

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Good Friday

Stations of the Cross



The Lumen Christi stained glass processional cross represents the Light of Christ refracted in infinite colours and variety and shining forth in all creation. Lumen Christi is an inclusive Catholic Community in Oregon, USA

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.

GREETING

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

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.

Dorothy McRae-McMahon

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

MUSIC

Scottish Lament

Fiddle - Elisabeth Auchinvole

Please remain seated

FIRST STATION – Jesus is condemned to death



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

Meditation: **Jon**

Prayer Response

We pray for all our family members
who have died, for all who are grieving
now for ones they've lost, and for all
those who are facing the close reality
of their own deaths.

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: Douglas & Anna

Prayer Response

For those who commit violent deeds
we seek greater understanding of
their behaviour and pray that we do
not, in turn, cast them as the 'other'.
May we, as individuals and as a
community, have the strength to stand
up against the crowd.

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: **Graham**

Prayer Response

God we pray for the blind
Not those without eye-sight
but those who refuse to see
for those who only see skin deep.
We pray for victims of abuse
For those abused by family members
For those abused by friend and
neighbour
For those abused by people in power
May the abusers see their actions need
change. May the abuse stop
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: **Norman & Linda**

Prayer Response

For all parents who have to watch their
children fall by the wayside of our
society because they are different or
are excluded by the economic
deprivation of inequality
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: Rosemary

Prayer Response

We pray for the millions in our world
whose suffering is caused by the
inhumanity of other human beings.
And for those in our city and our
community, who are in need of
support, love and understanding,
let us pray that we heed anew Christ's
call to be his hands and feet,
active and loving, people of the way.
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: **Ellen**

Prayer Response

For those whose healing hands reach
across barriers of difference,
and for when, letting ourselves be
touched, we discover something new
about our own ability
to reach out to others.

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: **Judith**

Prayer Response

For those who are ashamed of falling
time and time again and are reluctant
to ask for help,
And those who make judgements
about the falling who “should know
better and get sorted”

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: Lynne

Prayer Response

For those in pain and whose energy is low, may they be strengthened, through the life of Jesus.

For those who are ill or grieving, grant them the grace of God.

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: Margaret

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: Ross

For those who are left with nothing
And those whose self has been
stripped bare

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: Wendy & Andrew

Prayer Response

We pray for those who feel mocked or marginalised, for those suffering from depression or loneliness, and for those who suffer from a disability.

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: Jenny

Prayer Response

We pray for all who have died cruel and violent deaths recently, especially the one thousand Shiite young men in Tikrit, the women massacred in Nigeria, the children gassed in Syria, and their families who bear witness.

God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

SOLO AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.

O Christ, you hang upon a cross.

Hope is our song 108

Words: Shirley Murray. Tune: Good Friday, Colin Gibson

SMALL GROUP OF WOMEN AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

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

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

Kyrie, e-le-i-son, e-le, e-le-i-son. (Twice)

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

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

O God this day confronts us all who love the world you blessed.
In sorrow and in human shame we lay these griefs to rest.

Kyrie, 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

Prayer Response

Loving God, be with those who mourn, especially those who have no body and are left wondering.

Comfort and support families and friends of the people who died so cruelly in the French Alps, and in the dreadful carnage of war in the Middle East. We pray especially for the grieving mother of a little boy lost in the Catlins.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Sung Response

AA151 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: Frances

Prayer Response

In our own time, 17 July last year, remember the nameless women from that Ukrainian village who in the midst of the fury and bloodshed of civil war went out at daybreak to do what they could to tend with dignity the broken bodies of the air-crash victims who were strangers. Strengthen us to be merciful and compassionate.

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

Jim Cottar

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 sustain our hope and
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.

Please stand

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

AA 95 May the mystery of God enfold us

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 Pauline Woolley

Something's dead inside me.

Hope is our song 123 (i)

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

Soloist Jane Keller

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.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the creation and presentation of this service. To all who wrote and read meditations and prayers, and to the women who sang at the foot of the cross. Thanks also to Sonia Groes-Petrie for sharing in the leading of the service and to Peter Franklin, Pauline Woolley and Elisabeth Auchinvole for the music.

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

TIME AND AGAIN: RESURRECTION AS A WAY OF LIFE

Music, poetry, story, for all ages

**Communion. St Andrew's Singers.
Followed by Hot Cross Buns for morning tea.**

Everyone is welcome

“Bob Gauldie was an accomplished researcher and academic who built a reputation for pushing boundaries during a career which included more than 150 scientific publications. He was also not afraid of pushing boundaries in his other great love, painting, with one work irking religious traditionalists and coming close to landing him in trouble with the law.

Following an exhibition of his paintings in 1985, Professor Gauldie was asked to paint the Stations of the cross for Wellington Presbyterian Church St Andrew’s on The Terrace. The 14 stations tell the story of Jesus from his death sentence to his entombment, but those painted by Prof Gauldie and first shown at Easter 1987 caused a stir by depicting Christ as a 44-gallon oil drum. The Evening Post newspaper received several letters attacking the work as “blasphemy” and Prof Gauldie recalled how a senior Wellington police officer warned he could be charged with criminal blasphemy, though in the end no action was taken.

Prof Gauldie said using a 44- gallon drum to symbolise Jesus depicted the stations in a way that was “realistic in the religious sense”. “As a symbol they are ubiquitous, loud and associated with trash. They were ideal for my purpose to portray the Stations of the Cross as the brutal murder, the clangorous, violent trashing of Jesus, the reduction of all his teachings to a worthless and brutalised body that was empty of life”.

Robert Gauldie’s obituary in The Dominion Post 18th June 2011.

Available at

http://robertgauldie.files.wordpress.com/2011/07/bob_gauldie_obit.pdf