**Service Sheet, Matawhero Historic Church, Church Lane, Gisborne . 21 January 2024**

**Welcome**

Silence

**Call to Worship**

As we come out of the ordinary into this sacred space **We bring our praise and worship to God**. As we leave behind the everyday and seek the extraordinary **We bring our praise and worship to God.** Forgetting our pride, coming in humility **We bring our praise and worship to God.**

From the place of comfort to the edge of newness. **We come to praise and worship God**

**Hymn 1** All People that on Earth Do Dwell CH3: CD 26/1

**Prayer of Approach and Confession** (based on Psalm 62: 5-12, Jonah 3, Mark 1:14-20)

The words of the psalm describe you, O God, as hope, as salvation, as shelter. We who hear these healing words are invited to put all our confidence in you, to pour out our hearts to you, knowing that you hear.

**Hear us now, O God, as we gather to worship and to praise you.**

Forgive us when we listen to the voices which tell us to put our trust in whatever institution can increase our wealth; in whatever breakfast food can expand our brainpower, in whatever mode of transport can get us anywhere faster, cheaper, more comfortably. Renew our trust in you and help us to use this time to deepen our relationship with you and to re-align our priorities with yours.

**Hear us now, Lord Jesus Christ, as we gather to worship and to praise you**.

Forgive us when we are reluctant disciples, and renew our desire to follow you even if, like those first disciples, it means having the direction of our lives completely changed.

Forgive us when we forget that we do not have to do everything in our own power when challenged to take risks of faith.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us now, as we can only offer true worship and provide faithful discipleship when we are empowered by you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

**Assurance of Pardon** (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

Hear the good news: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, with whom we are reconciled through Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

*— written by Moira Laidlaw, on Liturgies Online. Visit that site for other wonderful lectionary-based worship resources*.

**Reading** Psalm 62: 5-12

**Hymn 2** Beautiful Presence Sheet CD 26/3

**Reading** Mark 1: 14-20

**Reflection/Discussion:**

**Prayers of Intercession:**

**Offering and Dedication:**

Loving God, we present now what we have brought to you. Things that are both visible and invisible. The coins, paper, bank transfers represent our work, and express in a clear and visible way our love and thanks. But we also bring as an offering the fragile dreams and hopes that we have. These invisible gifts are what sustain our lives. Receive all that we have brought in love, O God.

**Amen**

**Hymn 3** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CH3: 89 CD 26/5

**Sending Forth and Blessing**

God’s love surround you, God’s Spirit guide you,

God’s whisper cheer you, God’s peace calm you,

God’s shield protect you, God’s wisdom arm you,

wherever God may lead you.

**Karakia**

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**

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and forever.