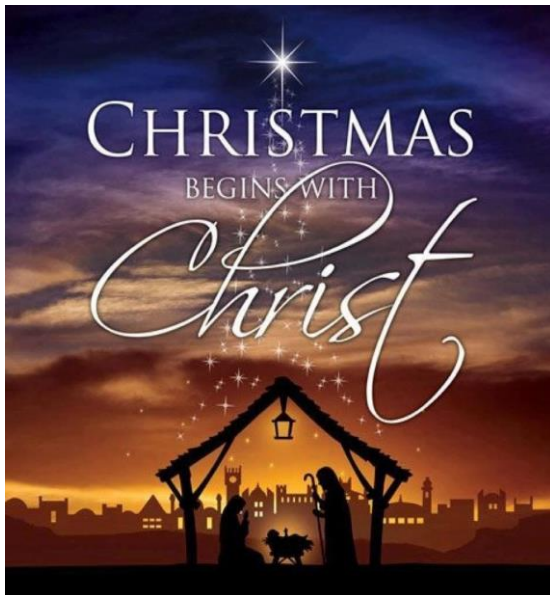


**GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH
WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S GISBORNE**

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

*The combined Churches nine lessons and carols
at St Andrew's Church, 13th December 2020*



Worship Leaders: *Rev Jin Sook Kim, Rev Bronwyn Marchant,
Msg Frank Eggleton*

Readers: *Anglican, Presbyterian, Catholic Church readers*

Director of Music: *Catherine Macdonald*

Organist: *Sean Scanlen*

Choir: *from all the churches*

Introit – Matin Responsory (Choir), Adapted from a Magnificat by
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Once in Royal David's City, CH4 #315, verses 1-6, v 1. soloist,
(Congregation will join in v2-6)

Processional:

(After verse 1, choir and clergy follow candle
and Bible down centre aisle)

**He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.**

**And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
love and watch the lowly maiden
in whose gentle arms he lay.
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as he.**

**For he is our childhood's pattern:
day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak, and helpless;
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that Child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high,
where, like stars, his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.**

Welcome Rev Jin Sook Kim

Prayer Rev Bronwyn Marchant

Reading 1: Genesis 3:8-15 *(Catholic reader)*

Choir sing – Adam Lay Ybounden (Music: Philip Ledger, Words: anon
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Reading 2: Genesis 22:15-18 *(Anglican reader)*

Choir sing – To Abram Thus Th'Almighty Spake, Words: A. Religious
of C.S.M.V. (Nursery Rhyme Tune: Philip, University Carol Book #3)

We sing – O come, O come, Emmanuel, CH4 #273

**O Come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**O Come, O Come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**O Come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight:**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

Reading 3: Isaiah 7:14; 9:2, 6-7

(Presbyterian reader)

Choir sing – Sweet was the song the virgin sang (WORDS: The Oxford Book of Carols #30, TUNE: W Byrd)

We sing – Love Came Down at Christmas, CH4 #316

**Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
star and angels gave the sign.**

**Worship we the Godhead,
Love Incarnate, Love Divine;
worship we our Jesus:
but wherewith for sacred sign?**

**Love shall be our token,
love be yours and love be mine,
love to God and all men,
love for plea and gift and sign.**

Reading 4: Isaiah 11:1-9

(Catholic reader)

Choir sing – A shoot, A shoot on Jesse's Tree (Words: A. Religious of C.S.M.V., Nursery Rhyme 'Miss Lucy'). University Carol Book #49

Reading 5: Micah 5: 2-5a

(Anglican reader)

We sing – O little Town of Bethlehem, CH4 #304

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see you lie!
Above your deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
Yet in your streets is shining
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in you tonight.

O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Reading 6: Matthew 1:18-25

(Presbyterian reader)

**We sing – The hands that first held Mary’s child
(The Book of Praise (PCC) #158 (verses 1-3))**

**The hands that first held Mary’s Child
were hard from working wood,
from boards they sawed and planed and filed
and splinters they withstood.
this day they gripped no tool of steel,
they drove no iron nail,
but cradled from the head to heel
our Lord, new born and frail.**

**When Joseph marveled at the size
of that small breathing frame,
and gazed upon those bright new eyes
and spoke the Infant’s name,
the angel’s words he once had dreamed
poured down from heaven’s height,
and, like the host of stars that beamed,
blest earth with welcome light.**

**“This Child shall be Emmanuel,
not God upon the throne,
but God with us Emmanuel,
as close as blood and bone.”
The tiny form in Joseph’s palms
confirmed what he had heard,
and from his heart rose hymns and psalms
for heaven’s human word.**

Reading 7: Luke 2:8-16

(Catholic reader)

We sing – While humble shepherds watched their flocks, CH4 #296

**While humble shepherds watched their flocks
In Bethlehem's plains by night,
an angel sent from heaven appeared,
and filled the plains with light.**

**'Fear not' he said, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind;
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.**

**'To you in David's town, this day,
is born, of David's line,
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:**

**'The heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing-bands,
and in a manger laid.'**

**Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God; and thus
addressed their joyful song:**

**'All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will is shown from heaven above
and never more shall cease.'**

Reading 8: Matthew 2:1-11

(Anglican reader)

Choir sing – The Three kings, Peter Cornelius, Chorale Philipp Nicolai
New Oxford book of Carols #102

We sing – Wise men, they came to look for wisdom,
MUSIC: © WGRG, The Iona Community, CH4 # 328, verses 1-4

**Wise men, they came to look for wisdom,
finding one wiser than they knew;
rich men, they met with one yet richer –
King of the kings, they knelt to you:
Jesus, our wisdom from above,
wealth and redemption, life and love.**

**Pilgrims they were, from unknown countries,
searching for one who knows the world;
lost are their names, and strange their journeys,
famed is their zeal to find the child:
Jesus, in you the lost are claimed,
strangers are found, and known, and named.**

**Magi, they stooped to see your splendour;
led by a star to light supreme;
promised Messiah, Lord eternal,
glory and peace are in your name.
Joy of each day, our song by night,
shine on our path your holy light.**

**Guests of their God, they opened treasures,
incense and gold and solemn myrrh,
welcoming one too young to question
how came these gifts, and what they were.
Gift beyond price of gold or gem,
make among us your Bethlehem.**

Reading 9: John 1: 1-18

(Presbyterian reader)

We sing – O come, all ye faithful, CH4 #306

**O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
born the King of angels:**

Refrain

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him'
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

**God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created.**

Refrain

**Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
'Glory to God in the highest':**

Refrain

Prayer: Monsignor Frank

We sing – Hark! the herald angels sing, CH 4 #301

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
‘Glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!’
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies,
with the angelic host proclaim
‘Christ is born in Bethlehem’**

Refrain

***Hark! the herald angels sing,
‘Glory to the new-born King’.***

**Christ, by highest heaven adored.
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail, the Incarnate Deity,
pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel!**

Refrain

***Hark! the herald angels sing,
‘Glory to the new-born King’.***

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.**

**Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth:**

Refrain

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King'.*

Blessing – Rev Jin Sook Kim

Please stay for shared supper in the community hall