



ORDER OF SERVICE

20TH APRIL 2025

EASTER SUNDAY

THE EMPTY TOMB

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.

We recognise that being inclusive is an ongoing journey and we are continuing to learn. We are committed to challenging discrimination within the church and wider society.

Please join in the congregational responses printed in ***bold italics***.

Please stand if you are able, for the hymns and the offering prayer.

We usually 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.

Today's service is led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

PRELUDE "Proclamation" from the Water Music by G.F. Handel (1685 – 1759)

CALL TO WORSHIP

After a time of grieving and sorrow, we awaken to this new day on resurrection Sunday. What does it mean for us? Today is a new day, a day of renewal and transformation, a day to break free from old habits and boring routine, to rethink, reconsider new possibilities and fulfil that which we have put aside and forgotten about in this new phase of being an Easter people.

SILENCE

GATHERING

So, here we are here in this place. A place where we have been gathering for many years. So, this just another Easter Sunday?

Or is it? How can this day be any different from all the other Easter Sunday's we have participated in? Perhaps the question is more "how can I make this Easter Sunday different from all the other Easter Sunday's I have participated in during my lifetime?"

Spirit of resurrection life and love, may your rising to life stir in us a longing and a desire to grasp some of that new life, new hope for ourselves and for each other. Spirit of life and love, breathe on us a breath of renewal and refresh us this Easter morning.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 15 'Christ is Alive'

Words © Shirley Murray Music© Jillian Bray

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

WELCOME

Kua ara a te Karaiti!

He pono tonu, Kua ara a Ia. Hareruia!

Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Manuia le Eseta

Manuia le Eseta, Happy Easter

A special welcome to those who are visiting us. Please join us for morning tea in the hall after church.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, still us in this time of quiet and contemplation. May our time together be a time of reflection, renewal and transformation. Empower us to move to new heights and new horizons moving beyond that which we know, from that in which we live think and have our being. Move us from complacency to transformation. Amen.

JESUS' PRAYER

Jim Cotter (paraphrase)

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.*

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

We light the rainbow candle as a sign of our inclusivity and for our children.

FAMILY TIME

Jim Cunningham

PASSING THE PEACE (THE RANGIMARIE)

Our practice is to pass the peace with or without shaking hands, and say "peace be with you"

Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 65:17-25

New Testament

John 20:1-18

Contemporary Reading

"The Resurrection" by Joy Cowley

John 20:11-18

..... Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned to him and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means teacher).... Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples. 'I have seen the Lord'....

HE IS RISEN

He is risen! How can you doubt that, my friend?
See how the sun lifts the must from the green hills?
Look at the multitude of trees with uplifted arms!
Listen to the massed choirs of bellbirds and tuis
pouring out their Hallelujahs!
Even the stream on its way to the sea
is singing a resurrection song.

Let me tell you something, my friend.
The death and resurrection story
is explanation, not transaction.
He is not some kind of insurance salesman,
Dealing in life policies whose fulfilment
depends on our investment. Oh no!
That is much too small a view
of the abundant freedom offered
to us in those nail-marked hands.

It's about love, my friend. A cosmic love
that cannot be measured by the human mind
but can only be perceived, dimly, darkly, gratefully,
by the hungry human heart. Ultimately,
it's all there is. Just this endless love.

If you still have doubts, my friend,
stand outside the empty tomb
and listen to the way he says your name.

RESPONSE

For the Word in scripture,
for the Word among us,
for the Word within us,
we give thanks.

HYMN

'Christ Has Risen'

Words: The Iona Community © 1988

Music: HYFRYDOL WOV 439

1. 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!
2. Christ has risen for the people
whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples
huddled in an upper room.
He whose word inspired creation
can't be silenced by the tomb.
3. Christ is risen to companion
former friends who fear the night,
sensing loss and limitation
where their faith had once burned bright.
They bemoan what is no longer,
they expect no hopeful sign
till Christ ends their conversation,
breaking bread and sharing wine.

4. Christ has risen and forever
lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are hurt or broken,
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.

REFLECTION

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC “Air” from Suite no. 3 in D Major by J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

HYMN

FFS 10(i) ‘Come and find the quiet centre’

Words: Shirley Murray V1,2 & 3; Susan Jones V3

Tune: GAELIC TRADITIONAL MELODY

1. 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.
2. 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.

3. 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.
4. 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!

OFFERTORY MUSIC Lasst Uns Erfreuen - melody from Cöllner Gesanbuch 1623

OFFERING HYMN

'Give thanks with a grateful heart'

Words and Music ©Henry Smith 1978

1. Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given many gifts to us.
And now let the weak say I am strong,
let the poor say I am rich,
because of what our God has
done for us, give thanks.

OFFERING PRAYER

At this time and in this place, may our inner replenishment make us more alive to life's moments and more responsive to life's creative possibilities.

And let the offerings we bring be a sign of our gratitude, and an expression of hope for life and the world. 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 account.

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ST ANDREW'S

People share notices. If you have a notice, please move to the front row, ready to speak **briefly** from the lectern. **For the benefit of newcomers, please introduce yourself before you begin.** Thank you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Anna Smith

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of the Rwanda and we pray for the Council of Churches of Rwanda. We hold all refugees in our hearts - those who have fled their homes because of natural disaster, oppression, violence or war. We give thanks that we in Aotearoa New Zealand are able to offer a small number of refugees the opportunity to resettle in our country. We pray for the leaders and people of other faith communities around the motu. We remember those in Parliament and today we name Camilla Belich (List) and Glen Bennett (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people New Plymouth - Brooklands Co-operating Church (Pres-Ang).

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

*Bless your people, God
and renew our life in this place.
Refresh us with a spirit of love and respect
for all who follow the Jesus Way,
for those whose pathways differ from our own,
and for care of the Earth and its creatures.*

*Bless the cities in which we live,
that they may be places
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*

COMMUNION

St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's Table. Wherever you are on your faith journey; wherever you have come from; wherever you are going to; whatever you believe; whatever you do not believe, you are welcome to participate in the communion. This is God's meal for all people.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

At this Table we give thanks for justice, love, peace and freedom.

At this Table we give thanks for friends and strangers together in community in this safe place.

For everyone born a place at the Table.

We are all invited.

COMMUNION HYMN

FFS 17 'For everyone born, a place at the table'

Words: © 1998 Shirley Erena Murray Music: © 1998 Colin Gibson

Tune: MENSA/BRIAN MANN

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing
for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace:*

*yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice
justice and joy!*

2. For **woman and man**, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair.

Refrain

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace:*

*yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice
justice and joy!*

3. For **gay and for straight**, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace.

Refrain

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice
justice and joy!*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Eternal Wisdom, We give thanks,
because the beauty of death cannot contain you.
Since you, the tomb of our world has been opened wide.

After you lived on this earth
nothing has ever been quite the same again

***You offered for the rituals of the dead
the terror of new life and of desire fulfilled,***

Therefore with the woman who gave you birth
the men and women who befriended you and fed you.
who argued with you and touched you,
the woman who anointed you for death
the women who met you on a misty dawn-lit morning
and with all your lovers throughout the ages,
we give thanks, saying

***Holy, holy, holy, life giving God
heaven and earth are full of your glory
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 broken for you

Do this to remember me'

In the same also the cup, after supper saying

'This cup is poured out for you

Do this whenever you drink it, to remember me.'

Come now disturbing spirit of our God

breathe on these bodily things

and make us one body in Christ.

Open our graves, unbind our eyes,

and name us here;

touch and heal all that has been buried in us

that we need not cling to our pain

but may go forth with power

to release resurrection in the world.

Adapted from *All Desires Known* by Janet Morley

The original of this prayer was first used on Easter Day 1987 in the St Hilda Community

Come for all is ready, the gifts of God for the people of God.

SHARING BREAD AND WINE *(if you are able please come forward, otherwise the minister will come and serve you)*

The gifts of God for the People of God. Come, for all is ready.
The Bread of Life. The Cup of Blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

CH4 661 'Eat this bread, drink this cup'

Music: Jaques Berthier (1923-1994)

Tune: EAT THIS BREAD

OSTINATO RESPONSE: *Meditative* (♩ = 80)

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst. 2. Your

Fine

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The feast is ended and the work of the world lies before us.

Many who work for change suffer resistance.

So make us strong.

Many who do new things sometimes feel afraid.

So make us brave.

Many who challenge the world as it is, arouse anger.

So grant us inner peace.

Many who live joyful and creative lives are envied.

So make us generous.

Many who try to love encounter hate.

So we trust in you O God of gracious love. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

PATT 37 'Thank God for Bursting Life!'

Words: Shirley Erena Murray © 2010 Hope Publishing Company.

Tune: VRUECHTEN WOV 302

1. Thank God for bursting life,
for greening leaf, for sign of Spirit's sowing!
The Easter sunrise brings
the light that can illumine all our knowing!
What crucifixion failed to kill, is well alive this Day:
a peace-determined Way, God's realm of hope and promise,
of peace lived in promise, as Jesus lived this promise.

2. Thank God for courage raised
to roll away the stones of dead tradition,
to crack the codes of death,
to give the fearful powers no free permission!
What crucifixion failed to kill, is well alive this Day,
a fairer, kinder Way, a signatory to justice,
commitment to justice, as Jesus lived this justice.

3. Thank God for feisty souls
who let no weight of history deter them!
Who liberate the faith
who let the Easter air revive and stir them!
What crucifixion failed to kill, is well alive this Day:
non-violent, this Way, a charter for compassion,
the power of compassion, as Jesus lived compassion.

4. Thank God for fresh-baked bread,
the loaf we share, the yeasty fragrance rising,
the bubbling up of hope,
the wine outpoured in joy of God's devising!
What crucifixion failed to kill, is well alive this Day.
the Gospel- driven Way: the human spirit's freedom,
the risen life's freedom as Jesus lived this freedom!

BLESSING

This Eastertide we embrace the spirituality of Life
as shown to us that first Easter

and lived out through centuries since;

***We take with us this day the sure knowledge of Life within
and Love surrounding us each moment of every day. Amen.***

POSTLUDE

"Te Deum" by Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643 – 1704)

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Peter Franklin

ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE WELCOMES ALL VISITORS

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 one of the welcome leaflets (at the back of the church) and hand it to a minister or a welcoming team member.

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

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ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

EXPLORING FAITH

We had our first session from the book *Awaken* – a progressive Christian devotional – on Sunday after church. About 15 in attendance. It was agreed that we would proceed with this material for 6 sessions and then evaluate. So this will be in the Exploring Faith time slot each month for another 5 months. Please note that you can slot in any time without concern. It does not matter if you have missed one or more sessions. If you want I can send you the notes for any missed sessions. Just contact me. mikewr09@gmail.com

All very welcome. Hope you can join us. Thanks – Mike Wespel-Rose

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

This year's popular **Blue Dragon Book Fair** will be held in the Ngaio Townhall on 17 and 18 May with all proceeds supporting the Blue Dragon Children's Centre in Hanoi. You can donate good-quality books, DVDs, CDs, records, puzzles and board games from Saturday 19 April until Tuesday 13 May. All drop offs need to be made to Kennards Storage at the bottom of Sar Street (19 Hutt Rd). Look for the downstairs area clearly labelled 'Blue Dragon'. Kennards Storage is open Mon - Fri 8.30am - 6pm, Sat 9am - 5pm and Sun 10am - 4pm. NB: Sunday hours will apply on Easter Monday and Kennards will NOT be open on Anzac Day, 25 April.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT 11 MAY

Our second fundraising concert will take place on Sunday 11 May at 3 pm. Quang Hong Luu is a lovely young pianist, looking to make a performance career once he completes his PhD and we are grateful to him for his time and talents and to Jack Richards for sponsoring him. Posters and flyers are available in the church or from the office. Please take some and share widely.

If you want an electronic version please let Lynne (ldoveygray@gmail.com) or the office (office@standrews.org.nz) know. We'd be happy to send it to you. By popular request, since the 2 March concert and afternoon tea was such a successful community event, we have decided to host an afternoon tea again. Quang will be happy to attend and chat to guests. Pam is putting together a roster for serving afternoon tea and would appreciate volunteers. Plus we'd appreciate contributions for afternoon tea on the day.

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

We are no longer collecting plastic bread bags and tags for reuse. But we *are* collecting all types of plastic lids, metal lids, Tetra Pak beverage cartons and used pens. There are containers for each sort of material in the North Vestry and a take-home information sheet about what we do and don't collect. Please make sure everything you drop off is clean and dry and follow the instructions for preparing Tetra Paks, in particular. Thanks for all your recycling efforts. It's really making a difference to what goes into landfill. - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

RECYCLING OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Household batteries can be dropped off for FREE at Karori Library, Kilbirnie Library, Te Awe Library (Brandon St), Island Bay Community Centre, Newlands Community Centre, Tawa Community Centre, and the Southern Landfill Tip Shop. For Hutt Valley and other members, Bunnings' stores have recycling bins where used batteries can be left. Happy recycling!

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR RAINBOW ROOM

As we re-start the Rainbow Room programme, we need to be able to roster a second adult to be present with the children. If you would like to volunteer for this, please let the office know (office@standrews.org.nz), or talk to me on Sunday. Sue Hirst, Parish Council Convenor

SUPPORT FOR DCM (DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MINISTRY)

We are grateful for the many services provided by the DCM since 1969 and one way we can offer our support is to FILL the food baskets in the church each Sunday. Suggested items: Tinned – soup, fish, baked beans, stews and fruit / pasta and curry sauces / Jam, honey Marmite/Vegemite and peanut butter / porridge, biscuits and muesli bars / instant coffee and tea bags / soap, toilet paper, toothpaste and toothbrushes. (Please no fresh fruit/vegetables)
For other ways to support the work of the DCM visit <https://www.dcm.org.nz>.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

UPCOMING EVENT – 30 APRIL – 10 MAY

Jane Keller will be appearing in

THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME with Stagecraft at The Gryphon Theatre. 30 April- 10 May.

SUNDAY ROSTERS

A folder with an outline of each duty is now kept on the back table. If you are unable to do your rostered duty please arrange a swap/substitute and inform the office. Thank you.

Thanks to this week's volunteers

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Paul Franken and Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier, Simon Miller and TBC
Family Time	Jim Cunningham
Readings	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Anna Smith (CG)
Communion	Lynne Dovey, Vhari McWha, Laura and David Gehrenbeck, Janet Martin and Rosemary Lawrence
Rainbow Room	Closed
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty April 27th

Welcoming	Pat McGiven and Pat Booth
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Mike Wespel-Rose and Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Sally Gray, Michael Parker and Marilyn Wallace (CG)
Family Time	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Rosemary Lawrence
Prayers of the People	Cam Smart
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Ephraim Wilson
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday April 20th: 10am Easter Sunday Communion Service led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

Wednesday April 23rd: 10am Lunchtime Concert: **NO CONCERT**

Sunday April 27th: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday	Communion service followed by Community Brunch on even months
2nd Sunday	Congregational service followed by Exploring Faith
3rd Sunday	Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group meets after morning tea/brunch
4th Sunday	Social Justice Education Group
5th Sunday	if there is one - nothing planned

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	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Parish Council Convenor	Sue Hirst
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Sandra Kirby
Pastoral Care Team	Maxine Cunningham, Pat Booth, Brian Burrell, Katrina Harper, Tony Kirby, Vivienne Mountier and Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Vacant
Church Music Coordinator	Vacant
Eco Church Coordinator	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Faith in Action Coordinator	Paul Barber
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Caroline Korybut
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller
Concert Coordinator	Kristina Zuelicke
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
Office Administrator	Jemma Ballantyne
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