

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

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ORDER OF SERVICE

8 April 2012



Easter Sunday



Peace accord cross

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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 hymns and the offering prayer.

We will sing the hymns without announcement.

Please note your nearest fire exit.

The church and hall have been earthquake strengthened.

In an earthquake: drop, cover and hold.

We journey from Good Friday to Easter Day....

SOLO

Jane Keller

Words: Joy Cowley. Music: 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's turned 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

GATHERING

We look with uncertainty beyond the old choices
for clear-cut answers
to a softer, more permeable aliveness
which is every moment at the brink of death;
for something new is being born in us if we but let it.
We stand at a new doorway, awaiting that which comes. . .
daring to be human creatures,
vulnerable to the beauty of existence,
learning to love.

HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen today

Lyrics: Ruth Duck. Tune: WOV 280

Jesus Christ is risen today: Alleluia!
Let the joyful people say: Alleluia!
Christ has shared our earthly life: Alleluia!
Conquered death to end our strife: Alleluia!

Pow'rs of death have had their day: Alleluia!
Earthly rulers have no sway: Alleluia!
Nothing more to fear have we: Alleluia!
Those who trust in Christ are free: Alleluia!

Sharing in Christ's death, we rise: Alleluia!
Soar like eagles to the skies: Alleluia!
Finding mercy, we forgive; Alleluia!
Off'ring up our lives, we live: Alleluia!

Glory be to God on high: Alleluia!
Let the whole creation cry: Alleluia!
Let the name of Christ be sung: Alleluia!
Ev'ry-where, by ev'ry tongue: Alleluia!

WELCOME

Kua ara a te Karaiti!

He pono tonu, Kua ara a Ia. Hareruia!

Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Aware that the power of resurrection
has forever changed who we are,
and given us the courage
to boldly proclaim a living faith.

Today we celebrate:

new life,
new joy,
new possibilities.

***We give thanks for the Spirit of Life visible in Jesus,
visible in us, visible in people in all walks of life.***

The candle is lit

On this glad morning we celebrate that the powers of despair and destruction do not have the final word. That new life breaks out. That love is stronger than death. That nothing can stop the life, hope, vision, and love of Easter people.

The radiance of the Easter flowers remind us that new life, new beginnings are possible even after the harshest of winters.

The Easter candle reminds us that the darkness has not overwhelmed us, that the flame of the Risen Christ can still re-kindle the embers in us all.

God of grace, in whom we live and move and have our being, today we proclaim that death and darkness cannot control you. Your love breaks out: healing, creating, embracing; inviting us to build a community of equals where all are valued, honoured and cherished. Amen.

“Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.” Mark 16:6

***The powers of death cannot defeat the living God!
God, you are freedom overcoming captivity.
You are hope overcoming despair.
You are love overcoming hate.
Raise our eyes to see you as the new day dawns. Amen.***

THE GLORIA

Joy Cowley

Glorious are you, Mystery of Life, essence of all creation.
You are the symphony of stars and planets. You are the music of the atoms within us. You are the dawn on mountain peaks, the moonlight on evening seas.
Forest and farm, the rush of the city, everything is embraced in your love.



We re-joice as we sing our gra-ti-tude.

Glorious are you, O Jesus Christ, Cosmic love in human flesh.
You graced the smallness of time and place
to teach us to dance to the music.
You walk on our seas and heal in our streets.
You make your home in our lives,
revealing that cross and resurrection are one on the road to freedom.

We rejoice as we sing our gratitude.

Glorious are you, O Spirit of Truth, wisdom and breath of our being.
You are the wind that sweeps our senses. You are the fire that burns
in our hearts. You are the needle of the inner compass, always
pointing to true North, guiding us on the sacred dance
into the Mystery of Life.

We rejoice as we sing our gratitude.

PRAYER

JESUS' PRAYER

***God, you are life for us,
Holy be your name.
Your new day come,
Your will be done
On earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our bread for the morrow;
And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Strengthen us in the time of test,
And deliver us from evil.
For the power and the splendour
and the fulfilment are yours,
Now and forever.
Amen.***

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Margaret Mayman

PASSING THE PEACE

WISDOM IN TEXTS

Diana Bartle

Gospel

Mark 16: 1-8

Sung Alleluia

Alleluia Aotearoa

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia Aotearoa.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jillian Bray

in *Alleluia Aotearoa*

Contemporary Reading

“God I am sorry I ran from you.”

Annie Dillard, *Teaching a Stone to Talk: Expeditions and Encounters*

RESPONSE

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church:

***We give thanks for the word of God in scripture,
we honour the word within us,
we seek for the word around us.***

HYMN

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!

Words: Brian Wren. Tune: WOV 148ii

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!

Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:

all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding,

see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding

bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits

from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning.

See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection,

not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion.

Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
'Christ is risen! Get you gone!'
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!

REFLECTION

Margaret Mayman

Time and Again: Resurrection as a Way of Life

ST ANDREW'S SINGERS

Gifts of the Spirit

Words: Helen Wiltshire & Norman Inglis. Tune: Cresswell

Life is a gift; daily reborn; life now to cherish, nurture to bloom.
Mystery and wonder prompt us to bring bountiful thanks as we sing:
Sacred the life embracing us now; sacred the life that we share.

Faith is a gift; daily reborn; faith now to cherish, life to adorn.
Faith asking questions, offering space; faith touching wisdom with grace.
Sacred the faith embracing us now; sacred the faith that we share.

Hope is a gift; daily reborn; hope now to cherish, life to adorn.
Hope to awaken, vision made clear; hope conquering weakness and fear.
Sacred the hope embracing us now; sacred the hope that we share.

Love is a gift; daily reborn; love now to cherish, life to adorn.
Love gently shaping every breath; love ever stronger than death.
Sacred the love embracing us now; sacred the love that we share.

Riches of God; daily reborn; Blessings to cherish, nurture to bloom.
Gifts of the Spirit, great and small, Love! Greatest gift of them all.
Sacred the blessings embracing us now; sacred the blessings we share.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Alleluia!
Christ our life, you are alive
in the beauty of the earth
in the rhythm of the seasons
in the mystery of time and space,
Alleluia.

Christ our life, you are alive
in the tenderness of touch
in the heartbeat of intimacy
in the insights of solitude,
Alleluia.

Christ our life, you are alive
in the creative possibility
of the dullest conversation
the dreariest task
the most threatening event,
Alleluia.

Christ our life, you are alive
to offer re-creation
to every unhealed hurt
to every deadened place
to every damaged heart,
Alleluia.

You set before us a great choice.
Therefore we choose life.
The dance of resurrection soars and surges
through the whole creation.
It sets gifts of bread and wine upon our table.
This is grace, dying we live.
So let us live.
Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF SOLIDARITY

Bronwyn White

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give thanks to God for our life
and the courage we are given to live it.
Let our gratitude for life
be expressed in our generosity.
Let our faith be expressed in just living.
Let our hope for the future find full expression
in our daily attitude of mind. Amen.

We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table, and those given by
automatic payment, to support the mission of the church.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's table. 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 to partake of the communion. This sacred meal is for all people.

COMMUNION HYMN

Words: David Clark and Witi Ihimaera

Music: David Hamilton

Companions let us pray together,
in this place affirm our faith.
God who made us is here among us,
we stand together in God's grace.

*We are whanau we are one,
brothers, sisters of the Son.
We are reaching for our freedom,
the prize that Christ has won.*

The broken Christ stands here among us,
shares our suffering and our pain.
Is breaking bread we find empowerment
to live in aroha again.

The risen Christ brings light and laughter,
celebrates the life we share.
The poured out wine of Christ's self-giving
inspires us to reach out and care.

Now let us sing to God who loves us
and accepts us as we are.
Go out from here and live that message,
proclaim our oneness near and far.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Spirit is here.

God's hope is in us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up in love and wonder.

Let us give thanks to the God of peace

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

We offer ceremonial gratitude as people have always done.
We give thanks for the diversity we embody. As multitudes of grain
are gathered to make bread, and much fruit is mixed to ferment wine,
so we remember the diversity of those who celebrate resurrection
here and around the world.

***May this bread and cup become for us spiritual food and drink;
expressing our joys and tears, our visions and dreams.***

Therefore with all who have suffered for the cause of love and justice;
with all the communities of faith and creation, we join in
thanksgiving:

Holy, holy, holy is the love called God, the sparks of hope.

Blaze, justice, blaze.

Blest is Jesus who lit up our world.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the lowest and the least.

We recognize our oneness in this ritual meal with all those who have
gone before us, and those who will follow us.

The original devotees of the Goddess designed rituals of thanksgiving
to maintain the fertility of the earth in bearing fruit, and to assuage
the spirit of the animals which gave their lives for sustenance.

Worshippers of Yahweh ate a memorial meal to recall their mighty
stories of divine deliverance.

In this lineage, disciples of Christ created a Eucharist symbolic of
Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.

***Today, we revere the universal themes in all these traditions;
freedom from tyranny, the search for meaning, love,
our dependence on the earth,
and the marvellous cycle of birth, death, and life renewed.***

May the dry bread of mundane subsistence be transformed into a
splendid banquet. May the crushed grapes of despair transform into
the cup of feasting. May order emerge out of chaos; rays of light out of
dark seasons, and wholeness out of broken places.

***We take bread to remind us
that God became flesh and dwelt among us.***

***We take wine to remind us
that transformation arises out of the ashes of death.***

Bread broken: A sign of shared humanity.

Wine poured: A sign of love shared.

For those whose senses are quickened by the One Taste,
these are the gifts of time and eternity. May the character of their
deep presence touch, cleanse, refine, and enliven you.

Bread and wine are shared.

Communion is served by intinction. Take a piece of bread or gluten free cracker (big enough to dip) and dip it in either the grape juice (pottery chalice) or wine (silver chalice). If you don't wish to receive communion, you are welcome to remain in your seat or come forward to receive a blessing (hold your hands clasped in front).

COMMISSIONING

Let us go forth from here:

***We go proclaiming the good news,
sharing in and working for resurrection
in all the crucified places in the world.***

Go in peace, for Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

HYMN

Resurrection all around us

Words: Gloria Klinger. Music: Hymn to Joy

Resurrection all around us, hearts arise and leap for joy
Hope eternal grows within us, voices silenced now employ
Live in joy of new beginnings, live in harmony and love
Finding strength to meet each trial, conquering sorrow, being love.

Being human, honouring Jesus, in a covenant of grace
Living the divine commandment, one with all the human race
Leading strong for peace and justice, doing away with hate and fear
Finding ways to work together, keeping voice and vision clear.

Celebrate the light within us, love divine and human spark
Reaching out to be inclusive, everyone a work of art
Light the flame of love around us, echoing through the stars above
Holding hands, in peace surround us, being human, being love.

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

*Thank you to Peter Franklin, Jane Keller, Clare Brockett
and the St Andrew's Singers for the music,
and to everyone who participated in the service this morning.*

We welcome all visitors and invite you to stay for morning tea or coffee.

Please sign the visitors' book at the back of the church.

We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us. At St Andrew's we want you to feel at home—to join in with the activities of our community of faith, or to come and find your own spiritual place in your own time.

If you would like more information about St Andrew's or to explore becoming a member or associate member, please fill in a "Belonging" form (at the back of the church) and hand it to a minister or a welcoming team member.

There is a 2-hour parking limit on the street in the Wellington CBD on Sundays. If you are staying for an after-church activity, you might like to move your car into the car park, or move to a new space on the street.

Thanks to this week's volunteers

Welcoming:	Lyn and Brian Burrell
Sound:	Tony Cowdry
Offering:	Graham Howell, Margaret Pannett
Coffee/tea:	Sarah Jobson, David Bartle
Musician:	Peter Franklin
Communion:	Ross Young, Julie Brough, Ellen Murray

On duty Sunday 15 April

Welcoming:	Diane Lawrence, Catherine Wylds
Sound:	Frank Cook
Offering:	Joan Tyler, Ann Barrie
Coffee/tea:	Linda Wilkins, James Cone
Time with the Children:	Frank Cook
Readings:	Ross Young
Prayers of the People:	Lynne Dovey
Musician:	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's		
Sun 8 Apr	10 am 11:15 am	Easter Sunday – Communion Morning tea/coffee – hot cross buns
Mon 9 Apr		Office closed Easter Monday
Tues 10 Apr	7.30 pm	Parish Council
Wed 11 Apr	12.15 pm	Free Lunchtime Concert <i>Vocal Recital – Alison Holden</i>
Sat 14 Apr	9 am 7.30 pm	Working Bee here at St Andrew's Engagement party of David Thorne and Julie Brough
Sun 15 Apr	10 am 11:30 am	Sunday gathering. Margaret leading. Social Justice programme.

FLORAL NOTES – A BLOOMING MICRO MUSICAL

starring Geraldine Brophy and our own Jane Keller. Circa Theatre. Wednesday 11 April 7.30 pm.

Iris and Rosemary were pen pals when they were young girls. In their teenage years they lost touch. Nowadays, Iris lives in a luxurious brownstone in New York and longs for a garden on her roof. Rosemary owns a large lifestyle property in small town New Zealand. She grows vegetables and fruit trees.

Through a twist of fate they re-kindle their friendship and Rosemary offers to help Iris transform her New York roof top into a garden paradise – via email.

Floral Notes is a glorious evening of super songs and first-rate entertainment.

45 seats have been block-booked for a St Andrew's and Arthritis NZ Charity Performance fundraiser. Tickets are \$35 each. Book through David in the office.



Only 5
tickets
left!!!!

COMMUNITY-BUILDING WORKING BEE

Here at St Andrew's on Saturday 14 April 2012 from 8.30 am – 12 noon. We would be very grateful if you are able to volunteer for either energetic work (dusting in high places or outside building washing) or lighter tasks such as providing morning tea, cleaning cupboards and drawers etc. Peter will have a list of tasks ready on the morning. If you are not able to come on the 14th, you may wish to help out at a time that is convenient to you. Please let Pete know this as well. Thank you for all that you do to help here at St Andrew's. Contact Peter at custodian@standrews.org.nz

ENGAGEMENT PARTY – DAVID THORNE AND JULIE BROUGH

Exciting days here at St Andrew's. Saturday 14 April 7.30 pm in the hall. Come as you are and share in the celebrations. Everyone is welcome.

JUST SPEAK

Wednesday 11 April from 6pm-8pm. Main Hall, St John's in the City
This forum will be on the subject of bail.

This is a chance to be challenged and to speak up about your perspective. It's also a chance to hear a range of views (from a young person, a lawyer, and an ex-politician/lawyer), and to learn some basics about bail.

The guest speakers are:

- Noel Sainsbury - criminal defence lawyer in Wellington
- Heath Hutton - who runs the Supported Bail programme for Challenge2000
- Stephen Franks - former Justice spokesperson for the Act Party and occasional legal adviser for the Sensible Sentencing Trust

There will be free pizza, as always. Feel free to invite friends and to come along even if you haven't been to a forum for some time, or if this is your first time!

AN EXCLUSIVE SCREENING OF 'INSIDE CHILD POVERTY' THE DOCUMENTARY

When: Monday, 23rd April 6 pm for a 6.45pm screening.

Where: Roxy Cinema, 5 Park Road, Miramar, Wellington

Tickets: \$25 per person. Book now to avoid disappointment

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS – BRYAN BRUCE, TOM SCOTT & SUSAN ST JOHN.

See noticeboard for more information.

DARING TO BE A FAMILY – exploring being families today. 8 – 11 June 2012 Adelaide.

Keynote Speaker: Rev Dr Margaret Mayman. For more information visit tinyurl.com/daring2012 or join 'Daring 2012' Facebook page. See back table for promotional cards.



DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY FOODBANK:

Contributions appreciated for the following goods: Noodles; Packet/Tinned Soups; Casseroles (Tinned); Packet meals for one; Tinned Tuna; Spreads: Honey, Marmalade, Peanut butter, Jam.

SAVE THE DATE – LIVING THE QUESTIONS

Introduction to progressive Christianity dvd and discussion series led by Margaret. Seven Thursday evenings 7 pm beginning 17 May.

QUESTIONS ... THOUGHTS ... COMMENTS ...

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.

MINISTRY AT ST ANDREW'S – THE TEAM

Senior Minister	Margaret Mayman
Parish Council Convenor	Sandra Kirby
Parish Council Clerk	Heather Macfarlane
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Saving St Andrew's Convenor	Lynne Dovey
Pastoral Convenors	Colma Froggatt, Fiona McDougal
Music Coordinator	Jane Keller
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Commissioner	Helen Beaumont
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Monika Demuth-Barber
Parish Manager	David Medland
Custodian	Peter Cowley

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