#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

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***30 July 2023 Whanau Fun with Kids’ Café Pentecost 9***

***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

Introit and entry of Bible, and Candles Light of lights 1 verse AA#89

Light of lights beholden

we from days of olden

sang this song

for to understand

that peace upon this planet

was pledged to come.

Each to other, sister, brother,

born for life and song.

*look towards the light and carry on:*

*let the simple heart and hope among us*

*keep our family strong,*

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*keep our family strong.*

**Collect:** These candles represent our young people who are the light in our lives and our hope for the future. In the morning, fill us with your love and we shall live this day in joy and praise.

**Hymn**: Tell me the stories of Jesus #153i Hymns & Psalms v 1,2,3 & 4

1. **Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;  
   Things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here;  
   Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
   Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**
2. **First let me hear how the children stood round His knee,  
   And I shall fancy His blessing resting on me;  
   Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
   All in the love light of Jesus’ face.**
3. **Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea,  
   Tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee;  
   And how the Maker, ready and kind,  
   Chided the billows, and hushed the wind.**
4. **Into the city I’d follow the children’s band,  
   Waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
   One of His heralds, yes, I would sing  
   Loudest hosannas, “Jesus is King!”**

**Responsive reading**: Psalm 105

L: Praise the Lord and pray in his name

C: **Tell everyone what He has done**

L: Sing praises to the Lord! Tell about his miracles

C: **Celebrate and worship His holy name with all your heart.**

L: Trust the Lord and his mighty power

C: **Remember His miracles, and all His wonders and fair decisions**

L; He is the Lord our God - his judgements are in all the earth.

**Everyone sings the Kids songs** :

**I’ve got peace like a river**

**I’ve got peace like a river (2x)  
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.. (repeat both lines)**

**I’ve got love like the ocean (2x)  
I’ve got love like the ocean in my soul. (repeat both lines)**

**I’ve got joy like a fountain (2x)  
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul. (repeat both lines)**

**I’ve got peace like a river.  
I’ve got love like the ocean.  
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.. (repeat all lines)**

**The wise man built his house**

**The wise man built his house upon the rock (3x)**

**And the rain came tumbling down.**

**The rain came down, and the floods came up (3x)**

**And the house on the rock stood firm.**

**The foolish man built his house upon the sand (3x)**

**And the rain came tumbling down.**

**The rain came down, and the floods came up (3x)**

**And the house on the sand went CRASH.**

**Wide, wide as the ocean**

**Wide, wide as the ocean**

**High as the heavens above**

**Deep, deep as the deepest see**

**Is my Saviour’s love.**

**I though so unworthy**

**Still I’m a child of his care**

**For his word teaches me that his love reaches me**

**Everywhere**

**Butterfly Song**  WB5

**1. If I were a butterfly**

**I'd thank you Lord for giving me wings.**

**And if I were a robin in a tree**

**I'd thank you Lord that I could sing.**

**And if I were a fish in the sea**

**I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee**

**but I just thank you Father for making me 'me'.**

**Refrain For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile.**

**You gave me Jesus and you made me your child.**

**And I just thank you Father for making me 'me'.**

**2. If I were an elephant**

**I'd thank you Lord by raising my trunk.**

**And If I were a kangaroo**

**you know I'd hop right up to you.**

**And if I were an octopus**

**I'd thank you Lord for my fine looks**

**But I just thank you Father for making me 'me'.**

**3. If I were a wriggly worm**

**I'd just thank you Lord that I could squirm.**

**And if I were a billy goat,**

**I'd thank you Lord for my strong throat.**

**And if I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear**

**I'd thank you Lord for my fuzzy wuzzy hair.**

**But I just thank you Lord for making me 'me'**.

**Kids story** - ‘A new way to see”

Children are given their task to complete quietly during the remainder of service

**Hymn** - The Children’s Saviour 113 Servant Songs AA66

**1. I know someone who watches over me all through the day.**

**I know someone who cares for me in every single way,**

**the Shepherd who will help me if I ever go astray.**

**He's the Lord and Jesus is his name.**

*Refrain***He's the children's Saviour, he's the children's friend,**

**a very special person and his love will never end.**

**He's the children's Saviour, he's the children's friend.**

**He's the Lord and Jesus is his name.**

**2. Whenever I am lonely or whenever I am sad,**

**Jesus comes to cheer me up and make my heart so glad.**

**He's got to be the nicest friend that I have ever had.**

**He's the Lord and Jesus is his name.**  *Bonnie Low AA 66*

**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.**

# Reading: Romans 8: 26 - 39 Contemporary English Version

**26**In certain ways we are weak, but the Spirit is here to help us. For example, when we don't know what to pray for, the Spirit prays for us in ways that cannot be put into words. **27** All of our thoughts are known to God. He can understand what is in the mind of the Spirit, as the Spirit prays for God's people. **28**We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A+26+-+39+&version=CEV#fen-CEV-26052a)] They are the ones God has chosen for his purpose, **29**and he has always known who his chosen ones would be. He had decided to let them become like his own Son, so his Son would be the first of many children. **30**God then accepted the people he had already decided to choose, and he has shared his glory with them.

### God's Love

**31**What can we say about all this? If God is on our side, can anyone be against us? **32**God did not keep back his own Son, but he gave him for us. If God did this, won't he freely give us everything else? **33**If God says his chosen ones are acceptable to him, can anyone bring charges against them? **34**Or can anyone condemn them? No indeed! Christ died and was raised to life, and now he is at God's right side,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A+26+-+39+&version=CEV#fen-CEV-26058b)] speaking to him for us. **35**Can anything separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble, suffering, and hard times, or hunger and nakedness, or danger and death? **36** It is exactly as the Scriptures say,

“For you we face death  
    all day long.  
We are like sheep  
on their way  
    to be butchered.”

**37**In everything we have won more than a victory because of Christ who loves us. **38**I am sure that nothing can separate us from God's love—not life or death, not angels or spirits, not the present or the future, **39**and not powers above or powers below. Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord!

**Reflection** - A love letter to Rome and you.

**Choir Anthem**: Great ring of light **AA 57**

Great ring of light,

true circle with no ending;

clear beam so bright,

whose purpose knows no bending;

O Word of God,

in darkness always shining out.

A man who cried

upon a cross at Calvary;

for him who died

an empty tomb, a mystery;

O risen Christ,

all pain and loss transcending.

Immortal fire

of love forever yearning;

flame of desire

for our salvation burning;

Spirit divine,

our friend and present comforter.

The light shines still,

the eternal Word has spoken;

on Calvary’s hill

the power of death is broken;

and I receive

the life, the joy, the loving.

**Intercessory prayer** - Followed by sung West Indian Lords Prayer #145 Servant Songs

1. **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed-a be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come thy will be done,**

**hallowed-a be thy name.**

1. **On the earth as it is in heaven**

**hallowed-a be thy name.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**hallowed-a be thy name.**

1. **And forgive us all our trespasses,**

**hallowed-a be thy name.**

**As we forgive those who trespass against us,**

**hallowed-a be thy name.**

1. **And leave us not to the devil to be tempted,**

**hallowed-a be thy name.**

**But deliver us from all that is evil,**

**hallowed-a be thy name.**

1. **For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,**

**hallowed-a be thy name.**

**For ever, for ever, for ever and ever,**

**hallowed-a be thy name.**

1. **Amen, amen, amen, amen,**

**hallowed-a be thy name;**

**amen, amen, amen, amen,**

**hallowed-a be thy name.**

**Offering** brought forward by children

**Dedication**: **God, we give our tithes and offerings to you. Bless and use these to accomplish your will through this church. Direct our ministry spending towards spreading the gospel and spiritual growth and service. Bless the works of our hands, Amen**

Children will sit with members of the congregation and show what they have done

**Final hymn** - With a hoot and a toot WB#93 AA161

1. **With a hoot and a toot on a pipe or a flute**

**we will praise, we will worship God;**

**with a hum or a thrum, with a roll on a drum,**

**we will make him a joyful noise.**

**Refrain**

**Bow a cello that is mellow, sound a trumpet call,**

**blow a horn and a deep bassoon;**

**every instrument is playing, with our voices we are saying**

**we rejoice, we are glad in God.**

1. **With a flat or a sharp, with a chord on a harp,**

**we will praise, we will worship God;**

**with a ping on a string, with a choir that can sing,**

**we will make him a joyful noise.**

1. **With the clap of a hand, or the sound of a band,**

**we will praise, we will worship God;**

**With a paper and comb, on an old trombone,**

**we will make him a joyful noise.**

1. **With a peal on a bell, with a cheer or a yell,**

**we will praise, we will worship God;**

**with a bong on a gong, through the words of this song,**

**we will make him a joyful noise.**

***Based on Psalm 151 Colin Gibson***

**Benediction** - **May the Holy spirit of wisdom, whose truth and faithfulness guide and keep us, love our families, and fill our day and the week to come with your blessing and love. Amen**

Children come forward and we all sing unaccompanied

**Sing –** Translation (Not for singing)

Te Aroha Love

Te Whakapono Hope

Me te rangimarie Peace

Tatou tatou e For us all

x 2

Children take Bible & candles out (under supervision)

Postlude

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

**Leader:** *Ruth McLennan*

**Readers:** *Kids Café and Friends*

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

**10.00am St Andrew’s**

**Matawhero– no service**

Monday 31 9.00am Walking Group

Tuesday 1 11.30am Open Door Forces Café

Wednesday 29.45am mainly music

Thursday 3 3.30 Kids’ Cafe

Friday 4 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

**SUNDAY 6** **PENTECOST 10 Peace Sunday**

**10.00am St Andrew’s combined communion Val Hall**

**Matawhero– no service**

**Mindful Prayer topics:** World Health; Health – Physical & Mental; Families; Those who have suffered loss at the hands of others; Tolerance. Give thanks for something positive. Thanks to God for continuing guidance.

**Note:** The offering is now received at the door as we enter. If you miss noticing this, you may place a retiring offering in the offering boxes at the door as you leave.

**Please remember** Love basket when shopping. Donations gratefully received.

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 30 July  Kids’ Café service | **Matawhero**  No service  **St Andrew’s**  Kids Café | **Chrissie Parker**  Pat Flockhart  Jean Hillyard | Margaret Palmer Dianne Burrows | S: Hans Kwak  V: Linda  C: Hans |
| 6 August  Combined  Communion  Val Hall | **Matawhero**  No service  **St Andrew’s**  Deborah Loew-Black | **Alvin Hall**  Dianne Burrows  Sarah McConnochie | Jenny Lawton Paulina Melief | S: Roy  V: Alan  C: Don |

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