meeting			
		1.00pm	choir practise			
Saturday	27	8.00am	CAR BOOT SALE			
		10.15am	Over 90's morning tea			
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SUNDAY	28	10.30am	St Andrew's Combined			
Celebration Sunday in the HALL with shared lunch. Please bring a						
plate if you are able, or gold coin koha. There is plenty of food!						
		No Service Matawhero				
		1.00pm	Mozart Requiem in St			
			Andrew's Church			

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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT MATAWHERO CHURCH

<u>APRIL 2nd 10 am</u>. If anyone would like a lift out to the service, please leave your name at the office, also drivers who are willing to take passengers.

LENTEN STUDY -IN THE LOUNGE

Week 5 Tuesday 23 March 4.30 – 5.30pm (Crucifixion & Resurrection)

Gisborne Presbyterian Parish is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting **FRIDAY 26**TH **10.30 AM MARCH 2021** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87503402815

Meeting ID: 875 0340 2815

Passcode: 544766

MOZART: REQUIEM

St Andrew's Church 176 Cobden St, Gisborne

Sunday 28 March 2021 at 1:00pm Gisborne & Hastings Choral Societies

Tickets: \$20 Students: \$10

