#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

**WELCOME TO MATAWHERO CHURCH**

***4 December 2022 Advent 2***

***Service of Second Sunday of Advent***

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*We gather together as the people of God*

*Kia Ora, Talofa, Bula, Shalom, Dobry den and Annyeong-haseyo*

***Greetings with news and notices***

***Call to Worship***

In this season of prophecy, promise, and preparation, we come to be renewed and refreshed.

**We come to be inspired by stories of a messiah**

**who will change the world—and change us.**

We come to listen for words of hope and joy,

promise and challenge.

**We come with open ears, open minds,**

**and open hearts.**

We come to receive the blessings God has in store for us in this season of waiting.

Come! Let us worship our God—

the One who brings all things to fulfillment.

***Lighting the Advent candle of Peace***

***Read the partner story -*** Omar worries about having enough water for her family and animals…



…In this climate crisis, we stand with people in need of water justice.

**Together we join with others to make peace.**

***Light the candle***

*Together:*

**God of peace and gentleness;**

**May we be peacemakers so that all people have opportunities for fullness of life.**

**Give us strength to offer peace to our world**

**in word and in action.**

**We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen**

***We sing –*** On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry, *CH4* 334 (*CH3 208)*, vv 1-5

**On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry**

**announces that the Lord is nigh;**

**awake and hearken for he brings**

**glad tidings of the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every heart from sin;**

**make straight the way for God within;**

**prepare we in our hearts a home,**

**where such a mighty Guest may come**

**For you are our salvation, Lord,**

**our refuge and our great reward;**

**without your grace we waste away,**

**like flowers that wither and decay.**

**Stretch out your hand, to heal our sore,**

**and make us rise to fall no more;**

**once more upon your people shine,**

**and fill the world with love divine.**

**All praise to you, eternal Son,**

**whose advent has our freedom won,**

**whom with the Father we adore,**

**and Holy Spirit evermore**

***Prayers***

***Reading***

Matthew 3:1-12

***Sermon –*** Waiting for peace in Advent

*(Followed by time for reflection)*

***Prayers of Intercession***

***Offering***

***We sing –*** The servant song, WB 68, vv1-5

[**COMMUNION]**

Liturgy B

***We sing*** - O come, O come, Emmanuel, *CH4* 273 (*CH3 165)*, vv1-5

**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:**

***Sending***

***The Grace***

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa  
Te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, a Ihu Karaiti Me te aroha o te Atua  
Me te whiwhingatahitanga, Ki te wairua tapu  
Ake, ake, ake  
Amine**

**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***: AMENx3 CH4#819