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**St Andrew's**  
on The Terrace

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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## Easter Day



## EASTER BEGINS IN THE DARKNESS

The service is conducted by the Rev. Jim Cunningham.

The preacher is the Rev. David Brown  
Noe Valley Ministry Presbyterian Church  
San Francisco, California, USA

Please Note

This printed Order of Service  
is a full Order for Easter Day.

The on-line service is based on this  
but has less material in it.

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## **WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE**

Wherever you are on your faith journey,  
wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to,  
whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome here.

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### **ORGAN PRELUDE**

### **GREETING AND WELCOME**

### **GATHERING**

Easter begins in the darkness;  
the darkness of despair  
and broken dreams and hopes,  
the loss of beloved leader and friend.

But Easter begins in the darkness for us as well – each Easter.  
The darkness of our own despair and sorrow,  
of death and tragedy and injustice,  
of failure and fear and guilt and loss.  
Out of the darkness comes rebirth of hope,  
new freedom to be fully alive.  
Hope burst the bonds of what has been  
and creates “new time”,  
time filled with new possibilities

### **HYMN**

### **‘Christ Has Risen’**

Words: The Iona Community © 1988  
Music: Hyfrydol WOV 439

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 is risen for the people  
Whom he died to love and save;  
Christ has risen for the women  
Bringing flowers to 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 is risen to companion  
Former friends who fear the night,  
Sensing loss and limitation  
Where their faith had once born 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 stressed or damaged,  
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.

### **STORY TIME: Easter Eggs!**

#### **PRAYER:**

When we are locked in despair;  
when we are sealed up by grief;  
when we feel trapped and see no way ahead;  
when hope has gone away:  
Roll back the stone!

When we feel isolated and shut away:  
when we feel that we are forgotten;  
when we feel that no one cares;  
when love has gone away:  
Roll back the stone!

When we feel apprehensive about the future;  
when we fear change;  
when we feel ill-equipped for what lies ahead;  
when we feel lost and inadequate:  
Roll back the stone!

When we feel anxious about our world;  
when we lose confidence about our ability to survive;  
when worry seems to overpower and smother us:  
Roll back the stone!

Remind us that the power of resurrection  
has forever changed us and our world  
and gifts us with the ability to live faithfully, love wastefully,  
and have the courage to be who we are created to be.

And so today as we light the Christ Candle we celebrate new life,  
new joy, new possibilities.....  
and we give thanks for the Spirit of Life visible in Jesus,  
visible in us, visible in people in all walks of life. **Amen**

#### **WE LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE**



#### **HYMN**

#### **AA15 'Christ is alive!'**

Words: © 1993 Shirley Erena Murray

Music: © 1993 Jillian Bray

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  
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.

## **JESUS' PRAYER**

*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 the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done  
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 too 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 for ever.  
Amen.*

**CHORAL:**

**INVICTUS**

WILLIAM ERNEST HENLEY

**SUNG BY: WELLINGTON COLLEGE CHORALE**

**CONDUCTOR MARK STAMPER**

Out of the night that covers me,  
Black as the pit from pole to pole,  
I thank whatever gods may be  
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance  
have not winced nor cried aloud.  
Under the bludgeonings of chance  
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears  
Looms but the Horror of the shade,  
And yet the menace of the years  
Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,  
How charged with punishments the scroll,  
I am the master of my fate,  
I am the captain of my soul.

**LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

*(We invite you to take this moment to greet those who are with you today, or to hold in your mind others from St Andrew's, or your own loved ones)*

**THE WORD IN TEXTS**

**Norman and Linda Wilkins**

**Hebrew Scripture:**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

O give thanks to God, for God is good,  
whose steadfast love endures forever!  
Let Israel say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."

God is my strength and my might and has become my salvation.  
There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of God does valiantly;  
the right hand of God is exalted; the right hand of God does valiantly."  
I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of God.

God has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.  
Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to God.

This is the gate of God; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is God's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Gospel:**

**Matthew 28: 1-10**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

**Contemporary Reading:**

**RELEASE by Joy Cowley**

It was a bit like  
the opening of the tomb, really,  
the lids of the cage pulled back  
and quick bright life spilling out  
with an eagerness to fly.  
As I watched the wing-beat  
of those pigeons, I felt murmurings  
against the bars of my heart.

All the love imprisoned within me  
fluttered for release. Blessings unspoken,  
smiles concealed, acts of kindness  
which had never got off the drawing board,  
clamoured for the light of day.

I wondered about the cost  
of opening the cage  
and letting love spread its wings.  
I felt a bit frightened.  
When I'd given everything away,  
could I live with an empty heart?

What I'd forgotten, of course,  
was the homing instinct of love,  
and how, unlike pigeons,  
love always returns  
with more than it takes away.

The other thing I forgot  
was how love enlarges the heart  
to take its increase,  
multiplying and enlarging,  
multiplying and enlarging,  
until the little cage  
is big as the Kingdom of Heaven.

**REFLECTION:**

**He Goes Before Us!**

**The Rev David Brown**



Noe Valley Ministry  
Presbyterian Church  
San Francisco  
California

**SOLO:      Bist du bei mir**

**Georgia Gray**

Bist du bei mir, geh ich mit Freuden  
Zum Sterben und zu meiner Ruh.  
Ach, wie vergnügt wär so mein Ende,  
Es drückten deine schönen Hände  
Mir die getreuen Augen zu.

## **OFFERING & DEDICATION**

We give thanks 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 living justly and compassionately.  
Let our hope for the future find full expression  
in our daily attitude of mind. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Jenn Keenan**

## **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

We think today of the people of Zambia and the the Christian Council of Zambia. We remember the detainees of Manus and Nauru Islands, yearning that their cases be resolved. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Guy Nathan (Otaki electorate) and Henare Peeni (Tāmaki Makaurau). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Te Kakano Maori Pastorate in Moera.

## **PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S**

*Renew your people, God,  
and renew our life in this place.  
Give us a new spirit of unity  
with those of all faiths,  
and a new spirit of love  
towards all people.*

*Bless the city in which we live  
that it may be a place  
where honest dealing,  
good government,  
the desire for beauty,  
and the care for others flourish.*

*Bless this church  
that what we know of your will  
may become what we do,  
and what we believe  
the strong impulse  
of our worship and work.  
Amen*

**HYMN:**

**WOV92 'Resurrection all around us'**

Words: Gloria Klinger; Music: Hymn to Joy, Public domain

Resurrection all around us,  
hearts arise and leap for joy;  
Hope eternal grows within us,  
voices silenced now employ.  
Live in joy of new beginnings,  
live in harmony and love.  
Finding strength to meet each trial.  
Conquering sorrow, being love.

Being human, honouring Jesus,  
in a covenant of grace.  
Living the divine commandment,  
one with all the human race.  
Leading strong for peace and justice,  
doing away with hate and fear.  
Finding ways to work together,  
keeping voice and vision clear.

Celebrate the light within us,  
love divine and human spark,  
Reaching out to be inclusive,  
everyone a work of art.

Light the flame of love around us,  
echoing through the stars above.  
Holding hands, in peace surround us,  
being human, being love.

## **BENEDICTION:**

Go now in peace and in joy  
to proclaim the Good News,  
sharing in and working for resurrection  
in all the crucified places in the world.

The Grace of the risen Christ  
The Love of God  
The strength and creativity and presence of the Spirit  
Go with you and remain with you  
Now and always.

*Amen*

## **POSTLUDE:**



## **TIME FOR A CUPPA**

The end of our Sunday service is normally a time for catching up, meeting people and sharing what is happening in our lives. Perhaps you would like to phone a St Andrew's person today.

## **THANK YOU**

**Peter Franklin**

Our musician today

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## **REFLECTIONS**



Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.  
<http://www.standrews.org.nz/category/sunday-gathering>

## **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 Qy, 02-0534-0004022-02

## ***ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES***

### **PRAYERS FOR COMMUNITY IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC**

The Corymeela Community are posting a prayer each day during this time. They are beautiful- have a look.

<https://www.corrymeela.org/news/180/prayers-for-community-in-a>

### **COVID-19**

Supporting our taumai at this most challenging of times.

What a month it has been – for DCM, our taumai, and all of New Zealand. Is it just us, or does the first half of March seem so long ago, almost like we were living in a different world?

Here at DCM, we are totally committed to finding new and different ways of working, so that we can continue to support people who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness throughout the COVID-19 crisis period.

To read more news from DCM, please click the link to access their latest update:  
[https://mcusercontent.com/979e71a3c71a4a2e800e1794a/files/e56b319f-57a9-439e-9807-415b00201fb6/COVID\\_19\\_DCM\\_How\\_you\\_can\\_help.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/979e71a3c71a4a2e800e1794a/files/e56b319f-57a9-439e-9807-415b00201fb6/COVID_19_DCM_How_you_can_help.pdf)

Also, a request that has come via Lynne Dovey, a friend of theirs is connected with the school below:

For people who already live on a very low income, managing to provide for their families in the current situation is very hard. We have already asked for donations to DCM to assist their effort in supporting people who are struggling.

A particular community in need that has come to our attention is the predominantly Pacific Island community in Cannons Creek. The Principal of Glenview Primary School there, Lynda Knight-de Blois, is providing emergency food boxes for her school community and would very much appreciate donations online.

The Glenview School bank account details are: 12-3254-0146134-00 Visa Debit Account. Please put Food Hamper in the reference line and perhaps identify yourself as St Andrew's on The Terrace.

Lynda writes: 'Families can get a one-off Covid19 Whanau Ora package from a couple of Porirua NGOs. However this comes in the form of supermarket vouchers and there is no supermarket in Cannons Creek. For families who find it hard to get over to Porirua City (e.g single parents or caregivers with small children, or no car), things are not easy at the moment'.

Lynda is therefore ordering food hampers online, such as are offered by [https://www.eatmylunch.nz/product/care\\_box/](https://www.eatmylunch.nz/product/care_box/) and personally delivering them to school families.

She has received this response from a single Nana who is looking after two of her children, plus three grandchildren, including 2 preschoolers, who have received one of the emergency boxes organised by Lynda: 'Thank you very much. I hope you are keeping well and safe and also resting. My family and I are very grateful for your kindness and appreciate your support. Thank you so much. Arohanui'.

### **CENTRAL PRESBYTERY NEWS**

This week's Central Presbytery news can be found by clicking the following link:

[http://presbyterycentral.org.nz/images/docs/Roundup/20200408\\_Central\\_Roundup.pdf](http://presbyterycentral.org.nz/images/docs/Roundup/20200408_Central_Roundup.pdf).

## ***WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES***

### **PEACE AOTEAROA**

Information about the Local Peace Grants and the application form are online at

<http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/lpg.htm> Share this reminder on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/posts/2850162915031059>

Information about Quakers is available at <http://www.quaker.org.nz> - please note that the Local Peace Grants details have not yet been updated on that website.

# 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

<b>Interim Moderator</b>	Catriona Cairns
<b>Parish Council Convenor</b>	Lynne Dovey
<b>Stated Supply Minister</b>	Niki Francis
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Barber
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