

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

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ORDER OF SERVICE

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Good Friday



Stations of the Cross

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

Wherever you are on your faith's journey,
wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to,
whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome here.

Please join in the congregational responses printed in ***bold italics***. Please stand if you are able, for the first hymn and the "Sending Out" and "Blessing". AA is the NZ hymnbook *Alleluia Aotearoa*. We will sing the hymns without announcement.

*Please note your nearest fire exit.
The church and hall have been earthquake strengthened.
In an earthquake: stop, drop and hold.*

GREETING

Dorothy McRae-McMahon

We gather again on this Good Friday
at the foot of the cross
which calls us on,
 not in shame,
 not in fear,
but more deeply into the costly journey
 towards life.
There is wounding,
there is weeping.
In Jesus Christ,
God is not separated from that.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dorothy McRae-McMahon

In the shadow of our suffering
Is the suffering of Jesus.

In the shadow of our weakness
Is the vulnerability of the Christ.

In the shadow of our pain
Is the God who cried out.

We are never rejected
We are never left alone.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

We walk in silence

Words: Bronwyn Angela White. Tune: Winchester

We walk in silence while the earth
Quivers and cracks beneath our feet
Swallows our dreams and shatters worth
Solemn, we trudge to hearts' dull beat.

We walk while singing, motley choir
of traitors, lovers, meek and proud
Small sparks of apostolic fire
light up the path, lighten the shroud.

We walk in solidarity
and sing of hope that never dies
We march to end disparity
graves open as our spirits rise.

We walk the way that has no end
Free to evolve, transform our creed
Hearts, torn like curtains, start to mend
Love rising now in word, in deed.

WELCOME

FIRST STATION – Jesus is condemned to death



Bible Reading: Mark 15: 1-5, 11-15

Meditation: **Sandra Kirby**

Prayer Response

For all those who face charges
because of their beliefs, we ask for
the courage to face their inquisitors
with dignity.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Sung Response

God of freedom, God of justice

Words: vs 1 and 2 Shirley Murray, v3 Fiona McDougal.

Tune: Picardy, French Traditional carol medley 17th – 18th C

God of freedom, God of justice,
You whose love is strong as death,
You who saw the dark of prison,
You who knew the price of faith,
Touch our world of sad oppression,
With your Spirit's healing breath.

SECOND STATION – Jesus takes up his cross



Bible Reading: Mark 15: 16-20

Meditation: **Linda & Norman Wilkins**

Prayer Response

For those overwhelmed by fear and
anguish of heart
and our brothers and sisters bearing
heavy burdens,
that we may be in solidarity with
them.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Sung Response

Rid the earth of torture's terror,
You whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest,
you who shed the tears and blood;
move in us the power of pity
Restless for the common good.

THIRD STATION – Jesus falls for the first time



Bible Reading: Isaiah 53: 1

Meditation: **Ellen Murray**

Prayer Response

For people who are standing up for human rights in Syria and for all who face persecution because of the political stands they take.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Sung Response

When in deep despair we have fallen,
You who walked the stony road,
Strengthen us to walk one step further,
You who bore a heavy load,
Friends and whanau can sustain us,
Though for now our head is bowed.

FOURTH STATION – Jesus meets his mother



Bible reading: Luke 2: 22, 34, 35

Meditation: **Lynne Dovey**

Prayer Response

For those who have lost a child through death, distance or differences
And those, especially parents, who watch over a loved one in pain.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Sung Response O God I cry to you in pain. *Hope is our song 106 - verse 1*
Words: vs 1 and 2 Fiona McDougal, vs 3 and 4 Shirley Murray
Tune: Affliction, Julian Bray

With mother-love a heart will break
In helplessness and grief
To watch a child who's suffering
Unable to relieve.

FIFTH STATION – Simon helps Jesus to carry his cross



Bible Reading: Mark 15: 21

Meditation: **Mike Wespel-Rose**

Prayer Response

For those of us who carry the cross of
another

For those of us who carry a cross of our
own

Help us know and carry our cross.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Sung Response

Confronted with another's need
Their burden we can share
Stand with them in their suffering
By being present there.

SIXTH STATION – Veronica wipes the face of Jesus



Bible Reading: Matthew 25: 35-36, 40

Meditation: **Sonia Petrie**

Prayer Response

For all walking in the shadows,
ignored or forgotten by society,
may they know God's presence
through human acts of compassion.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Sung Response

Give us the strength to face our ills
To trust in skill and care
To bless the hands that help us heal
And find your Spirit there.

Within the comfort and the love
That human touch can give,
Restore us to a larger sense
Of what it is to live.

SEVENTH STATION – Jesus falls the second time



Bible Reading: Isaiah 53:7

Meditation: **Fionnaigh McKenzie**

Prayer Response

For the people of West Papua who
suffer under oppression and for all
those who struggle and fall and have
no one to help them to their feet, may
they find the strength and support to
rise and carry on

God in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Sung Response

God who weeps *"Hope is our song" 52 - verse 1*
Words – Marnie Barrell. Tune – Lacrimosa, Barry Brinson

God who weeps when we are weeping
Maker, lover, friend of all,
We commit into your keeping
Those who suffer, struggle, fall.
Plant the seeds of peace inside us
In these days of fateful choice;
Let your word and wisdom guide us
As we listen for your voice.

EIGHTH STATION – Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem



Bible Reading: Luke 23: 27, 28

Meditation: **Sue McRae**

Prayer Response

For women who weep
Hear our prayer
And all who wipe away their tears.
God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Sung Response

Christ enduring hate and violence,
Hounded to a martyr's death
Calmly meeting taunts with silence,
speaking peace with your last breath;
peace courageous and demanding,
binds us as we walk your way.
May our wills, at your commanding
Turn to acts of peace today.

NINTH STATION – Jesus falls for the third time



Bible Reading:

Isaiah 53: 4-5

Meditation:

Tony Kirby

Prayer Response

For all who come to
that point of suffering
where they are weak and exhausted
and there seems to be no hope.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Sung Response

All who would see God's Greatness, *Carol our Christmas 4 - verse 1*

Words: Marnie Barrell. Tune: Obeisance, Ian Render

Would you receive God's power?
Draw near, find strength in this;
Laid open to all our violence
Is love that will not resist.
This is our God, who chose to be
Tied with our bonds to set us free.

TENTH STATION – Jesus is stripped of his clothes



Bible Reading:

Mark 15: 22-24

Meditation:

Jenny Simpson

For those who have been stripped to
humiliate or degrade them, especially
the prisoners of Abu Ghraib, and the
women in Egypt.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Sung Response

If you would share God's riches
Draw near, reach out and touch;
God had only love to offer,
Enough for us, and too much.
See now God's treasure, made so poor,
Naked the God that we adore.

ELEVENTH STATION – Jesus is nailed to the cross



Bible Reading: Luke 23: 35, 39

Meditation: **Bronwyn White**

Prayer Response

For times when we feel
our hands are tied,
and the way of justice isn't
straightforward;
for the times we don't know
if our actions will hinder or help.
God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Sung Response

Stand in the holy silence,
While earth with heaven sings
That here now for our beholding
Is love that upholds all things.
Strange is this love that draws us near;
Glory of God among us here.

TWELFTH STATION – Jesus dies on the cross



Bible Reading: Luke 23: 44-46

Meditation: **Frances Porter**

Prayer Response

For our friends who have died
For those who died alone
For the birthing of their stories in
ourselves.

God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

SOLO AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Madeline Smith

O Christ, you hang upon a cross. *Hope is our song 108*
Words: Shirley Murray. Tune: Good Friday, Colin Gibson

Solo: O Christ, you hang upon a cross, a cross the world has made,
While soldiers hammer justice out, where games of dice are played.

Response: *Chri-ste e-le-i-son, e-le, e-le-i-son. (Twice)*

Solo: O God, our God, the blood that flows on in suffering's dark tide,
In battlezone and marketplace our innocence has died.

Response: *Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son, e-le, e-le-i-son. (Twice)*

Solo: In private thought, in public stance, we war against your Word,
The law of love is crucified, the lines of evil blurred.

Response: *Chri-ste e-le-i-son, e-le, e-le-i-son. (Twice)*

Solo: O God this day confronts us all who love the world you blessed.

Response: *Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son, e-le, e-le-i-son. (Twice)*

THIRTEENTH STATION – Jesus is taken down from the cross



Bible Reading: Mark 15: 42-45

Meditation: **Pam Ormsby**

Prayer Response

For those who mourn this day,
for those who mourn one whose
death they do not understand,
or one whose body is missing.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Sung Response

When human voices cannot sing - verse 1

Words: Shirley Murray. Tune: St Columba, Irish traditional

When human voices cannot sing,
And human hearts are breaking,
We bring our grief to you, O God,
Who knows our inner aching.

FOURTEENTH STATION – Jesus is laid in the tomb



Bible Reading: Mark 15: 46b-47

Meditation **Jon Schrader**

Prayer Response

For those who made us,
For those who reared us,
For those who taught us,
For those who loved us.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Sung Response

Make real for us your holding love,
The love which is your meaning,
The power to move the stone of death,
The hope of Easter morning.

JESUS' PRAYER

*Eternal Spirit, Life-giver
Pain-bearer, Love-maker
source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
come on earth!
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials to great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and forever. Amen.*

SENDING OUT

We go on our way
and Jesus goes ahead of us
We do not need to be afraid.
God is love
*and love is more powerful
than fear or death or evil,
and we are greatly loved.*

Go out into the world
in the power of the spirit of Christ
to walk through darkness and uncertainty
towards the joy of Easter Day. Go in peace.

AROHANUI BLESSING

Words: Joy Cowley. Tune: Marlborough Sounds, 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.

RECESSIONAL - SOLO

Jane Keller

Words: Joy Cowley. Tune: Rain Dance, Colin Gibson.

Something's dead inside me,
Some yesterday is slain,
My heart is hung upon a cross,
My thoughts are filled with pain
And yet there is within me
A hope I can't explain
For in the darkness
I can see
*God dancing in the rain,
God dancing in the rain.*

I surrender to the mystery
Of loss that turns to gain,
The little seed of wheat must die
To become a field of grain,
And I know it's in this time of grief
That Christ is risen again
For in the darkness
I can see
*God dancing in the rain,
God dancing in the rain
God dancing in the rain.*

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**You are invited to celebrate with us on
Easter Sunday at 10 am**

TIME AND AGAIN: RESURRECTION AS A WAY OF LIFE

**Music and story, for all ages
Communion. St Andrew's Singers.**

Followed by Hot Cross Buns for morning tea.

Everyone is welcome

MISSION STATEMENT OF ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

To create a lively, open Christian faith community,
to act for a just and peaceful world, and to be catalysts for discovery,
compassion and celebration in the capital.

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