St Andrew's on The Terrace

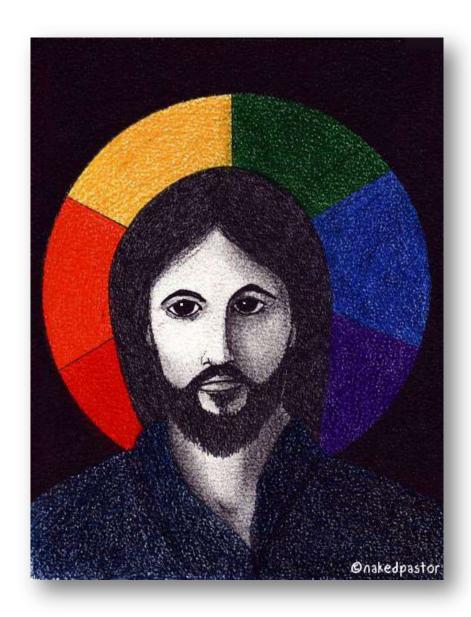
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ORDER OF SERVICE

21st April 2013



Fourth Sunday of Easter



Includer by David Hayward

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 apologise for lack of disability access until August 2013.

GATHERING

Let there be joy in our coming together this morning.

Let there be truth heard in the words we speak
and the songs we sing.

Let there be help and healing for our disharmony and despair.

Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.

Let us be nurtured in the presence of the holy.

Tune: WOV 68 Praise my soul

Words: Iona Community

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise with joy the world's Creator, God of justice, love and peace, Source and end of human knowledge, Force of greatness without cease. Celebrate the Maker's glory – Power to rescue and release.

Praise the Son, who feeds the hungry, Frees the captive, finds the lost, Heals the sick, upsets religion, Fearless both of fate and cost. Celebrate Christ's constant presence – Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host. Praise the Spirit sent among us, Liberating truth from pride, Forging bonds where race or gender, Age or nation dare divide. Celebrate the Spirit's treasure – Foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,
One God in community,
Calling Christians to embody
Oneness in diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe, when shown Christ's vibrant unity.

OPENING RESPONSES

Lindsay Bates (adapted)

In our gathering here together, let us: open our minds to the challenge of reason, open our hearts to the healing of love, open our lives to the comfort of joy.

Astonished by the miracle of life, arateful for the aift of friendship.

Astonished by the miracle of life, grateful for the gift of friendship, confident in the power of living faith, we are gathered here to be the church.

WELCOME

E te whānau a Te Karaiti ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa.

Kia ora tatou.

PRAYER

JESUS' PRAYER on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

We send you to the Rainbow Room programme to learn the stories of our faith and to find your spiritual path. *God bless you. Amen.*

PASSING THE PEACE

WORD IN TEXTS

Heather Macfarlane

First Reading

Acts 9:36-43
Raising Tabitha

Gospel

John 10:22-30 Follow me...

RESPONSE

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us, *We give thanks.*

HYMN

"Seeds of Change" Words and music by Carolyn McDade

This is a time we honour and name those who gathered before us
This is a time we hear God's word
In the voices never heard
Who shatter all myths of pretension.

Out of the truth of those turned away, Blamed oppressed and discarded Who shall reap and who shall sow? Who decides what seeds will grow, And who lays a claim to the harvest?

Fire of passion, light of vision
Into the ashes we sow, seeds of change
Rooting a wisdom, dark and fertile
Yielding a harvest of hope
Good for all people, who live in the land.

Cycles move; people can change, turning fresh in the morning Blossoms of joy amidst the pain Love that died is born again and sacred all lands and all people. Out of the ash, a cauldron of green fresh, eager and faithful. Hope long scorned by 'powers that be' lives now as people free their dreams for tomorrow reviving.

Chorus

REFLECTION

Margaret Mayman

"What does it mean to believe?"

HYMN

Words and Music by Scott Kearns

We're moved by a vision of the world at peace, where justice and compassion rule ev'rywhere supreme. Joined with one another in the work that lies ahead, in living out our common dreams, (living out our dreams) with love as our strength and guide.

All around the world we've diff'rent ways of seeing, bringing one and all to diff'rent ways of being. Stands must be taken yet bridges must be built: only love can lead to unity.

We're moved by a vision......

As we travel on, discovering together, much we leave behind, yet much we hold as treasure. Change can enrich us, yet challenge all we've known: only love can lead to harmony.

We're moved by a vision......

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ST ANDREW'S

People share notices and visitors are welcomed. If you have a notice, please move to the front row, ready to speak briefly from the lectern.

Celebrating the 90th Birthday of the Rev Robin Smith.

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 engagement with the world for the purpose of transformation, for peace and love and justice. Let our hope for our world find full expression in our daily attitude of mind. Amen.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Fiona McDougal

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Romania and Moldova, and the reformed church in Romania. In New Zealand, we remember those in parliament, and today we name Rino Tirikatene and Lindsay Tisch and the people of their electorates, Te Tai Tonga and Waikato. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of St David's Multicultural Parish, Petone.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

TIME WITH THE ADULTS

HYMNHymn for ANZAC Day
Words: Shirley Murray

Honour the dead, our country's fighting brave, honour our children left in foreign grave, where poppies blow and sorrow seeds her flowers, honour the crosses marked forever ours. Weep for the places ravaged by our blood, weep for the young bones buried in the mud, weep for the powers of violence and greed, weep for the deals done in the name of need.

Honour the brave whose conscience was their call, answered no bugle, went against the wall, suffered in prisons of contempt and shame, branded as cowards, in our country's name.

Weep for the waste of all that might have been, weep for the cost that war has made obscene, weep for the homes that ache with human pain, weep that we ever sanction war again.

Honour the dream for which our nation bled, held now in trust to justify the dead, honour their vision on this Anzac Day: peace known in freedom, peace the only way.

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

May God the heart of life be deep within us, God in Christa/community be present in our history, and God the Spirit empower us to sing and dance and celebrate.

Thanks to Jane Keller, our pianist 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:	Jim and Maxine Cunningham	
Sound:	Tony Cowdry	
Offering:	Ann Barrie	
Coffee/tea:	Dawn Cowdry, Linda Wilkins	
Time with the Adults:		
Readings:	Heather Macfarlane	
Prayers of the People:	Fiona McDougal	
Musician:	Jane Keller	
On duty Sunday 28 April. Thank you for your help		
Welcoming:		
Sound:		
Offering:		
Coffee/tea:		
Time with the Children:		
Readings:		
Prayers of the People:		
Musician:		

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's			
Sun 21 Apr	10 am	Sunday gathering led by Margaret.	
	11.30 am	Social Justice – Living Wage "teach-in" by	
		Margaret	
	3 pm	Aroha String Quartet concert	
Wed 24 Apr	12.15 pm	Lunchtime concert – <i>Duo Mosaica</i>	
		Martin Jaenecke and Cheryl Grice	
Fri 26 Apr	7.30 pm	Cantoris Choir – The Armed Man – A Mass for	
		Peace – Karl Jenkins	

Sun 28 Apr	10 am	Sunday gathering led by Margaret.
		Reflection Linda and Norman Wilkins
	11.30 am	Exploring Faith "Living the Questions"
	5 pm	Bach Choir concert - A Mews Celebration -
	_	To commemorate the 20 th anniversary of the
		death of Dr Douglas K Mews

MARRIAGE EQUALITY

The New Zealand parliament voted 77 to 44 amend the Marriage Act to remove discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation or gender identity on 17 April 2013. Thank you to everyone at St Andrew's who helped make it happen.

SPIRITED CONVERSATION

"Writing with Spirit" a Spirited Conversation with Jo Randerson, actor/writer. Monday 6 May • 7pm • Join us for a meal from 5.30pm. Thistle Inn (upstairs), 3 Mulgrave Street, Wellington.



"As a writer, it is not cold hard, logical fact-based truth that I seek, but rather the more elusive kind: deep, universal truth that cannot be logically understood but can only be felt as an internal and inexplicable stirring of the soul."

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.

SAVING ST ANDREW'S FUNDRAISER - YOGA CLASS

Vraja, a yoga teacher who has regular classes here, has offered to run a yoga class as a fundraiser for Saving St Andrew's.

Saturday 11 May from 5 – 6pm in the hall here at St Andrew's on The Terrace. \$15 per person.

WHITE POPPIES FOR PEACE ANNUAL APPEAL, 17 - 24 APRIL 2013

This year there are again street collections in Wellington and Dunedin.

About the white poppy ...

The white poppy is an international symbol of remembrance for all the casualties of war, civilians and armed forces personnel, and of peace. Some people wear it as an alternative to the red poppy, others see it as complementary; some choose to wear both poppies, some one or the other, and some no poppy at all. More information about the white poppy is available at http://www.whitepoppies.org.nz

White poppies are available for a donation to the White Poppy Peace Scholarships.

The White Poppies for Peace Annual Appeal

The White Poppies for Peace Appeal is held annually from 17 to 24 April, and it is the main fundraiser for the White Poppy Peace Scholarships.

CELEBRITY COOKING COMPETITION

11am Saturday 11 May 2013 Le Cordon Bleu Institute

Two teams ... one hour of exciting cooking.

Featuring Mayor Celia Wade-Brown, Grant Robertson, Steve Logan and Sarah Bradley. Take 4 celebrities. Mix under the watchful eye of Chef Adam Newell. Things are bound to heat up and at the very best be hilarious. Free entrance.

NO ASSET SALES MARCH ON PARLIAMENT (27 APRIL, 02:00PM) Saturday 27 April 2 pm.

A nationwide program of rallies opposing the government's asset sales program has been organized for Saturday, 27 April. In Wellington, the group will meet at Te Aro Park (cnr Dixon/Taranaki – "Pigeon Park") at 2:00pm, then march through town to Parliament grounds. There will be music and speakers.

"Many people are under the impression that the sale of our state assets is a fait accompli. It most definitely is not too late to stop the sale especially given the cloud of uncertainty around these sales. It is becoming increasingly obvious that there is no worthy or just reason to sell off our state assets." says Ariana Paretutanganui-Tamati, spokesperson for Aotearoa Not for Sale Wellington.

Organizers urge the hundreds and thousands of ordinary `mums and dads' and other New Zealanders opposed to these sales to come together for this march.

http://www.facebook.com/events/549656878400623/www.aotearoaisnotforsale.com aotearoaisnotforsalewellington@gmail.com

Media Release 16 April 2013 St Andrew's on The Terrace Welcomes Third Reading of the Marriage Bill

The Presbyterian Parish of St Andrew's on The Terrace is eagerly anticipating the third and final reading of the Marriage Amendment Bill tomorrow evening. The parish has celebrated civil unions since 2005 and hopes that it will soon be able to treat opposite-sex and same-sex couples equally and offer both marriage and civil unions to all couples. This law change addresses the hopes and needs of real people, with real families and it is to them that we respond with compassion and love.

Parish Council member Ellen Murray says, "This is an issue of freedom of religion for us. At present the law prevents us from treating people in our faith community equally. Seeing all people as made in the image of God, and seeing all loving and just relationships as of value, is central to our faith."

St Andrew's minister, Rev Dr Margaret Mayman, says she hopes that the passage of the bill and the passage of time will alleviate the concerns of people of faith about marriage equality. Religious celebrants who do not support marriage equality will be free to maintain their religious beliefs and practices. The amendment to the bill has made this very clear.

Margaret Mayman says: "It is our hope that in time all people of faith will come to accept the relationships of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender New Zealanders. As New Zealanders we should trust each other, and those of us who follow Jesus should remember his injunction that we love our neighbours as ourselves. We are a diverse nation and our differences of race, culture, religion and sexuality are something to celebrate. But we all deserve to be treated equally under the law."

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
Parish Manager	David Medland
Custodian	Peter Cowley

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