

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

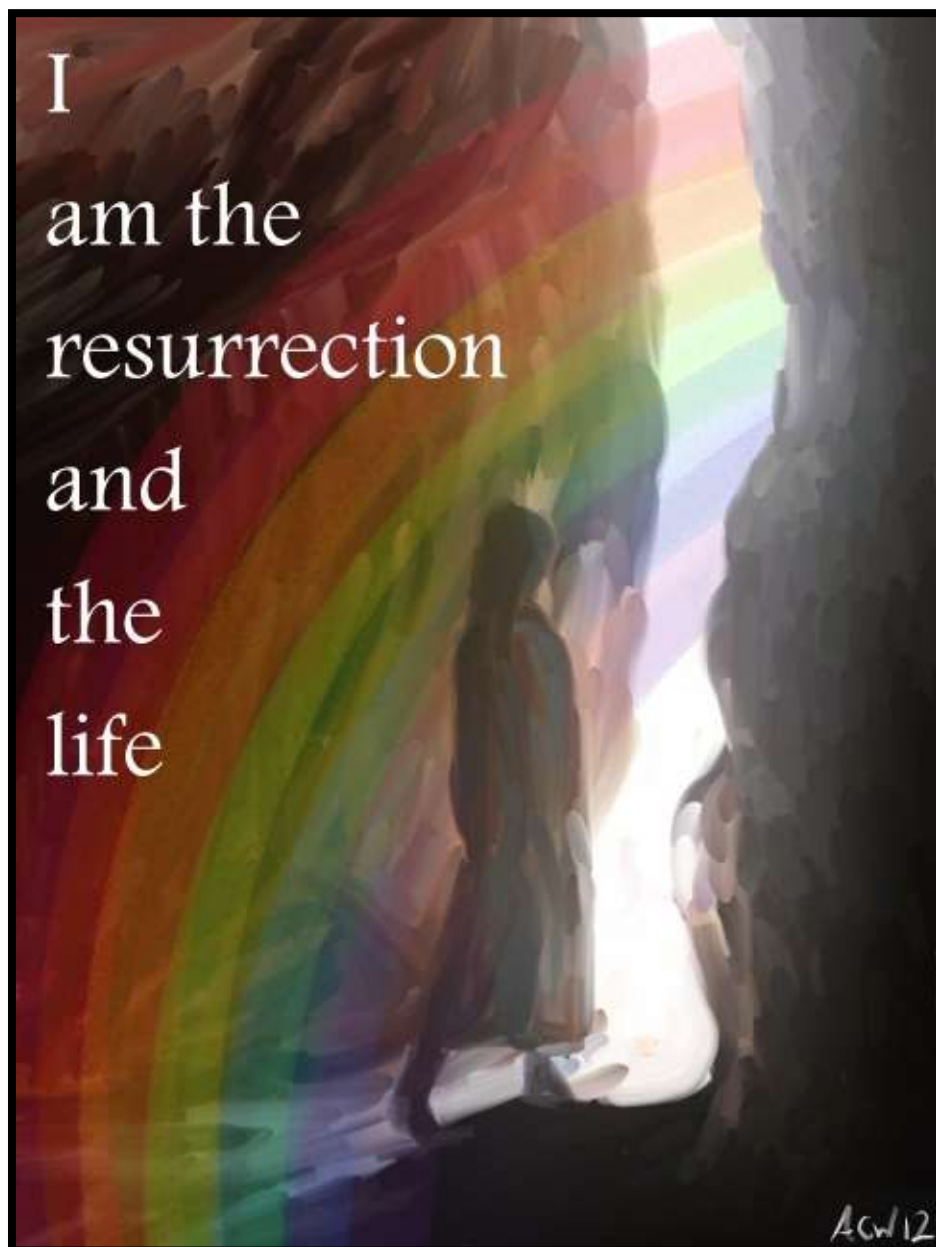
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ORDER OF SERVICE

31 March 2012

Easter Sunday



Queer resurrection
Andrew Craig Williams

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.

During the building of the Welcome Centre, the only toilets available are upstairs in the Conference Centre. Access is via the external stairway at the back of the car park. We look forward to having full disability access mid August 2013.

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

from the grief and tears....

to the Resurrection of a Dream

HYMN

Tune: Wild Mountain Thyme. Lyrics: Iona Community

In a byre near Bethlehem,
passed by many a wand'ring stranger,
the most cherished Word of Life
was heard breathing in a manger,
for the good of us all.

*And Christ's here now to call us,
To life, faith and justice,
Emmanuel - God with us
In the cradle and cross.*

By the Galilean lake,
where the people flocked for teaching,
the most vital Word of Life,
came in parable and preaching,
for the faith of us all.

Quiet was Gethsemane,
camouflaging priest and soldier;
the most secret Word of Life
took the world's weight on his shoulder,
for the love of us all.

On the hill of Calvary –
place to end all hope of living –
Now the cross-bound Word of Life
breathed his last and died forgiving,
for the pain of us all.

In a garden, at the dawn,
near the grave of human violence,
the eternal Word of Life
spoke once more and broke God's silence,
for the hope of us all.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter begins in the darkness...

***The darkness of despair and broken hopes,
the loss of a beloved friend.***

But Easter begins in the darkness for us as well:

***The darkness of our own despair and sorrow,
of death, tragedy, injustice and broken dreams.***

Out of the darkness comes rebirth of hope,
new freedom to be fully alive.

***Hope bursts the bonds of what has been
and creates "new time."***

Time filled with new possibilities.

In the risen Christ we see the possibilities
of a hope-full future for ourselves and our world.

***Here is the symbol and the promise
of all that can be for us
in the resurrection of a dream.***

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

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 dreams.

***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,
dreams, 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 power of love!
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.***

SUNG ALLELUIA

Alleluia Aotearoa

Jillian Bray in *Alleluia Aotearoa*

Alleluia Aotearoa
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia Aotearoa.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

PRAYER

JESUS' PRAYER

(from the Aramaic)

***O Thou, the Breath, the Light of All,
Let this light create a heart shrine within,
And your Counsel rule 'til Oneness guides us all.
Your One Desire then acts with ours,
as in all light, so in all forms.
Grant what we need, each day, in bread and insight.
Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,
as we release the strands we hold of other's faults.
Don't let surface things delude us,
But keep us from unripe acts.***

*To you belongs the ruling mind,
the life that can act and do,
the song that beautifies all,
from age to age it renews.
In faith, I will be true. Amen.*

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Margaret Mayman

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN

Christ has risen while earth slumbers
Words: Iona Community. Tune: Wov 148ii

Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
As he said and as he promised,
As we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
Let the sun sustain the cheer;
Let the world confirm the rumour:
Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people
Whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women
Bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples
Huddled in an upper room.
He whose word inspired creation
Can't be silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen to companion
Former friends who fear the night,
Sensing loss and limitation
Where their faith had once burned bright.
They bemoan what is no longer,
They expect no hopeful sign
Till Christ ends their conversation,
Breaking bread and sharing wine.

Christ has risen and forever
Lives to challenge and to change
All whose lives are hurt or broken,
All who find religion strange.
Christ is risen. Christ is present
Making us what he has been —
Evidence of transformation
In which God is known and seen.

WISDOM IN TEXTS

Contemporary Reading

“Dreams”

Mary Oliver in *Dream Work*

All night
the dark buds of dreams
open
richly.
In the center
of every petal
is a letter,
and you imagine
if you could only remember
and string them all together
they would spell the answer.
It is a long night,
and not an easy one—
you have so many branches,
and there are diversions—
birds that come and go,
the black fox that lies down
to sleep beneath you,
the moon staring
with her bone-white eye.
Finally you have spent
all the energy you can
and you drag from the ground
the muddy skirt of your roots
and leap awake
with two or three syllables
like water in your mouth
and a sense
of loss—a memory
not yet of a word,
certainly not yet the answer—

only how it feels
when deep in the tree
all the locks click open,
and the fire surges through the wood,
and the blossoms blossom.

Gospel

John 20: 1-18

Contemporary Reading

“What I have learned so far”

Mary Oliver in *New and Selected Poems vol 2*

Meditation is old and honorable, so why should I
not sit, every morning of my life, on the hillside,
looking into the shining world? Because, properly
attended to, delight, as well as havoc, is suggestion.
Can one be passionate about the just, the
ideal, the sublime, and the holy, and yet commit
to no labor in its cause? I don't think so.
All summations have a beginning, all effect has a
story, all kindness begins with the sown seed.
Thought buds toward radiance. The gospel of
light is the crossroads of -- indolence, or action.
Be ignited, or be gone.

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.***

SOLO - Georgia Gray

The Cloths of Heaven

Text: W B Yates, Music: Thomas F Dunhill

Had I the heavens' embroidered cloths,
Enwrought with golden and silver light,
The blue and the dim and the dark cloths
Of night and light and the half-light,
I would spread the cloths under your feet:
But I, being poor, have only my dreams;
I have spread my dreams under your feet;
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.

REFLECTION

Margaret Mayman

Resurrection of a dream

HYMN

Words and music by Gordon Light

*Draw the circle wide.
Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song,
no-one stands alone,
standing side by side,
draw the circle wide.*

God the still-point of the circle,
'Round whom all creation turns;
Nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms.

chorus

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
So encompass great and small;
Let our loving know no borders,
Faithful to God's call.

chorus

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
Than we've ever dreamed before;
Let the dream of Christ be in us,
Open every door...

chorus twice

PRAYERS OF SOLIDARITY

Cam Smart

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!*

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 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).

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.

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

Tune: Londonderry Air. Words: June Boyce-Tillman

We shall go out with hope of resurrection.
We shall go out, from strength to strength to go on.
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
Tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our song of wrongs that can be righted.
We'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed.
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
Within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken.
We'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed.
We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
Vibrating love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping.
Chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief.
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story
Including all within the circles of our love.

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

*Thank you to organist Peter Franklin, soloist Georgia Gray,
readers Anna Smith, Douglas Wood and Ellen Murray,
and to everyone who participated in the service this morning.*

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.

AUDIO REFLECTIONS

Please note: If you wish to listen to the Sunday reflections, please visit our website using the link below.

<http://www.standrews.org.nz/sunday-gathering/orders-of-service/>

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.

Thanks to this week's volunteers

Welcoming:	Fiona McDougal, Ross Young
Sound:	Paul Satherley
Offering:	Kath Kerr, Margaret Pannett
Coffee/tea:	Janet Horncy, Bronwyn White
Time with the Children:	Margaret Mayman
Readings:	Anna Smith, Ellen Murray
Prayers of the People:	Cam Smart
Musician:	Peter Franklin
Communion:	Margaret Pannett, Sandra Kirby, Frank Hanson

On duty Sunday 7 April. Thank you for your help

Welcoming:	Jon Schrader, Jeni Bryant
Sound:	Peter Cowley
Offering:	Paul Barber, Lyn Burrell
Coffee/tea:	Julie and David Thorne
Time with the Children:	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings:	Marilyn Wallace

Prayers of the People:	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician:	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's		
Sun 31 Mar	10 am 11 am	Easter Sunday " <i>Resurrection of a Dream</i> " Morning tea (Hot Cross buns)
Mon 1 Apr		Church office closed.
Wed 3 Apr	12.15 pm	Free Lunchtime concert – <i>New Work for Voices: St Cosmos Choir and Jonny Marks</i>
Sun 7 Apr	10 am 11:15 am	Sunday gathering led by Margaret. Café brunch.

RAINBOW ROOM

Moni and Jenny need to have at least one other adult with them when they take the children out for Rainbow Room and so we want to compile a list of volunteers who would be willing to take a turn two or three times a year. This is important for safety and is also a great way to get to know the children better. Please email David in the office if you can help and Margaret or Moni will be in touch with you.

DCM FOODBANK: Contributions of food always welcome & necessary. Some suggestions: Instant coffee, Tinned fruit salad, Breakfast cereals & spreads, e.g. Honey; Packets of noodles, Prepared packet meals; Rice risotto.

APRIL 13 RAW, ROAR AND ROHR WITH THE FRANCISCANS

There is a component to all of us that is wild, free and not available for domestication, however for many of us it has been tamed because we thought that was the way to go. On this day we'll explore the Spirit of St Francis through the eyes of Richard Rohr and what "Brother sun and Sister moon" may have to say to us today.

Facilitator: Pip Nicholls

Venue: Pa Maria, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon, Wellington

Time: Saturday April 13, 10.30 am to 4 pm.

Cost: \$50 (or \$175 if you participate in this and the 3 succeeding days)
BYO lunch.

Enquiries/registration by 3rd April to Pip 04 562 6364 or
pip.nicholls@xtra.co.nz

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

Minister	Margaret Mayman
Parish Council Convenor	Sonia Petrie
Parish Council Clerk	Maxine Cunningham
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	
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Monika Demuth-Barber
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