#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

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 ***23 July 2023 Favourite Hymns and Bible passages Pentecost 8***

***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.***

Prelude

Welcome, News and Information, Introduction and Silent Preparation

Introit and Entry of Bible and candle

Introit (Choir) Turn your eyes upon Jesus v1 Box 51

**O soul are you weary and troubled
No light in the darkness you see
There's light for a look at the Saviour
And life more abundant and free**

***Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in his wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace***

**Call to Worship** Here I am, Lord CH4 251

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard My people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin

My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them?

Whom shall I send?

 Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your people in my heart.

**\*****HYMN** O Jesus I have promised CH4 644i

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| O Jesus, I have promised  To serve you to the end;Be now and always near me,  My Master and my Friend;I shall not fear the battle  If you are by my side,Nor wander from the pathway  If you will be my Guide. |
| Oh, let me feel you near me;  The world is ever near;I see the sights that dazzle,  The tempting sounds I hear;My foes are ever near me,  Around me and within;But, Jesus, draw still nearer,  And shield my soul from sin. |

**Sung Prayer** Longing for light CH4 543

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your Church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

**With the children**: Teddy Horsley

**\*HYMN** Singing Love WB70 AA52

**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 peace**

**and he lived singing peace;**

**he died, singing peace.**

**He arose is silence.**

**For the peace to go on**

**we must make it our song;**

**you and I be the singers.**

**Scripture Reading**: Psalm 16:1-2 NIV Ruth

Keep me safe, my God,     for in you I take refuge.

**2**I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;     apart from you I have no good thing.”

HYMN Dear Lord and father of mankind CH4 485

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways:
reclothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives your service find,
in deeper reverence praise,
in deeper reverence praise.

5 Drop your still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of your peace,
the beauty of your peace.

6 Breathe through the heats of our desire
your coolness and your balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire,
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm,
O still small voice of calm

**Hymn:** I come to the garden alone

**I Come To The Garden Alone
While The Dew Is Still On The Roses,
And The Voice I Hear Falling On My Ear
The Son Of God Discloses.**

*Refrain:*

**And He Walks With Me, And He Talks With Me,
And He Tells Me I Am His Own;
And The Joy We Share As We Tarry There,
None Other Has Ever Known.**

**Scripture Reading:** Ps 27 **v1 KJV**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**\*HYMN** Song of faith that sings forever FFS57

**And when life would overwhelm us,**

**when there seems no song to sing,**

**hear the constant voice of courage**

**out of fear and suffering:**

**all who’ve loved and trusted Jesus,**

**all who lift us to be strong,**

**endless, endless are the voices**

**of the faith that makes the song.  *Shirley Murray***

**HYMN** *Lord make us servants of your peace CH4 527*

**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.**

**HYMN** *Let there be peace on earth* Box 34

**Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be**

**With God our Creator
We’re one family
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.**

**With ev'ry step I take**

**Let this be my solemn vow**

**To take each moment and live each moment**

**in peace eternally.**

**Let there be peace on earth**

**and let it begin with me**

**Scripture Reading:** Proverbs 8: 22-31 NIV Catherine

**22**“The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+8%3A+22-31&version=NIV#fen-NIV-16625a)][[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+8%3A+22-31&version=NIV#fen-NIV-16625b)]
    before his deeds of old;
**23**I was formed long ages ago,
    at the very beginning, when the world came to be.
**24**When there were no watery depths, I was given birth,
    when there were no springs overflowing with water;
**25**before the mountains were settled in place,
    before the hills, I was given birth,
**26**before he made the world or its fields
    or any of the dust of the earth.
**27**I was there when he set the heavens in place,
    when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,
**28**when he established the clouds above
    and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,
**29**when he gave the sea its boundary
    so the waters would not overstep his command,
and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.
**30**    Then I was constantly[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+8%3A+22-31&version=NIV#fen-NIV-16633c)] at his side.
I was filled with delight day after day,
    rejoicing always in his presence,
**31**rejoicing in his whole world
    and delighting in mankind.

**Hymn:** When long before time PCC 295 Catherine

1. **When long before time and the worlds were begun**

**when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,**

**and all was deep silence and night reigned supreme**

**and even our Maker had only a dream…**

1. **…the silence was broken when God sang the Song,**

**and light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,**

**and with its first birth-cries creation was born,**

**and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.**

**\*HYMN** I vow to thee my country CH4 704

 **I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,**

 **entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love ;**

 **the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test**

 **that lays upon the altar, the dearest and the best ;**

 **the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,**

 **the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.**

 **And there’s another country, I’ve heard of long ago,**

 **most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;**

 **we may not count her armies, we may not see her King :**

 **her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering ;**

 **and soul by soul, and silently her shining bounds increase,**

 **and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.**

**Offertory and Dedication:** The offering is now received at the door as we enter. If you missed noticing this, you may place a retiring offering into the offering boxes at the door as you leave. Our dedication covers all our acts of giving:

**Dedication:** Take my life and let it be CH4 502

1. **Take my life and let it be CH4 502
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
\*Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in endless praise.**

**Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing,**

**Ever, only for my king.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

**Scripture Reading** Luke 17 20-21 **J.B. Phillips New Testament**

### Jesus tells the Pharisees that the kingdom is here and now

**20-21**Later, he was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he gave them this reply: “The kingdom of God never comes by watching for it. Men cannot say, ‘Look, here it is’, or ‘there it is’, for the kingdom of God is inside you.”

**HYMN:** There’s a light upon the mountain    WOV207

There's a light upon the mountains, and the day is at the spring,
When our eyes shall see the beauty and the glory of the King;
Weary was our heart with waiting,

 and the night-watch seemed so long,
But His triumph-day is breaking, and we hail it with a song.

Hark! we hear a distant music, and it comes with fuller swell;
'Tis the triumph song of Jesus, of our King Emmanuel;
Zion, go ye forth to meet Him, and my soul, be swift to bring
All thy sweetest and thy dearest for the triumph of our King.

**Prayer:** Tell my people I love them AA132 Val

***Tell my people I love them;***

***tell my people that I care.***

***When they feel far away from me,***

***tell my people I am there.***

**Tell my people I came and died**

**to give them liberty;**

**as they abide in me**

**they will be really free!**

**Tell my people where-e’re they go**

**to claim my risen power,**

**my peace and joy and love**

**is with them hour by hour.**

 You-Tube I am the bread of life

**Hymn:**  **Now thank we all our God CH4: 182**

1. Now thank we all our God,

with heart and hands and voices,

who wondrous things has done,

in whom this world rejoices, -

who, from our mothers’ arms,

has blessed us on our way

with countless gifts of love,

and still is ours today.

1. May you, O bounteous God

through all our life be near us,

with ever-joyful hearts

and blessed peace to cheer us,

and keep us in your grace,

and guide us when perplexed,

and free us from all ills

in this world and the next.

**BLESSING**

**May the mystery***AA 95 Joy Cowley, Music Ian Render*

 **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.**

Postlude

**Ministers*: All the people***

***Readers:***  *Lynnor Cooke, Val Hall, Pat Flockhart, Marion Goodwin, Catherine Macdonald, Ruth McLennan, Sally Spence*

**Organist:**  *David Russell* **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 23** **PENTECOST 8 Hymn & favourite Bible passages**

 **10.00am St Andrew’s**

 **Matawhero– no service**

3.00pmSea of Faith

Monday 24 9.00am Walking Group

Tuesday 25 10.00am Open Door All welcome

Wednesday 269.45am mainly music

 10.30 Beetham Healthcare Chapel

Thursday 27 2.00pm Leighton House Service

  **2.30pm** **Parish Council**

Friday 28 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday 22 8am-noon Car Boot Sale

**SUNDAY 30** **PENTECOST 9 Whanau Fun with Kid’s Café**

 **10.00am St Andrew’s**

 **Matawhero– no service**

**Mindful Prayer topics:** World Peace; Politicians; Health; GPP and our Future; NZ'ers affected by floods and landslides. Give thanks for something positive. Thanks to God for continuing guidance .

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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 |
| 23 July Hymn and Bible passage service | **Matawhero**No service**St Andrew’s** Marion Goodwin | **Seton Clare**Pat SmithCathy Porter | Ruth McLennanWendy Morris | S: Hans KwakV: DonC: Don |
| 30 July Kids’ Café service | **Matawhero**No service**St Andrew’s** Kids Café  | **Chrissie Parker**Pat FlockhartJean Hillyard | Margaret Palmer Dianne Burrows | S: Hans KwakV: LindaC: Hans |

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