GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S GISBORNE

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

14 March 2021

Lent 4



Ministers: All the people in Christ Minister: Rev Jin Sook Kim Reader: Alvin Hall 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 – Lord, make us servants of your peace, ©Words & Music Continuum International Publishing Group Ltd. *CH4* #527, verses 1-2

Lord, make us servants of your peace: where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Call to worship

How awesome God's light is! It pours rays of comfort and hope onto this dark world! Come, dance and rejoice in the light! Lord, let your light flood into our hearts and spirits! Come, let us celebrate! Let us bring our praise to God! AMEN. We sing – To God be the glory, CH4 #512, verses 1-3

To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory! Great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; for every offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son: but purer, and higher, and greater will be our joy, and our wonder when Jesus we see.

Prayer of praise and confession

Words of Assurance

Story Time - Rosie's Hat by Julia Donaldson



Question: For Rosie's hat, what do you think makes it live?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0MvVxJOIBc

We sing – Christ's is the world in which we move, Words & Music ©WGRG The Iona Community, *CH4* #724, verses 1-4

Christ's is the world in which we move; Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love; Christ's is the voice that calls us to care, and Christ is the one who meets us here.

> **Refrain** To the lost Christ shows his face, to the unloved he gives his embrace, to those who cry in pain or disgrace, Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.

Feel for the people we most avoid – strange or bereaved or never employed. Feel for the women and feel for the men who fear that their living is all in vain......*To the lost*... Feel for the parents who've lost their child, feel for the ones whom others defiled, feel for the baby for whom there's no breast, and feel for the weary who find no rest...*To the lost*...

Feel for the lives by life confused, riddled with doubt, in loving abused; feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin, which longs to be pure but fears to begin....*To the lost*...

Readings

First reading: Ephesians 2:1-10 (NRSV)

Alvin Hall

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

Gospel reading: John 3:14-21

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

Sermon – Death to Life

Anthem – Choir - O Love that wilt not let me go, CH4 #557, verses 1-4

O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee: I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee: my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be. O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee: I trace the rainbow through the rain and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee: I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

We pray together

The wisdom of the world tells us to hoard what we own, O God, while you invite us to share what we have with those in need. Accept these gifts for your purposes, that we may be your servants in the world.

We sing – For your generous providing, Arrangement © 1987, GIA Publications Inc, *CH4* #655, verses 1-3

For your generous providing which sustains us all our days, for your Spirit here residing, we proclaim our heartfelt praise. Through the depths of joy and sorrow, though the road be smooth or rough, fearless, we can face tomorrow for your grace will be enough.

Hush our world's seductive noises tempting us to stand alone; save us from the siren voices calling us to trust our own. For those snared by earthly treasure, lured by false security, Jesus, true and only measure, spring the trap to set folk free.

Round your table, through your giving, show us how to live and pray till your kingdom's way of living is the bread we share each day: bread for us and for our neighbour, bread for body, mind, and soul, bread of heaven and human labour – broken bread that makes us whole.

[Communion]

Now let us hear the story of how this sacrament began. ... Drink from it, all of you, to remember me."

So now, following Jesus' example and command, We take this bread and this cup, The ordinary things of the world, which Christ will use for extraordinary purposes. And as he said a prayer before sharing, Let us do so too.

Invitation

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, And whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Thanksgiving for the Work of God in Creation

With joy we praise you, gracious God, ... to proclaim the glory of your name. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving for the work of Christ

The tradition that comes down to us from the Lord is that... Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Prayer for the work of the Holy Spirit

God of all power, ... and in all things become mature in the one who is our head. Through him, with him, in him, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, All honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

Acknowledging our weakness and failure in prayer, we pray as our Lord teaches us to pray, saying...

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking the bread and wine

The body of Christ broken for the life of the world. The cup of the new covenant given for the life of the world.

Distribution

Prayer after Communion

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. (We exchange a sign of peace with each other.)

We sing – Lift up your hearts, Music © Oxford University Press, *CH4#*518, verses1-4

'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord, to thee; here at thy feet none other may we see: 'Lift up your hearts!' Even so, with one accord, we lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.

Above the level of the former years, the mire of sin, the slough of guilty fears, the mist of doubt, the blight of love's decay, O Lord of light, lift all our hearts today!

Lift every gift that thou thyself hast given; low lies the best till lifted up to heaven: low lie the bounding heart, the teeming brain, till, sent from God, they mount to God again.

Then, as the trumpet-call in after years, 'Lift up your hearts!' rings pealing in our ears, still shall our hearts respond with full accord, 'We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!' 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
14 th March Communion	Alvin Hall	<u>Alvin Hall</u> Don McConnochie Jean Robinson	Karyn Williams Dianne Burrows	S: Hans Kwak V: Colin Matthews
21 March	Lynnor Cooke	<u>Pat Smith</u> Chrissie P. Dianne Burrows	Pat Flockhart Sally Willis	S: Colin M. V: Linda Savage

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

Join Zoom Meeting **FRIDAY 19TH MARCH at 10.30am** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85031699572

Meeting ID: 850 3169 9572 Passcode: 192856

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Saturday March 20th 11.30am – mainly music Green Picnic (wear green)



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.

LENTEN STUDIES - ALL CLASSES HELD IN THE LOUNGE

Week 4 Tuesday 16 March 4.30 – 5.30pm (theme: Covenant)

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





Farewell to Nola Jacobsen who is moving to Wellington at the end of this month.

DIARY

Monday	15	9.00 am	Walking group
Tuesday	16	10.00am	Open Door
		4.30pm	Lenten Study (4)
Wednesday	17	9.45am	mainly music
		12.30pm	Korero me kai
		2.00pm	Finance cttee meeting
Thursday	18	3.30pm	Dunblane Service
		4.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday	19	10.30pm	ZOOM (chat) meeting
		1.00pm	Choir practise
Saturday	20	11.30am	mainly music 'Green Picnic'
SUNDAY	21	9.00am	Matawhero Worship Service
		10.30am	St Andrew's Worship
		3.00pm	Sea of Faith in lounge



MOZART: REQUIEM St Andrew's Church 176 Cobden St, Gisborne Sunday 28 March 2021 at 1:00pm Gisborne & Hastings Choral Societies

<u>MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR</u>



A FUNDRAISER FOR ST ANDREWS

on: Anzac Weekend April 25,26,27 at: St Andrews Church time: 1-4pm each day cost: \$5 Adults, children FREE

An Anzac Commemoration

A display depicting Peace and Harmony using a variety of materials.

Assistance is required to help this display happen.

If you can help in any way, please contact:

Pat Flockhart Ph: 8686255 027 2766989 annf@xtra.co.nz

THIS EVENING



<u>PRAY FOR VANUATU</u> date: Sunday 14th March 5.00 pm at Saint Mary Star of the Sea stay for a cup of tea after prayers

contact person: Phyllis McGann 021 02389365