#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

#### [*www.standrewsgis.org.nz*](http://www.standrewsgis.org.nz)

**The Sunday before Easter**

**Palm or Passion Sunday**

#### ***At St Andrew’s Church, Gisborne 2 April 2023***

***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.***

**Order of Service**.

**This service starts with Joyful Singing and Procession.**

**MP-4 WORDS “ Make way Make way”**

 **Listen! … And Join in as you hear the words**

**\*\*\*A Welcome and Greeting**: (Duty Elder.)

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**\*\*\*& Our CALL to WORSHIP** *( Psalm 118 verses adapted © cbyatest 2023***)**

*L : Show mw the Gate through which the righteous can enter*

 *that they may enter joyfully and give thanks to the Lord.*

**ALL : I rejoice and give thanks for having received Your call:**

 **This is the Day that the Lord has made and invited us.**

 **So, let us rejoice and be glad that this is so.**

**The rejected stone has become -for us - the cornerstone.**

\*\*\*L : *Let us all journey onwards towards Jerusalem:-*

**\*\*\*1-PRAISE:** **CH-4 364 [ St Theodolphus. ]** All glory, laud and honour.

***All glory, laud, and honour,***

***>>to you, Redeemer, King,***

***to whom the lips of children***

***made sweet hosannas ring!***

**You are the King of Israel**

**great David’s royal Son,**

**now in the Lord’s name coming,**

**the King and Blessed One. *Refrain***

**The people of the Hebrews**

**with palms before you went;**

**our praise and prayer and anthems**

**before you we present. *Refrain***

**To you before your Passion**

**they sang their hymns of praise;**

**to you, now high exalted,**

**our melody we raise. *Refrain***

**Their praises you accepted;**

**accept the prayers we bring,**

**in every good delighting,**

**our great and gracious King: *Refrain***

**\*\*\*Prayer of Approach, Confession, and Assurance.**

*L : Let us pray; Almighty and everlasting God.*

 *We come not only to worship and praise your Holy Name,*

 *but to reflect upon what you have done for us.*

**All : Father God, we worship You for giving us Jesus Christ,**

 **who came to share our human lives with His teachings:**

 **and by his obedience and death, to save our human nature.**

*L : Today, we have come mindful to hear again the story from old*

 *of Your Son's entry into the Pilgrim -filled City of Jerusalem.*

**All : May we recognise in the midst of the crowds**

 **those who welcomed and cheered His way,**

 **but also, those who plotted to do away with Him.**

**Help us to see in all this, the irony of the final glorious victory**

 **"where every knee shall bow,**

 **and every tongue confess Him Lord and King."**

*L : We recognise people just like ourselves in that crowd:*

 *some who need hope and re-assurance to face life each day;*

 *some who need comfort and strength to face loneliness;*

 *some who just need the reminding of Your presence daily,.*

 *Some who do not know what they need but need something.*

**All : We recognise that sometimes we are a crowd of sightseers**

 **just looking on; not actually doing anything ourselves;**

 **just noting injustices, being told of cruelty and abuse;**

 **just reading about corruption and scandal in high places.**

 **We do not deliberately run away from our call to discipleship;**

 **we simply feel powerless and unable to do anything useful.**

 **And so we contribute to continuation of the pain and neglect**

 **of those who do need our help and also Your Saving Word.**

 **Forgive us, for we should all pray to you for forgiveness.**

*L : Sore at heart, and admitting our neglect in humility,*

 *we take heart! Our sins are forgiven! We are assured!*

 *The message of blessing comes directly from the Lord Himself.*

 *and we acknowledge His teachings in the words* ***we say together.***

**All : 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.**

 **Forgive us our sins**

 **as we forgive those who sin against us.**

 **Save us from the time of trial**

 **and deliver us from evil.**

 **For the kingdom, the power,**

 **and the glory are yours**

 **now and forever.**  **... Amen.**

 **R-READING-1 : The Prophet ISAIAH Ch. 50 : vs 7 -9.**

*The 3rd, servant passage*

**\*\*\*2-PRAISE: CH-4 367** **Hosanna, loud hosanna**

**Hosanna, loud hosanna,**

**the little children sang;**

**through city street and temple**

**their joyful welcome rang.**

**They shouted out their praises**

**to Christ, the children’s friend,**

**who welcomes all with blessing,**

**whose love will never end.**

**From Olivet they followed,**

**a large exultant crowd,**

**the victor palm branch waving,**

**and chanting clear and loud;**

**bright angels joined the chorus,**

**beyond the cloudless sky,**

**‘Hosanna in the highest!**

**Glory to God on high!’**

**‘Hosanna in the highest!’**

**That ancient song we sing,**

**for Christ is our Redeemer,**

**the Lord of heaven our King.**

**Oh, may we ever praise him**

**with heart and life and voice,**

**and in his living presence**

**eternally rejoice.**

**R-READING-2 : Gospel of Matthew. Ch. 21 : vs. 1 - 11.**

*Jesus’s entry to Jerusalem*

**R-READING-3 : Gospel of Matthew. Ch. 21 : vs. 11 –17**

*Jesus cleanses the Temple.*

**\*\*\*3-PRAISE:** **CH-4 380** [ Horsley. ] There is a green hill far away ...

**There is a green hill far away,**

**Outside a city wall,**

**where the dear Lord was crucified,**

**who died to save us all.**

**We may not know, we cannot tell**

**what pains he had to bear;**

**but we believe it was for us**

**He hung and suffered there.**

**He died that we might be forgiven,**

***He died to make us good,***

**that we might go at last to heaven,**

**saved by his precious blood..**

***There was no other good enough***

***to pay the price of sin.***

**He only could unlock the gate**

**of heaven, and let us in.**

**Oh, dearly, dearly has he loved,**

**and we must love him too,**

**and trust in his redeeming blood,**

**and try his works to do.**

**>>Sharing in Interpretation.**

 “*Why did Jesus disturb ‘the* ***status quo’****?*

**\*\*\*Offertory and Affirmation of Faith** .

*L : All these gifts come from You, O Lord.*

 *They were Yours to give; they are Yours to curtail too.*

**All : They are not mine to keep, only to give wisely and prudently.**

 **Help us to use these for the extension and growth**

 **of Your Kingdom in every home and place.**

 **Let me always remember my promise too,**

 **of serving You faithfully every day in the name of Jesus; Amen.**

**\*\*\*4-PRAISE:** The Journey of Life              WB 33  WOV 670

**The journey of life may be easy, may be hard
There’ll be danger on the way
With God at my side, I’ll do battle as I ride
‘Gainst the foe that would lead me astray**

**Chorus**

**Will you ride, ride, ride With the King of Kings,**

**Will you follow my leader true;**

**Will you shout Hosanna To the lowly Son of God,**

**Who died for me and you?**

**My burden is light and a song is in my heart
As I travel on life’s way
For God is in heaven and he’s given me his word
That by my side he’ll stay Chorus**

**I’ll follow my leader wherever he may go,**

**For Jesus is my Friend**

**He’ll lead me on to the place where he has gone**

**when I come to my journey’s end. Chorus**

# R--Our Prayers of Intercession ( led by our Reader )

**\*\*\*FINAL PRAISE:CH-4 365 [** Winchester ] **Ride on: ride on in majesty.**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty!**

**Hark! All the tribes ‘Hosanna!’ cry.**

**O Saviour meek, pursue thy road**

**With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty!**

**In lowly pomp ride on to die.**

**O Christ, thy triumphs now begin**

**o’er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty!**

**The winged squadrons of the sky**

**look down with sad and wondering eyes**

**to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty!**

**Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;**

**the Father on his sapphire throne**

**awaits his own anointed Son.**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty!**

**In lowly pomp ride on to die.**

**bow thy meek head to mortal pain,**

**then take, O God, thy power, and reign**

**\*\*\*BLESSING and DISMISSAL :**  *As we leave, we bless each other* ...

*L : May we follow in the Master's footsteps all times;*

 *may the Risen Christ lead us and guide us.*

**All : We each go on our way**

**praying for peace as Christ's disciples;**

 **we each go on humbly,**

**speaking of peace as Christ's servants;**

 **we each go on renewed**

**filled by Christ's gift of hope to us.**

 **May we each go separately in Christ's world,**

 **but journeying together in Christ's name.**

***Amen -- Amen -- Amen.***

***Please stay and enjoy the Recital on the Organ***

**Minister*s:*** *All the people*

**Leader:** Rev Dr Clive Yates **Organist:** Paul Pollock

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**DIARY**

**SUNDAY 2** **Palm Sunday** *NZ Standard Time resumes*

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

 **Matawhero No service**

2.00pm Handel’s Messiah with Gisborne Choral

 Society: Gavin Maclean Conductor, Roy Tankersley organ

Monday 39.00am Walking Group

Tuesday 4 10.00am Open Door

Wednesday 59.45am mainly music

**Thursday 6 7.00pm Maundy Thursday Communion service at**

 **Matawhero. Cuppa at 6.30**

**Friday 7 2.30pm Good Friday service, St Andrew’s. NB timing**

Saturday 8 8-11.30am Car Boot Sale

**Sunday 9 EASTER DAY Rev Dr Clive Yates School Holidays (1)**

 **9.00am Easter breakfast in the hall before**

**10am Easter combined Communion St Andrew’s**

**Matawhero– no service**

**Reminder for Easter Day**:. Please bring flowers for the flowering of the cross

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 2 AprilPalm Sunday Elder: Seton Clare | **Matawhero**No Service**St Andrew’s** Dianne Burrows  | **Don McConnochie**Sarah McConnochieCathy Porter | Trish KwakWendy Morris | **S:** Hans**V:** Linda**C:** Don |
| 6 AprilMaundy Thursday 7pm Elder: Barbara Larsen | **Matawhero**Wendy Johnston**St Andrew’s** No service  | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 7 AprilGood Friday 2.30pm Elder: Pat Flockhart | **Matawhero**No Service**St Andrew’s** Bob Bos | **Chrissie Parker**Jenny Lawton, Jean Hilliard | N/A | **S:** Hans**V:** Alan**C:** Hans |
| 9 AprilEaster Day Elder: Jan Gordon | **Matawhero**No Service**St Andrew’s** Lynnor Cooke | **Pat Smith**Dianne BurrowsCathy Porter | N/A | **S:** Hans tbc**V:** Don**C:** Don |