#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

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####  ***25 June 2023******Pentecost 4***

***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 \* you are invited to stand.***

**WELCOME AND NOTICES Gina**

**SILENT PREPARATION**

**INTROIT** (Choir) and entry of the bible:**In you, O Lord CH4 255**

V3 In you, Lord God, I put my trust

 V1 Be still and know that I am God

**CALL TO WORSHIIP**: (Psalm 86 from Psalms for Praying by Nan C Merrill)

Great is your steadfast love toward those who call upon you:

**You deliver their souls from the depths of despair.**

O Beloved, numerous fears rise up within me:

**like an army they seek to overwhelm me, and they would keep me in darkness.**

Yet you are merciful and gracious,

**ready to forgive, and ever abounding**

**in steadfast Love and faithfulness.**

Be present to me and receive my prayer;

**imbue me with strength, and help me to release each fear.**

Pour forth your Light into my soul

 **that all that is hidden in darkness may come forth into awareness.**

 **For you, O Beloved, are my Redeemer and my Comforter.**

**\*HYMN** **Through the love of God our Saviour CH4 562**

**Through the love of God our Saviour**

**all will be well.**

**Free and changeless is God’s favour;**

**all, all is well.**

**Precious is the blood that healed us,**

**perfect is the grace that sealed us,**

**strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;**

**all must be well.**

**Though we pass through tribulation,**

**all will be well.**

**Ours is such a full salvation,**

**all, all is well.**

**Happy, still in God confiding,**

**fruitful, if in Christ abiding,**

**Holy, through the Spirit’s guiding;**

**all must be well.**

**We expect a bright tomorrow;**

**all will be well.**

**Faith can sing through days of sorrow,**

**all, all is well.**

**On our Father’s love relying,**

**Jesus every need supplying,**

**or in living or in dying,**

**all must be well.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING; ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Sheryl

Lord’s Prayer

 **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**

FAMILY TIME

**\*HYMN** **Jesus loves me CH4 564**

1. **Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;**

**little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.**

***Refrain***

**Yes, Jesus love me, X 3**

**the Bible tells me so**

1. **Jesus love me, this I know, he loved children long ago,**

 **he can always make me glad, even when I’m feeling sad**

1. **Jesus loves me he will stay close beside me all the way,**

 **he will always be my friend and his love will never end**  *Words Anna Bartlett Warner*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Gina

Romans 6: 1b-11

Matthew 10: 24-39

**SERMON**

**ANTHEM (Choir)** **If I take the wings of the morning AA68**

If I take the wings of the morning

to fly with them over the sea,

no matter how far or how fast I've flown,

I'll not be alone; my God is forever with me.

 I may reach the gateway of heaven,

descend to the portals of hell,

though spirits of evil or death appear,

I'll show them no fear, for God will be with me as well.

 If I should conceal me in darkness

and dress in the clothing of night,

yet there in the deepest of gloom confined,

I'll never be blind, for God is the giver of light.

 Now I need no wings of the morning,

from paths of despair I'll be free,

and though I encounter the darkest shade,

I'll not be afraid, for God will be ever with me.

 *Nigel Eastgate*

*Based on Psalm 139*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS **Note:** *The offering is now received at the door as we enter. If you missed seeing this, you may place a retiring offering in the offering boxes at the door as you leave.*

**\*DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN**  Gentle as silence **WB16**

**Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
Of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see, He has given to me,
And his giving is gentle as silence.**

**Every day, every hour, every moment,
Have been blessed by the strength of His love.
At the turn of each tide, He is there at my side,
And his touch is as gentle as silence.**

**There've been times when I've turned from his presence,
And I've walked other paths, other ways,
But I've called on his name, in the dark of my shame
And his mercy was gentle as silence.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER Sheryl

Bidding: Lord of all creation
**Response:**  **Teach us your ways**

**\*****HYMN** **God, companion of our journey HS32**

**Tune Cross of Jesus WOV72ii**

**God, companion of our journey,
        help in times of dark despair,
comforter in times of sadness,
    present in the joy we share.

Thanks we give for each new challenge,
    praise we sing for this new start.
Guide us in the path we’ve chosen,
    may your love-song fill our heart.

Lord of earth and sky and ocean,
    God of great and little things,
creatures furred and feathered know you,
    yours the tune the bellbird sings.

All creation bows before you,
    conscious of the life you give.
May aroha unify us,
    God in whom we move and live.**

 **Take our lives and use our talents;
    give us freedom to explore
all the ways that we may serve you,
    trust and love you ever more.**

\*BLESSING Sheryl

We go today with God's strength to direct us,
God's wisdom to guide us,
God's eyes to look before us,
God's ears to hear us.

**I will not fear, but trust God**

We go with God's word to speak for us
God's hand to uphold us,
God's pathway before us.

**I will not fear, but trust God**
We go with God's shield to protect us,
God's love to save us from all that seeks to harm us.

**I will not fear, but trust God.**

**\*3-fold Amen**

 **\***Exit of Bible and candle

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

**Leader:** *Rev Sheryl McGrory* **Reader:** *Gina Hughes*

**Organist:** *Paul Pollock* **Choir**

*Please join us for a time of fellowship and friendship in the Community Centre next door over a cup of tea or coffee,*

**DIARY**

**SUNDAY 25** **PENTECOST 4**

 **10a.m. St. Andrew’s – Rev. Sheryl McGrory**

 **Matawhero no service**

3.00pm Sea of Faith

Monday 26 9.00am Walking Group

Tuesday 27 10.00am Open Door All welcome

Wednesday 289.45am mainly music

Thursday 29 3.30pm Kids’ Café

Friday 30 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

**SUNDAY 2** **PENTECOST 5 Lynnor Cooke; *School Winter Holidays (1)***

**10a.m. Matawhero– Communion: Pat Flockhart celebrant**

**St. Andrew’s no service**

**Coming up: 23rd July Hymn Service with Favourite Bible Passages.**

**Get your selection to the office or a choir member by the 14th July.**

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

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 25 June  | **Matawhero**No service**St Andrew’s** Gina Hughes | **Seton Clare**Linda SavageCathy Porter | Margaret Palmer Dianne Burrows | S: Hans KwakV: AlanC: Don |
| 2 July Matawhero communion  | **Matawhero**Danielle Lapointe **St Andrew’s** No service |   |  | N/A |

Communion Elders 2 July: **Barbara Larsen, Jan Ewart**

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