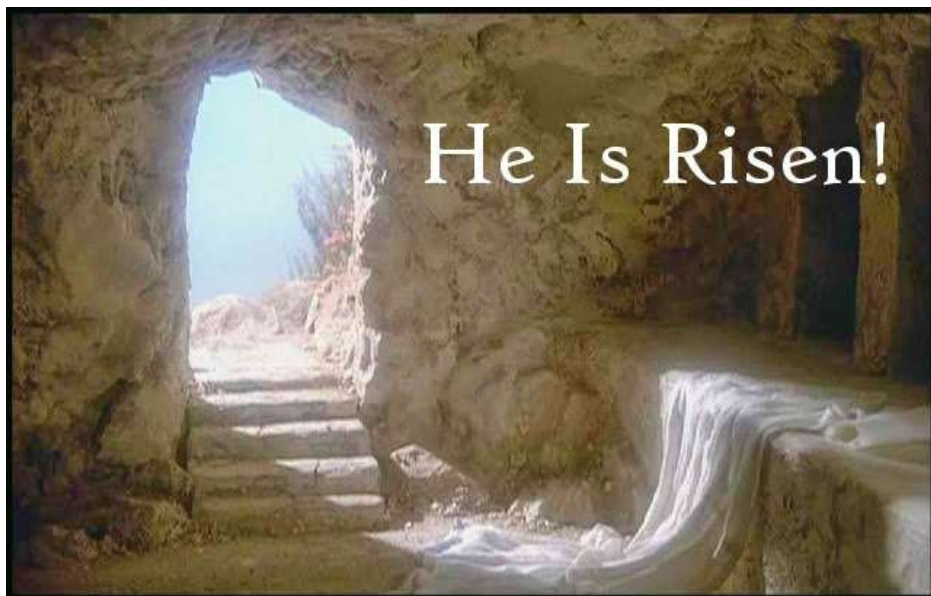


**GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH
WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S GISBORNE**

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

11th April 2021

Easter 2



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

Reader: *Jean Robinson*

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

Kia Ora, Talofa, Bulla, Shalom and Annyeonghaseyo

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 – Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Words and Music
© WGRG, the Iona community, CH4 #430 verses 1 and 3. TUNE
CH4#615 Abbot's Leigh

**Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumour.
Christ is risen, God is here!**

**Christ has risen, and for ever
lives to challenge, and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen. Christ is present,
making us what he has been –
evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen.**

Call to worship

We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

We sing – O for a thousand tongues to sing © CH4 # 352, verses 1-6

**O for a thousand tongues, to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**

**Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.**

He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

Prayer of praise and confession

Words of Assurance

Story time – *Wonky Donkey* by Craig Smith



Wonky Donkey Song unofficial music video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDeQT9zCvi4>

Question: What would you tell other people about this special donkey?

We sing- From heaven you came, helpless babe. Words & Music
© 1983, Thank you music, CH4 # 374 verses 1-4

**From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled,
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.**

*Refrain This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

**There in the garden of tears
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.**

Refrain

**Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.**

Refrain

**So let us learn how to serve
and in our lives enthrone him,
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.**

Refrain

Readings

First reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Gospel reading: John 20:19-31

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon: Testimonies of Easter

(We remain in silence while the choir sings anthem)

Anthem – How often we, like Thomas, Arrangement © CH Trust, CH4#382, TUNE: PASSION CHORALE, CH4 # 644 (2), verses 1-2,

How often we, like Thomas,
need proof before we trust.
Lord Jesus, friend of doubters,
come, speak your truth to us.
We long to feel your presence,
and gain new faith from you,
to find, without our seeing,
the blessing Thomas knew.

You always stand among us,
no doors can lock you out.
Your presence reassures us
though we still live with doubt.

As present-day disciples,
whose lives by sin are flawed,
we want to come believing,
and cry: 'My Lord, my God!'

Response to the Word

**Kupu Whakapono (Confession of Faith) of Presbyterian Church
of Aotearoa New Zealand**

**From this land of Aotearoa New Zealand
we confess that we believe in and belong
to the one true and living God,
who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Love before all love.**

**We believe in God the Father,
sovereign and holy,
Creator and nurturer of all,
Father of Jesus Christ,
sender of the Holy Spirit,
and Judge of all the earth.**

**We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord and Saviour,
truly human and truly divine,
who lived among us full of grace and truth.
For our sin he was crucified
and by the power of God was raised from death,
forgiving us, setting us free and bringing to birth
God's new creation.**

Now ascended, he calls us to repentance and faith
and restores us to God and to one another.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the giver of life at work in all creation,
who inspired the Scriptures and makes Christ known,
who transforms hearts and minds
and gathers us into the community of Christ,
empowering the Church in worship and in mission.

We belong to this triune God,
women and men,
young and old,
from many nations,
in Christ he iwi 8otahi tatou, [we are one people]
witnesses to God's love in word and action,
servants of reconciliation,
and stewards of creation.

As God's people,
we look forward in hope and joy
to the return of Christ,
to the new heaven and earth,
where evil and death will be no more,
justice and peace will flourish,
and we shall forever delight in the glory of God.

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

We pray together

**Generous and surprising God,
when we thought that death
had claimed your only Son,
you amazed us with the resurrection.
Surprise us again
with your ability to turn these humble offerings
into gifts that will transform the world
through our witness to your love.
We lay our very lives at your feet, O God,
knowing that you will use us
to proclaim and embody the gospel. Amen.**

We sing – Thine be the glory, risen conquering son,
© CH4 #419, verses 1-3

**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.**

Refrain

**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.**

Refrain

Sending

Benediction

Go now with the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

Go to share your faith and your lives.

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

Go to proclaim the good news of Easter.

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

The Grace prayer

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
April 11th	Jean Robinson	<u>Lawtons</u> Dianne Burrows	Val McGreevy Wendy Morris	S: Colin Matthews V: Linda Savage
April 18th	Pat Flockhart (TBA)	<u>Alvin Hall</u> Joan McKay Marilyn Matthews	Danielle Lapointe Karyn Williams	S: Hans Kwak V: Colin Matthews

DIARY

Monday	12	9.00 am	Walking group
Tuesday	13	10.00am 1.30pm	Open Door Rymans Service all welcome
Wednesday	14	9.45am 12.30pm 3.00pm	mainly music Korero me kai – HALL Te Wiremu Service
Thursday	15	3.30pm	Dunblane Service
Friday	16	10.30pm 1.00pm	ZOOM (chat) meeting Choir practise
SUNDAY	18	9.00am 10.30am 3.00pm	Matawhero Worship Service St Andrew's Worship Sea of Faith in lounge


Gisborne Presbyterian Parish is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. **FRIDAY 16TH APRIL 10.30 am**

*****THIS ZOOM MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED*****



GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH PRESENTS


AN ANZAC DAY
COMMEMORATION



A DISPLAY DEPICTING
PEACE & HARMONY

Anzac Weekend

Sun 25 April 1pm – 4pm
Mon 26 April 1pm – 4pm
Venue: St Andrews Church, 176 Cobden Street



Entry Fee:	Adults	\$5.00
	Children:	FREE