####  **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW’S GISBORNE**

***Matawhero Church – Church Lane***

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

***176 Cobden Street, Gisborne***

***8 January 2023 Epiphany 1***

***COMMUNION SUNDAY***

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**Minister*:*** *Rev Jin Sook Kim*

**Reader:** Bob Boss **Organist:** David Russell

**Director of Music:** *Catherine Macdonald*

*We gather together as the people of God*

*Kia Ora, Talofa, Bula, Shalom, Dobry den and Annyeong-haseyo*

***Greetings with news and notices***

***Introit*** – Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, Words © Scripture Union, Arrangement © Church of Scotland Panel on Worship, CH4 600, 1-2

*Refrain*  *Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,*

 *Gentle as is the dove,*

 *teach us the truth and help us believe,*

 *show us the Saviour’s love.*

**You spoke to us long, long ago,**

**gave us the written word;**

**we read it still, needing its truth,**

**through it God’s voice is heard.**

**Without your help we fail our Lord,**

**we cannot live his way;**

**we need your power, we need your strength,**

**following Christ each day.**

***Call to Worship***

In the very beginning, God separated the darkness and the light.

God called the Light "Day" and the Darkness, God called "Night".

**Once we dwelled in darkness,**

**but now we live in the true Light, Jesus Christ.**

God has blessed us and adopted us as God’s own beloved children,

through the sacrament of Baptism.

**The water of baptism brings to us healing and reconciliation.**

This day is the day of the remembrance of Jesus’ Baptism.

**We celebrate the joyous connection to the Almighty God through**

**our adoption by God.**

***We sing -*** God, whose almighty word, Harmonization © Oxford University Press, CH4 112, 1-4

**God, whose almighty word**

**chaos and darkness heard,**

**and took their flight;****hear us,**

**we humbly pray,**

**and, where the gospel-day**

**sheds not its glorious ray,**

**let there be light.**

**Saviour, who came to bring,**

**on your redeeming wing,**

**healing and sight,**

**health to the sick in mind,**

**sight to the inly blind,**

**now to all humankind**

**let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,**

**life-giving, holy dove,**

**Speed forth your flight;**

**move o’er the waters’ face,**

**bearing the lamp of grace,**

**and in earth’s darkest place**

**let there be light.**

**Blessed and holy Three,**

**glorious Trinity,**

**Wisdom, Love, Might,**

**boundless as ocean‘s tide**

**rolling in fullest pride,**

**through the world far and wide**

**let there be light.**

***Prayers***

***We sing*** – Christ is our light, TUNE: EVENTIDE (CH4 393),CH4 336, 1-3

**Christ is our light! the bright and morning star**

**covering with radiance all from near and far.**

**Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray**

**Into our hearts, into our world today.**

**Christ is our love! baptized that we may know**

**The love of God among us, swooping low.**

**Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face**

**And see in you the light of heaven’s embrace.**

**Christ is our joy! transforming wedding guest!**

**Through water turned to wine the feast was blessed.**

**Christ be our joy; your glory let us see,**

**as your disciples did in Galilee.**

***Readings***

*First reading*: Acts 10:34-43

*Gospel Reading*– Matthew 3:13-17

***Sermon*** – Being baptized in Christ

***A CONGREGATIONNAL REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM***

Brothers and sisters in Christ … Today we come to reaffirm our baptism, declaring our allegiance to the risen Christ and seeking to be obedient to his will.

**REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ

who has defeated the power of sin and death

and brought us new life?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you commit yourself to God,

Trusting in Jesus Christ as Saviour

And in the Holy Spirit as God’s power and presence along the way?

**I commit myself to God.**

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

And now I ask you to confess the faith

…to live and grow.

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**Born of the Virgin Mary,**

**Suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**Was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**He is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**The holy catholic Church,**

**The forgiveness of sins,**

**The resurrection of the body,**

**And the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is the faith of God’s baptized people.

**We are not ashamed to confess it**

**In Christ our Lord.**

**COMMITMENT TO MISSION**

I ask you now …in the world.

Will you continue in the community of faith,

The apostles’ teaching,

The breaking of bread and the prayers?

**With God’s help, we will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ:

**With God’s help, we will.**

Will you seek Christ in all people,

And love your neighbour as yourself?

**With God’s help, we will.**

**Will you strive for justice and peace,**

**And respect the dignity of every human being?**

**With God’s help, we will.**

May almighty God, …

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**RECOLLECTION OF BAPTISM**

*(The People remain standing. Water is poured into the font.)*

Come, Lord Jesus, …you are baptized, and be thankful.

**THE SIGN OF THE CROSS**

*(The people remain in their places.)*

Today we remember that, from the time of our baptism,

The sign of the cross has been upon us.

I invite you now to join me

In tracing the sign of the cross upon your forehead,

Saying: I belong to Christ. Amen.

**I belong to Christ. Amen.**

You may trace the sign of the cross

On those around you,

Saying: You belong to Christ. Amen.

**You belong to Christ. Amen.**

***Pastoral Prayer***

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

***We sing –*** I bind unto myself today, TUNE: THE BANKS O’DOON (CH4 718), CH4 639 (i) 1-2 & 4-6

**I bind unto myself today**

**the strong Name of the Trinity;**

**by invocation of the same,**

**the Three in One, and One in Three.**

**I bind this day to me forever,**

**by power of faith, Christ’s Incarnation:**

**his baptism in the Jordan river;**

**his death on cross for my salvation;**

**his bursting from the spiced tomb;**

**his riding up the heavenly way;**

**his coming at the day of doom:**

**I bind unto myself today.**

**I bind unto myself today**

**the power of God to hold and lead,**

**his eye to watch, his might to stay,**

**his ear to hearken to my need,**

**the wisdom of my God to teach,**

**his hand to guide, his shield to ward,**

**the word of God to give me speech,**

**his heavenly host to be my guard**

**Christ be with me, Christ within me,**

**Christ behind me, Christ before me,**

**Christ beside me, Christ to win me,**

**Christ to comfort and restore me,**

**Christ beneath me, Christ in danger,**

**Christ in hearts of all that love me,**

**Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

**I bind unto myself the name,**

**the strong Name of the Trinity,**

**by invocation of the same,**

**the Three in One, and One in Three,**

**of whom all nature hath creation,**

**Eternal Father, Spirit, Word.**

**Praise to the Lord of my salvation:**

**salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

***Prayers of Intercession***

***Offering***

***We sing*** - For the bread and wine and blessing, Music © Guy Jansen, Words © Shirley Murray, AA 39, 1-4

**For the bread and wine and blessing,**

**for the friends around this table,**

**for the peace and for the healing,**

*we celebrate you, Jesus Christ.*

**For the faithful of all ages,**

**for the dead and for the living,**

**for the hope that we remember,**

***we celebrate you, Jesus Christ.***

**When your love breaks through our darkness,**

**when the broken come to wholeness –**

**for each sign of resurrection,**

*we celebrate you, Jesus Christ.*

**Alleluia, alleluia,**

**alleluia, alleluia,**

**alleluia, alleluia**,

*we celebrate you, Jesus Christ*.

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*Liturgy C*

***We sing –*** Spirit of God, descend upon my heart, TUNE: WOODLANDS (CH4 286), CH4 495, 1-5

**Spirit Of God, descend Upon my heart;
wean it from Earth; through all Its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art;
and make me love thee as I ought to love.**

**I ask no dream, no prophet - ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel -visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.**

**Hast thou not bid me love thee, God And King -
all, all thine own, soul, heart and strength, and mind.
I see thy cross - there teach my heart to cling:
oh, let me seek thee, and oh, let me find!**

**Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh,**

**teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.**

**Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven- descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.**

***Sending***

***The Grace***

**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**

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

***Sing***: AMENx3 CH4#819