

# St Andrew's on The Terrace

*Hato Anaru o Te Parehua*

Founded 1840

## ORDER OF SERVICE

2.30pm Service - 17 May 2015

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### Celebration of Women's Ministry

Sr Annie Henry (1879– 1971)  
(early deaconess working  
with Tuhoë in the Urewera.)



Deaconesses with first homeless children cared for by  
Presbyterian Social Services in Dunedin 1906

Tokomairiro (Milton, Otago)  
Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union  
August 1908



Miss Isabel Fraser, First Principal Iona College, Hawke's Bay.  
Principal from 1914—1921

## **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.*

### **GATHERING**

*Please take a seat. Malcolm Gordon's song "Mothers of Faith" written especially for this occasion is the music accompanying the pictures on the screen. (See words later in the service)*

### **WELCOME**

Kia ora tatou.

***Kia ora.***

### **PRAYER**

**Michelle Shin**

### **MAORI LORD'S PRAYER**

**E to matou Matua**

**Kathie Irwin**

E to mātou Mātua i te rangi,  
Kia tapu tōu ingoa.  
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.  
Kia meatia tau e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,  
Kia rite ano ki to te rangi.  
Homai ki a mātou āiane he taro mā mātou mo tēnei rā.  
Murua o mātou hara, me mātou hoki e muru nei  
I o te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.  
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;  
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino.  
Nou hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te kororia,  
Āke, āke, āke  
Amine.

## TELLING THE STORY

Sharon Ross Ensor

## SONG

### 'Mothers of Faith'

Words: ©2015 Malcolm Gordon

Musicians: Mana Leasi & Freda Oloupu-Siaosi

For our mothers of faith  
For our sisters in Christ  
For the daughters of God we will praise

For their courage and care  
Their compassion and tears  
For their unending prayers we will praise

For the women who carried and bore us, now this song we raise!  
For their wisdom and ways so inspire us, now our God we praise!

For courageous midwives  
For the unmarried bride  
And her miracle child come to save

For the barren of womb  
And the poured out perfume  
Then the watch at the tomb we will praise

For the women who carried and bore us, now this song we raise!  
For their wisdom and ways so inspire us, now our God we praise!

For the long silent age  
For repression's cruel cage  
For our part in this pain we confess

For the gifts we've returned  
And the saints we have spurned  
From this blindness we turn and are blessed

For the women who carried and bore us, now this song we raise!  
For their wisdom and ways so inspire us, now our God we praise!

For our mothers of faith  
For our sisters in Christ  
For the daughters of God we will praise

To our Father above  
With a mothering love  
Won't you lead us in freedom and grace

## **READINGS**

### **First Testament:**

**2 Corinthians 4:5-15**

**Pamela Tankersley**

**Galatians 3:25-28**

**Kathie Irwin**

**Message from the Moderator of the PCANZ**

**Shona Bettany**

## **MORE STORIES**

**'The Call'**

**Tiute Tofilau**

**'The Joy'**

**Clare Lind**

**'The Struggle'**

**Verity Doak**

## **HYMN**

### **'Come Celebrate the Women'**

Words: Shirley Murray ©1992 Hope Publishing Company

Tune: Ellacombe. Musician: Vivien Chiu

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Come, celebrate the women  
who brought the Church to birth!  
the gentle revolution  
that shall transform the earth:  
whose faith was salt and leaven,  
whose hearts and minds were free,  
and this was their direction –  
to peace and unity.

The teachers, saints and mothers  
who lived and died unsung  
kept safe the gospel story  
and taught it to the young;  
the Christ child Mary cradled,  
the living Word to be,  
was crucified for pleading  
this peace and unity.

Daughters of the disciples,  
you weave the story still,  
the fabric of the future  
with warmth and love and skill,  
you make the bread of wholeness,  
the wine of harmony –  
and all shall share your feasting  
in peace and unity!

## REFLECTION

Susan Jones

## HONOURING THE JOY AND THE STRUGGLE

*You are invited to write on the card you have been given the name or names of women who have been your inspiration and role models or women whom you have seen struggling with the difficulties of ministry. Then you are asked to tie your card to one of the "trees" and join the dance. Choreographed by Meg Megwyn and led by Trish McBride*

## GREETINGS

Lafulafu Vanila Ekenasio  
Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand

## BLESSING

***Blessed be God who has not made me a man  
But created me a woman according to her will  
Who sustains me with sisters  
Who grounds me with friends  
Who blesses me with desire  
And gives me to delight in women***

***And to struggle with them  
For the enlarging of my soul  
And the recovery of her world  
To the glory of her holy name Amen***

***The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
The love of God and the companionship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all  
Now and forever more AMEN***

## **THANK YOU**

*Thank you to Vivien Chiu (organist), Mana Leasi & Freda Oloupu-Siaosi our musicians today.*

*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 can to move your car into the car park,  
or move to a new space on the street.*

## **Message from the Rt Rev Andrew Norton, Moderator PCANZ**

The resurrection narrative reminds us that the first witnesses to the good news were women!

I thank God for the women of all ages who have carried this revolutionary and life giving gospel.

Within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand I thank God for the work and witness of women.

Today you celebrate the 50th anniversary (and the 60th of ordination of women to eldership) of the ordination of women in the ministry of the PCANZ and in particular the leadership, courage, faith, perseverance and humility of Rev Margaret Martin.

May your celebration today honour the gifts of the pioneering women and affirm the calling of women in leadership for church into the future!

Every blessing,

Rt. Rev. Andrew Norton  
Moderator PCANZ



Committee of the Presbyterian Women's Training Institute (which trained deaconesses in Dunedin) 1928

Ordination of Margaret Reid  
In St Andrew's on The Terrace  
May 1965



Women elders serving  
communion at General Assembly  
People's Night c. 1960s

The Very Rev Marg Schrader & Millie te Kaawa  
(Millie would later become first woman  
Moderator of Te Aka Puaho)



The Very Rev Pamela Tankersley

CEO Presbyterian Support



Rev Pauline Stewart  
with children during worship



Children and Families Worker



Police Inspector



Pastoral Assistant



Archivist



Hope Broker