

ORDER OF SERVICE

19TH APRIL 2026

EASTER 3



The Road to Emmaus

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 Ross Scott

PRELUDE

Invocation in Bb, by A Guilmant (1837-1911)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come as we are despondent, hopeful, dispirited, grateful, with apprehension and anticipation.

We come as we are,

wondering, musing, conversing, seeking stillness.

We dare to hope, even when we are unsure.

The Tomb is empty,

We are not alone in our unknowing.

SILENCE

GATHERING

Into silence, into despair, into all that feels closed-
the Spirit breathes.

Breath of life, come among us,

into what feels buried, forgotten, or beyond reach-

Love calls out: Come forth.

Follow 'the Way'.

1. God who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people
in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward,
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,
love for God and love for neighbour
marks the way that Christ defined.

2. Exploration brings new insights,
changes, choices we must face;
give us wisdom in deciding,
mindful always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our bearings,
find it hard to do what's right,
we regain our true direction
focused on the Jesus light.

3. End our longing for the old days,
grant the vision that we lack –
once we've started on this journey
there can be no turning back;
let us travel light, discarding
excess baggage from our past,
cherish only what's essential,
choosing treasure that will last.

4. When we set up camp and settle
to avoid love's risk and pain,
you disturb complacent comfort,
pull the tent pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge
you are always at our side;
give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

WELCOME

E te whānau a Te Karaiti,
ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa.

Kia ora tātou.

Talofa lava, welcome to St Andrews on the Terrace

Talofa lava, we too greet you in the name of Jesus Christ

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

MEDITATION

Autumn.

What images come to mind

Autumn

Indian summer

Barmy days

Wellington at it's best.

Autumn

Fruit to pick

Jam to make

Pumpkins to store

Autumn

Shortening days

Darkening evenings

Daylight no longer saved

Autumn

Leaves turn gold

Lawns stop growing

First frost

Autumn

Broad beans planted

Sheep mated

Trees pruned

Autumn
Door way to winter
To death
and to rebirth

We give thanks for the seasons
Today we give thanks for the gift of Autumn.

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

Mike Wespel-Rose

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

Now you go to the Rainbow Room to hear stories, ask questions and have fun together. ***We bless you. Amen.***

PASSING THE RANGIMARIE THE PEACE

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

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Michael Parker

New Testament

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Gospel

Luke 24:13-25

Contemporary Reading

"URBI ET ORBI" MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV

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The power with which Christ rose is entirely nonviolent. It is like that of a grain of wheat which, having rotted in the earth, grows, breaks through the clods, sprouts, and becomes a golden ear of wheat. It is even more like that of a human heart which, wounded by an offense, rejects the instinct for revenge and, filled with compassion, prays for the one who has committed the offense.

Brothers and sisters, this is the true strength that brings peace to humanity, because it fosters respectful relationships at every level: among individuals, families, social groups, and nations. It does not seek private interests, but the common good; it does not seek to impose its own plan, but to help design and carry out a plan together with others.

Yes, Christ's resurrection is the beginning of a new humanity; it is the entrance into the true promised land, where justice, freedom, and peace reign, where all recognize one another as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father who is Love, Life, and Light.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA8 'The Servant Song'

Words: Richard Gillard (adapted)

1. Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing of peace with justice,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Shepherd Me, O God, by Marty Haugen (b1950)
arr Mark Hayes (b1953)

HYMN

WOV 558 "When I needed a neighbour"

Words and music: Sydney Carter © Stainer & Bell Ltd

1. When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?

Refrain

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter.
were you there?*

2. I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

Refrain

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?*

3. When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter, were you there?

Refrain

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter;
were you there?*

4. Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there.
Wherever you travel, I'll be there.

Refrain

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
I'll be there?*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Only Heavenly Music from Stella Natalis,
by Karl Jenkins (b1944)

OFFERING HYMN

AA 62 "Here we bring small or great"

Words: © Shirley Erena Murray Music: © Colin Gibson

1. Here we bring, small or great,
gifts to offer on this plate,
what we've earned, what we own,
tithe or token, bread or stone.

*Jesus said "have a care - your heart will always be
where your riches are, where your riches are."*

OFFERING PRAYER

***All that we are, and all that we have, and all that we may become,
comes from this planet, from God***

For we are made from its dust.

So we bring these offerings and ourselves

To bring restoration to our relationships with ourselves.

With each other

And with all of creation

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ellen Murray

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Brunei, and we pray for strength and wisdom for Christian church leaders in Brunei dealing with growing religious restrictions. 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 Helen White (Mt Albert) and Arena Williams (Manurewa). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the New Plymouth - St Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

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.*

CLOSING HYMN

FFS 57 'Song of faith that sings forever'

Words © Shirley Murray Music © Colin Gibson.

1. Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always, somewhere sounding,
though the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.
2. Song of faith in exaltation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descant to our daily tone,
song from sickbed or in prison,
faith must often sing alone.
3. And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Scherzo in G Min, Op 49 No 2, by M E Bossi (1861-1925)

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Judy Dumbleton

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

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Hello from Richard. Please note that I write a blog named ['lettersbyrwk.wordpress.com'](https://lettersbyrwk.wordpress.com). Often this refers to sustainability issues, though it ranges widely with responses to articles or comments found on Newsroom, RNZ, LinkedIn, to name just three. . In my blog post I usually note that the larger historical / cultural context is ignored to the disadvantage of their comment. You might find my posts interesting. One of current interest to St Andrews refers to four YouTube articles on the 'radical Jesus' from a frequent poster who calls himself Professor Archive.

FROM THE LATEST CLIMATE CLUB NEWSLETTER:

Te Whanganui-a-Tara, 16th April - 9th May: Climate Festival Pōneke 2026 has a month full of climate- and sustainability-focused events running for people of all ages. Join this community-led initiative focused on bringing people together, fostering meaningful climate conversations, and supporting creative climate action!

Action: See what events and workshops are on [here!](#)

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

At the end of March we completed one full year of recycling a growing range of materials at St Andrew's. During the year we've saved an estimated **90kg** of waste from landfill and that doesn't include the 'Santa sack' of milk bottle tops that Brian Burrell takes to the Sustainability Trust. This is a great effort and we hope, with the extended range of materials we're now collecting, we can do even better in the coming year. Unless, of course, we all get better at reducing what we use in the first place and more canny about reusing whatever we can. That's the harder challenge! In the meantime, you can pick up an information sheet on what we collect for recycling in the North Vestry. - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

RECYCLING OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Household batteries can be dropped off for FREE in Wellington at the following libraries: Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui (Wellington Central Library), Karori Library, Kilbirnie Library, Island Bay Community Centre, Newlands Community Centre, Tawa Community Centre, and the Southern Landfill Tip Shop. There are also three battery recycling points in Hutt City: War Memorial Library, Eastbourne Neighbourhood Hub and Naenae Neighbourhood Hub.

SUNDAY ROSTERS

A folder with copies of each duty and current roster sheets are kept on the table in the North Vestry. 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	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie (CG)
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Bridget Martin and Mike Wespel-Rose
Coffee/tea	Sue Hirst , Janet Horncy and Jeni Bryant
Family Time	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Michael Parker
Prayers of the People	Ellen Murray
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Judy Dumbelton
Service Leader	Rev Ross Scott

On duty April 26th

Welcoming	Sandra and Tony Kirby
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Tony Pears and Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Katrina Harper, Sue Hirst and Vivienne Mountier
Family Time	Frank Cook (CG)
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leaders	TBC

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday April 19^h: Sunday Gathering led by Rev Ross Scott followed by Congregational Conversation.

Wednesday April 22nd 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Tony Lee, solo piano

Sunday April 19^h: Sunday Gathering led by TBC followed by Social Justice Education Group.

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 (Quarterly)
- 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	Pat Booth
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
Centre Assistant	Sara Rokni
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