

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

5th April 2015



Easter Sunday

Day of Transformation

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.

The Service will be led by: Rev Dr Susan Jones

GATHERING

As the beginning of the universe may spring from a singularity
we do not yet fully understand
So the beginning of our faith rests on a singular event
which we still struggle to comprehend.
This day, however, particularly on this day,
we participate in joy, we rejoice in love, we delight in freedom
though we may not understand fully why or how.
Together let us pray with yearning spirits and sing with full hearts
around the mystery of the words 'Christ is risen!'

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Great is the glory of this new born day'

Words: Susan Jones

Tune: Maccabaeus

Great is the glory of this new born day
Sunrise gilds the harbour, sparkles on the waves
Children shout with wonder, old men greet the sun
All refreshed, transformed, by the Creative One
Great is the glory of this newborn day
Life is full, abundant, opening up the way!

Great is the glory of this brand new day
Life is bright when Spirit shows us all the Way
Kowhai, 'hutukawa bask in Love's bright rays.
Earth and sky and sea combine in fervent praise
Great is the glory of this new born day ...

Sunshine now warms us from the chill of night
Healed to grow and flourish, graced to love, not fight
People from the margins find space in the sun
Men and women too delight new day's begun
Great is the glory of this new born day...

Life's not just only sunshine everyday
Sometimes darkened shadows with light interplay
Wholeness is the goal we juggle in our time
Real people, not just plaster saints, suit Jesus fine!
Great is the glory of this new born day...

OPENING RESPONSES

Hallelujah! Light has burst in on our world!
Hallelujah! We turn our faces to the sun of Love
Hallelujah! Light will show the way in the darkness
Hallelujah! Love is the way to wholeness of life!

WELCOME

Kua ara a te Karaiti!
He pono tonu, Kua ara a Ia. Hareruia!
Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN

The Choir will sing - O Sons and Daughters, let us sing!

Music O Filii et Filiae. Words attributed to Jean Tisserand, tr. John M. Neale 1851
adapted Sue McRae 2015. Verse 3 Fiona McDougal 2015

Refrain
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Oh sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
Rose from the grave us life to bring
Alleluia!
Refrain

That Easter morn, at break of day,
the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.

Alleluia!

Refrain

Of spices pure a precious store
in their pure hands these women bore,
to anoint the sacred Body o'er.

Alleluia!

Refrain

An angel clad in white they see,
who sat right down and told the three:
“Your Lord goes on to Galilee.”

Alleluia!

Refrain

That night the apostles met in fear;
Until their Lord was with them there,
saying: “My peace be on all here.”

Alleluia!

Refrain

On this most holy day of days,
to God your hearts and voices raise
in jubilation and in praise.

Alleluia!

Refrain

PRAYER

At the beginning of a new day for the world, we are amongst the first, God, to celebrate Easter as again the world begins its twentyfour hour turn of the axis. We are awed we live on this blue planet hanging in dark space.

And we are awed we stand in a long line of saints and doubters, believers and martyrs, atheists and agnostics, simple believers

and complicated theologians who've thought, prayed and wrestled with the sacred, wondered about numinous truth and mulled over what it is to be human.

We now take our place in that long line with our own thoughts, feeling our own pull towards that of ultimate meaning for us, hearing the call to follow.

We confess, that like Hawking's singularity, what we celebrate today as yet defies our complete description. Over the centuries this event teases, bothers rational minds, convinces, causes others to stumble, yet has in some mysterious way transformed many lives, perhaps including our own.

So we revel in the joy of this day, whether or not we know all about how anything happened in Israel centuries ago, or only seemed to have happened, or whether it is a creation of hindsight because it seemed it should have happened.

What we do know, mysterious God, is often the death of something or someone precious opened up a way to life previously unimaginable. We have learned death entered into, allows life to flower; death embraced, allows transformation to create unimaginable beauty; that death welcomed brings release and freedom. We give thanks for these insights

Today may we feel the power of that transformation because we can let go whatever holds us back, entombing us in moribund ideas. If anything which holds us back has to do with wounds we need to heal, we ask their healing be continued today.

Silence

If anything which holds us back has to do with wrong we have done which needs forgiving, we ask that be forgiven today

Silence

With delight I remind you of the immensity of Love which surrounds you every day. You are healed, You are forgiven, You can go free

Thanks be to God, Amen

Silence

LORD'S PRAYER (*Prayer to the Eternal Spirit by Jim Cotter*) *on card*

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Susan Jones

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

We invite you to find fun things to do at the back of the church and to join in communion later. God bless you. ***Amen.***

PASSING THE PEACE

WORD IN TEXTS

Ross Young

Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 25: 6-9

Gospel

John 20: 1-18

Contemporary Reading

'God' by Susan Jones. Read by Susan Jones

RESPONSE

For the word of God in scripture, song and story,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,

We give thanks

HYMN

'Christ is Alive' AA 15

Music: Jillian Bray. Words: Shirley Murray

Christ is alive, and the universe must celebrate,
and the stars and the suns shout on this Easter Day!
Christ is alive, and his family must celebrate
in a great alleluia,
a great alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.

Here is our hope: in the mystery of suffering
is the heartbeat of Love, Love that will not let go,
here is our hope, that in God we are not separate,
and we sing alleluia,
we sing alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.

Christ Spirit, dance through the dullness of humanity
to the music of God, God who has set us free!
You are the pulse of the new creation's energy;
with a great alleluia,
a great alleluia
we praise the power that made the stone roll away.

REFLECTION

Susan Jones

A Singularity

HYMN

'Come and find the quiet centre.' FFS 10(i) v 3

Music: Jullian Bray. Words: Shirley Murray. vss 1, 2 & 4. v3 Susan Jones

Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to see the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

Let us reach down deep inside us
to the place where quiet reigns
find the God who lives inside us
feels our joy and feels our pains
Let our ego stand aside there
shadow sharing space with light.
Let our inner selves rejoice now
God's love shines in darkest night

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our lives and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE

*Compassionate God,
who calls all people to be one family,
teach us to share your gifts with each other,
strengthen us to make peace by working together,
and challenge us with a vision of the feast where all are
welcome.
Amen*

*We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table and those
which wing their way electronically from our banks to the church's accounts.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We believe in God, known to us in many ways;
by sparkling waves glinting in the sunlight
in blustering winds and racing clouds
in blue harbour and dark green pohutukawa*

*We believe in Jesus known to us in many ways;
through a life showing his love for all,
in parables that puzzle and challenge us,
in actions which make us gasp in pain and wonder*

*We believe in the Spirit known to us in mystery;
As daunting as the wind, yet gentle as a candle flame,
breaking us open with warmth and energy*

*We believe in the Church, this small vessel of fragile clay
into which are entrusted many truths describing the
divine
and where love should be splashed in prodigal fashion*

*We believe our belief is only true when seen in action;
calming anxious minds, feeding fractured families, bringing
faith in darkness; actions for which we depend upon grace
to call us, to empower and to guide.*

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you with much faith and you who have little; You who are here often and you who have not been here long. Come, because it is the Christ who invites you, and wishes that those who want should meet God here.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you

And also with you

Let us offer thanks and praise

It is right to give thanks and praise

It is indeed right, O Eternal Wisdom

We praise you and give you thanks

Because the beauty of death could not contain you.

You broke forth from the coldness of the grave

***Before you, the stone was moved
And the tomb of our world was opened wide***

For on this day we celebrate the account of your rising in power
And revelation to Mary as a beloved stranger

Offering for the rituals of the dead, the terror of new life

Therefore with the woman who gave you birth
The men and women who befriended you and fed you
Who argued with you and followed you
The woman who anointed you for death
Those who met you risen from the dead
And with all your lovers throughout the ages
We praise you saying:

***Holy, holy, holy, resurrection God
Heaven and earth are full of you
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God
Hosanna in the highest.***

Blessed is our brother Jesus
Who walks with us the road of our grief
And is known again in the breaking of bread
Who, on the night he was handed over,
Took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said

This is my body which is for you, do this to remember me

In the same way also the cup after supper, saying

***This cup is the new covenant in my blood
Do this whenever you drink it, to remember me.***

Come now, disturbing spirit of our God
Take these earthly things, fruit of the vine and grain from the earth
And make us one body in Christ as we partake.

***Open our graves unbind our eyes
Touch and heal all that has been buried within us
That we need not cling to our pain but may go forth with power
to release resurrection in the world***

THE DISTRIBUTION

The gifts of God for the people of God

HYMN

The Choir will sing - Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

Words: Michael Weisse d.1534, tr. Catherine Winkworth d.1878

Music: Philip W.J. Stopford © 2013.

Christ the Lord is risen again, Christ hath broken every chain.
Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
Is our Lamb of God today, so we sing for joy and say, Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in us and will not die; pleads for us, and hears our cry.

He who slumbered in the grave, rose again our souls to save;
so through all the world we sing, may the sound forever ring. Alleluia!

Christ, our Lamb of God indeed, Christ, your ransomed people feed;
Guide us when we err and stray; let us sing by night and day, Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mike Wespel-Rose

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Estonia and Latvia. In New Zealand, we remember, those in Parliament, and today we name Peter Dunne and Ruth Dyson and their constituents in Ohariu and Port Hills. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of the Hutt City Uniting Congregations.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

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.

HYMN

'We shall go out with hope of resurrection'

Words: June Boyce Tillman (Human Rites p. 268). Tune: Londonderry Air.

We shall go out with hope of resurrection,
We shall go out, from strength to strength 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 songs of wrongs that can be righted,
We'll dream our dream 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

In places, liturgies in this service owe much to Dorothy McRae McMahon and Janet Morley

Postlude:

Special thanks to Peter Franklin, our musician this morning. Thanks also to The St Andrew's Choir.

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.



AUDIO REFLECTIONS

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

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

GENEROUS GIVING

St Andrew's depends on the generous giving of members and friends. If you would like to make a donation or support our work through planned giving, please contact our Parish Office or Treasurer. Bank account for donations is: St Andrews on The Terrace, BNZ Lambton Quay, 02-0534-0004022-02

On duty This Sunday <i>thank you</i>	
Welcoming	Brian & Lynette Burrell
Sound	Paul Satherley
Time with the Children	Susan Jones
Reader	Ross Young
Offering	Paul Barber & Sonia Groes-Petrie
Prayers of the People	Mike Wespel-Rose
Morning Tea	Katrina Hayier, Richard Keller, Tony & Sandra Kirby
Musician	Peter Franklin
Communion	Fionnaigh McKenzie, Fiona McDougal & Henry Boidya
Rainbow Room Helper	Ellen Murray

On duty next Sunday 12 April	
Welcoming	Margaret Pannett & Margaret Rushbrook
Sound	Frank Cook
Time with the Children	Ellen Murray
Reader	Frances Porter
Offering	Graham Howell & James Cone
Prayers of the People	Colma Froggatt
Morning Tea	Sonia Groes-Petrie, Fiona McDougal & Nick Walshe
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Rainbow Room helper	Colma Froggatt

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 5 April 10am Sunday gathering led by Susan Jones

Monday Office is closed

Wednesday and Thursday 8 and 9 April 9 - 2pm NZ Blood Service in the hall

Wednesday 8 April 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Owen Moriarty, Solo Guitar

Sunday 12 April 10am Sunday gathering led by Susan Jones

NOTICES

NAME BADGES

Can we ask that everyone attending services at St Andrew's make a special effort for the next few weeks to wear your name badges. This will be greatly appreciated by Susan. If you cannot find your name badge on the board please contact the office and we will get one made up for you. Thank you.

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY FOODBANK

For your donations to the DCM Foodbank, their current requirements are; Packet or tinned soups, spreads, pasta sauce and recipe bases, cornflakes and ricies, and soap. Don't forget the DCM Bookfair will be held on 11 & 12 July at the TSB Bank Arena.

NATIONAL PEACE WORKSHOP

18-19 April St Andrew's hosting the 2015 National Peace workshop

In conjunction with Peace Movement Aotearoa we are hosting the 2015 national peace workshop. The theme of the weekend is 'Challenging militarism and building peace'. There will be a mix of plenary sessions, workshops and a 'Poets for Peace' session on the Sat evening. Details of the programme and registration forms are available at: <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/npw2015.htm>

If you can be part of the hospitality team (serving morning and afternoon teas and lunch) for this event please have a chat to Sonia or contact her at soniapetrie@gmail.com or Ph 027 4051302.

Notes – 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

Minister	Susan Jones
Parish Council Convenor	Sandra Kirby
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Pastoral Convenors	Colma Froggatt, Fiona McDougal
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Heather Macfarlane
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Chris Carey-Smith
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