#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

#### *St Andrew’s Church and Community Centre:*

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

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#### ***19 February 2023******Transfiguration***

***We welcome all visitors to our service this morning.***

***Please sign the Visitors’ Book and make yourself known to the Hosts who stand at the back of the church.***

***A toilet is located in the foyer.***

***In our worship we use inclusive language as much as possible. Sometimes, especially in the hymns, this is not possible. Feel free to insert the language with which you are most comfortable.***

***BOLDED WORDS are for congregational response.***

***Where there is an asterisk \* please stand.***

Welcome and notices

Silent preparation

Introit and entry of the bible

**Introit (ALL) FFS 37**

**In the quiet of this day,**

**in the safety of this place,**

**Holy Presence, hear me pray,**

**soothe my spirit with your peace.**

**Take the tangle of my thought,**

**Take the tension from my frame,**

**Free within me what is fraught,**

**still the waves I cannot tame.**

***Alleluia, allelu, alleluia, allelu,***

***Alleluia, allelu Alleluia, allelu,***

Call to Worship:

Leader; We give thanks to You, O Beloved, For you are kind;

**All: Your steadfast love lasts forever!**

Leader; Let every nations proclaim,

**All; Your steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader; Let all the people cry,

**All; Your steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader; Let those who reverence You sing

**All; Your steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader; We give thanks to You, O Beloved, For you are kind;

**All: Your steadfast love lasts forever!**

**\*HYMN AA 59**

**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 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.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION;

**We are sorry for the times**

**Our attitudes and actions have caused others humiliation and distress.**

**We have not trusted You and wasted time with unnecessary worry and anxiety.**

**We have not recognised unjust situations.**

**We have not supported the small voices ignored in our society.**

**We have not offered understanding to those suffering from the effects of abuse.**

**Have mercy on us compassionate God. Hear and understanding our yearnings to live in your Kingdom,**

**Your community of hospitality and kindness. We ask this of Christ, the Way and the Spirit who leads.**

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN** **FFS 67**

**We are many, we are one, and the work of Christ is done**

**when we learn to live in true community,**

**as the stars that fill the night, as a flock of birds in flight,**

**as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;**

**as the branches of a tree, as the waves upon the sea,**

**as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

**All division is made whole when we honour every soul,**

**find the life of God in every you and me,**

**as the fingers of a hand, as the grains that form the sand,**

**as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;**

**as the threads upon a loom, as a field of flowers in bloom,**

**as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

**We will join creation’s song, make a world where all belong,**

**build as one in peace and loving harmony,**

**as the voices of a choir, as the flames within a fire,**

**as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;**

**as the snowflakes in the snow, as the colours of a bow,**

**as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.** *Colin Gibson*

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

MATTHEW: 17: 1-9

REFLECTION ON THE READING

**\*HYMN AA 95**

**May the mystery of God enfold us,**

**may the wisdom of God uphold us,**

**may the fragrance of God be around us,**

**may the brightness of God surround us,**

**may the wonder of God renew us,**

**may the loving of God flow through us,**

**may the peace of God deeply move us,**

**may the moving of God bring us peace.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Doxology (sung) AA 127**

**Take my gifts and let me love you,**

**God who first of all loved me,**

**gave me light and food and shelter,**

**gave me life and set me free,**

**now because your love has touched me,**

**I have love to give away**

**now the bread of love is rising,**

**loaves of love to multiply!**

**DEDICATION (ALL)**

**Accept the gifts we offer with love and gratitude.**

**What is our treasure but Your Love.**

**There is nothing on earth that we desire besides You.**

**Our bodies and minds may fail but You are the strength of our hearts and our joy forever.**

PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER*(based on the original Aramaic)*

**O Cosmic Birther of all radiance and vibration!**

**Soften the ground of our being**

**And carve out a space within where your presence and abide.**

**Fill us with your creativity so that we may be empowered to bear the fruit of your mission.**

**Let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with your desire.**

**Endow us with the wisdom to produce and share what each being needs to grow and flourish.**

**Untie the tangled threads of destiny that bind us,**

**As we release others from the entanglement of past mistakes.**

**Do not let us be seduced by that, which would divert us from our true purpose,**

**But illuminate the opportunities of the present moment. For you are the ground and fruitful vision,**

**The birth, power and fulfilment,**

**All is gathered and made whole again. Amen**

**\*HYMN MICAH’S SONG**

**Hear then what Yahweh asks of you.**

**To live justly.**

**To love tenderly,**

**and to walk humbly with your God**

**come that you may have life, and have it to the full….**

**Hear then what Yahweh asks of you.**

**To live justly.**

**To love tenderly,**

**and to walk humbly with your God**

**Father your kingdom come.**

**May your will be done….**

**Hear then what Yahweh asks of you.**

**To live justly.**

**To love tenderly,**

**and to walk humbly with your God**

**Ask and you shall receive**

**seek and you shall find…..**

**Hear then what Yahweh asks of you.**

**To live justly.**

**To love tenderly,**

**and to walk humbly with your God**

**Take up your cross and follow me.**

**You shall share my life….**

**Hear then what Yahweh asks of you.**

**To live justly.**

**To love tenderly,**

**and to walk humbly with your God**

**I am with you always**

**till the end of time….**

BLESSING

**With minds sifting for truth**

**Ears sensitive to grief**

**Eyes focused on dignifying**

**Consciences tuned to justice**

**Hearts steeped in the gospel**

**Mouths speaking with kindness**

**A community breathing reverence**

**Bless us Living God.**

**Amen.**

**HYMN CH4 803 (***Swaziland traditional hymn)*

**We will walk with God, my brothers,**

**we will walk with God.**

**We will walk with God, my sisters,**

**we will walk with God.**

**We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come. (2x)**

Exit of Bible and candle

**Ministers*:*** *All the people*

**Leader:** *Sr Cynthia Kearney* **Reader:** *Pat Flockhart*

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

**Choir**

*Please join us for a time of fellowship and friendship in the Community Centre next door for a cup of tea or coffee,.followed by a congregational meeting*

**Please remember** donations for the Love basket. Breakfast cereals very welcome

**Daily Centering prayer at noon (**12 - 12:15 pm) wherever we are whatever we are doing. Focus on key word **GPP** (for its continuing mission and life in the community)

**DIARY**

**SUNDAY 19** **EPIPHANY 7**

**10.00am St. Andrew’s(Sr Cynthia Kearney)**

**Congregational meeting follows St Andrew’s service**

**Matawhero No service**

Monday 209.00am Walking Group

9.30am Matawhero gardening

Tuesday 21 10.00am Open Door All welcome

Wednesday 229.45am mainly music

**7.00pm Ash Wednesday Service Matawhero**

Thursday 23 12.30pm Peter Shaw Trio lunchtime concert

2.00pm Leighton House Rest Home Service tbc

Friday 24 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday 25 8am -noon Car Boot sale

**SUNDAY 26** **Lent 1**

**10.00am St. Andrew’s Rev Dr Clive Yates**

**Matawhero No service**

3.00pm Sea of Faith

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 19 February  Epiphany7 | **Matawhero**  No service  **St Andrew’s**  Pat Flockhart | **Seton Clare**  Dianne Burrows  Cathy Porter | Paulina Melief  Marilyn Matthews | S: Roy  V: Alan Groves  C:Don |
| 26 February  Lent 1 | **Matawhero**  No seervice  **St Andrew’s**  Danielle Lapointe | **Alvin Hall**  Dianne Burrows  Pat Smith | Margaret Palmer  Ruth McLennan | S: Hans?  V:. Linda Savage  C: Hans |

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