#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

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####  ***9 July 2023******Pentecost 6***

***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 and call for Silence **Deborah**

Introit and entry of Bible, and Candle Lead me, Lord PCC 575

**Lead me, Lord,**

**Lead me in your righteousness**

**Make your way plain before my face**

**For it is you,**

**and you, God, only**

**who makes me to dwell in safety**

**Lead me, Lord,**

**Lead me in your righteousness**

**Make your way plain before my face**

**OPENING WORSHIP Deborah**

Scripture affirms the value of each human life,

Within Nature’s tapestry,

For we are formed of the cosmic dust

And have the breath of God in us.

Each of us is Adam and Eve,

Responsible for nurturing the life and resources

Of this greening planet.

Each of us, the woman, the man, are entrusted with the survival of the species.

Each of us is called by God to nurture and protect this country’s sacred soil, water,

Air and living things,

For generations yet to come.

**We have come together in response to God’s loving call,**

**To ask for God’s strength**

**And grace in our lives,**

**To support one another in love,**

**And to pray for those in need.**

**We come as men and women who want**

**To share their own stories,**

**To listen to others,**

**And to be signs to the world**

**Of the Good News of Jesus Christ…**

**To participate in the mission of the church.**

**We share in the mission of the Church by telling the story of what God has done for us, and for all people. AMEN**

\*Hymn 1 **New Every morning is the love CH4 214ii**

**1  New every morning is the love
Our wakening and uprising prove,
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
Restored to life, and power, and thought.**

**2. New mercies, each returning day
Hover around us while we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiven,
New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.**

**3. If, on our daily course, our mind
Be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice**

**4. The trivial round, the common task,
Will furnish all we ought to ask;
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God.**

**5. Prepare us, Lord, in your dear love,
For perfect life with you above;
And help us, this and every day,
To live more nearly as we pray.**

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer **Norman**

**Morning Hymn** from *Aotearoa Psalms* by Joy Cowley.

Kia ora, my Friend God.

I give to you the voyage of this day,

that to be which is already yours,

adding to it my rejoicing,

a shout of praise. Amen. Amen.

You are the wind: fill up my sails.

You are the water: run fast beneath my keel.

And I will sing in the wind

and dance over the water,

God my Friend, oh God my Friend.

You are the light: enfold me.

You are the darkness: embrace me.

You are pain: hollow me.

You are love: overflow me.

The storms of change are you,

and the peace of tranquil waters.

You are all these things, Friend God,

and I thank you Amen. Amen.

May I journey without fear

through all your seasons.

In emptiness let me find fullness.

In imprisonment let me find freedom.

Render me passive in your will

and I shall be most active,

moving with you in everything,

seeing you in everything,

knowing you in everything.

Amen. Amen.

**A Prayer for Discernment** From *Psalms Down-under* by Joy Cowley

God, when I was a child

the issues of right and wrong were simple,

clearly laid down as law by others.

But now that I’m an adult,

responsible for my life,

now that I must make decisions

based on my own experience,

nothing appears clear-cut any more.

Now, I see the movements of life

which can turn evil into good

and I know how corruption can occur

to taint the best of intentions.

In fact, it sometimes seems

that good and evil aren’t separate at all,

but mixed in every action.

And that can make choices difficult.

Loving God,

**I pray for the courage to make wise decisions.**

In the security of your love

**may I step past the ignorance and fear**

**which makes me self-protective,**

and in a multitude of choices,

**may I always lean towards the greater good.**

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**

Celebration time **Deborah**

 **Celebrations today**

 **May God bless you, we pray**

 **Live for Jesus, dear people**

 **May he guide you each day.**

Family time **Catherine**

\*Hymn 2 This little light of mine WB80

**1. This little light of mine I’m going to let it shine X3**

 **let it shine, all the time, let it shine!**

 **2. Walk my little light round the block, I’m going to let it shine X3**

 **let it shine all the time, let it shine!**

 **3. Don’t you “whoo” my little light out, I’m going to let it shine X3**

 **let it shine all the time, let it shine!**

 **4. Hide it under a bush – no, I’m going to let it shine (x3)**

**let it shine all the time, let it shine**

Readings: Song of Solomon 2: 8-13  **Deborah**

Mark 6:.1-6

Anthem: (Choir) The Kingdom is within you AA137

***Refrain*** *The kingdom is within you, the kingdom is within you.*

 *Why do we go searching for the answers of the mighty?*

 *The kingdom is within you, the kingdom is within you.*

 *Like a little seed planted in the ground, let it grow.*

1. I will set my face to the wind,

 scatter my handful of seed on high.

 Needn't have to worry where the great wind takes it;

 seeds will grow where ever they're planted.

 All we need is courage to keep on facing the wind.

 *Refrain*

1. I will set my hand to the plough;

don't look back, it's too late now.

The fullness of the kingdom is not quite yet,

but the seed of the kingdom is here and now.

Don't split the seed; be patient, let it grow.

 *Refrain*

Address: Jesus the exampler **Norman**

\*Hymn 3 Make me a channel of your peace CH4 528

**1. Make me a channel of your peace.**

 **Where there is hatred let me bring your love;**

 **where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;**

 **and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

**2. Make me a channel of your peace.**

 **Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;**

 **where there is darkness, only light;**

 **and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

**3. Oh, master, grant that I may never seek**

 **so much to be consoled as to console;**

 **to be understood as to understand;**

 **to be loved, as to love with all my soul.**

**4. Make me a channel of your peace.**

 **It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**

 **in giving to all men that we receive;**

 **and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

Prayer of St Francis:

 Sebastian Temple / Janet Carter

**Offering and Dedication:** **Deborah**

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:

*\*L: O Lord our God; You have inspired others to serve You:*

*Accept, now lord, all of our giftings of support and donations;*

 *All our ministries of song and music;*

 *All our Administration and acts of personal service,*

 *Our outreach through hospitality and caring for others*

**All : Use these, and use us; for the growth of Your Kingdom**

 **to reach and touch the hearts of others;**

 **to continue to learn lessons from You;**

 **and to live alongside one another.**

 **All in the Name of Jesus, our Master and Teacher, AMEN.**

Prayers of the people **Deborah**

I need a sense of Peace *A book of Uncommon Prayer Kenneth G Phifer*

Give me peace, O God, a central peace.

Let me know that at the heart of turbulence

There is the final calm that comes from faith in you,

that at the core of life

there is the great confidence

whence come courage and gladness.

When I leave my private place of prayer,

let me go with the assurance

that I carry within that central peace

that no agitation can shake.

Give me a standing place in life

wherefrom I may be able to look steadily

upon my world without panic.

I see the divisions among human beings

and hear the shouts of hatred and anger.

Keep me from giving in to the mad idea

that peace among your children is impossible.

Keep me from being content with things as they are.

Out of my central peace,

let there ripple forth concern and compassion,

indignation at injustice,

and a willingness to give of myself

in the spirit of Christ.

I come, O Lord God, out of my own need

and my own hope.

May I attain the feeling

that I have touched that central peace

which abides amid the confusion of life. Amen

PRAYER **Deborah**

Understanding God, hear our prayers for the salvation of many.

Where there are Christians whose faith has been shaken by suffering and tragedies,

Let there be light,

***let there be trust,***

let there be hope,

***let there be peace*.**

Where there are seekers who have come close to belief but hesitate on the brink,

Let there be light,

***let there be trust,***

let there be hope,

***let there be peace*.**

Where there are the dying and the bereaved who face the darkness without hope,

Let there be light,

***let there be trust,***

let there be hope,

***let there be peace*.**

Where there are members of this congregation who carry deep hurts, fears, guilt or anger,

Let there be light,

***let there be trust,***

let there be hope,

***let there be peace*.**

God, help us to do for one another all those deeds of love which are within our capacity, and where the issues are beyond us, fill up our emptiness with your eternal wisdom and strength. Through Christ Jesus our Saviour,

***Amen!***

Hymn 4 Immortal, invisible CH4 465

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,**

**in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,**

**most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,**

**almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,**

**nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;**

**thy justice like mountains, high soaring above**

**thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;**

**in all life thou livest, the true life of all;**

**we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,**

**and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,**

**thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.**

**All praise we would render: O help us to see**

**‘tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

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.**

3-fold Amen

Exit of Bible and candle

Postlude

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

**Leader:** *Norman Maclean* **Reader:** *Deborah Loew-Black*

**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 9** **PENTECOST 6** *Winter School Holidays (2)*

 **10a.m. St. Andrew’s Norman Maclean**

 **Matawhero service in Hall**

Monday 10 9.00am Walking Group

Tuesday 11 10.00am Open Door All welcome

  **11.30am Worship Committee**

 1.30pm Ryman Rest Home service tbc

Friday 14 Matariki Holiday observed

 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

 **Hymn or Bible passage due today (for 23 July)**

**SUNDAY 16** **PENTECOST 7** *Winter School Holidays (3)*

 **10a.m. St. Andrew’s Wellspring celebrate Matariki**

**Matawhero– no service**

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

**The Sunshine Service** are **desperate** for drivers and assistants. If you or someone you know could give a few hours a week please phone 867 2905 8am-12.

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 9 July Norman Maclean | **Matawhero**No service**St Andrew’s** Deborah Loew-Black | **Don McConnochie**Pat FlockhartDianne Burrows | Danielle and Sophie Lapointe | S: Hans KwakV: LindaC: Don |
| 16 July Wellspring | **Matawhero**Marie Burgess**St Andrew’s** Wellspring | **Alvin Hall**Jenny LawtonLinda Savage | Val HallTrish Kwak | S: Hans KwakV: AlanC: Hans |

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