

ORDER OF SERVICE

5TH APRIL 2026

EASTER SUNDAY



“EASTER MORNING”

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 Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

PRELUDE

Diapason Movement by John Keeble (1711 -1786)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen
not as a distant miracle,
but as a living presence among us.
Love has broken through fear,
hope has risen from despair,
life has overcome death.

The stone is rolled away
not only from the tomb,
but from every place that holds us captive.

SILENCE

GATHERING

Come, people of the resurrection
let us rejoice in new life,
let us rise with courage and compassion.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

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 la. 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 lunch in the hall after church.

OPENING PRAYER

God of resurrection,

we come this morning with hearts both full and searching
carrying joy and sorrow, certainty and wonder.

In the quiet of the early dawn,

you raised love from the grave
and breathed life where hope had been lost.

Roll away the stones within us
the stones of fear, of grief, of weariness,
the stones that keep us from living fully.

Open our eyes to the signs of new life around us:
in acts of kindness,
in courage that rises again,
in communities that refuse to give up on love.

Gather us into your renewing presence.
Awaken in us the courage to live as Easter people
to carry resurrection into a world still longing for healing.

And as we worship,
may we feel your Spirit moving among us,
calling us to rise,
to love, and to begin again. **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

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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

Jim Cunningham

Hebrew Bible

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

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 mist 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 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 and music,
for the Word among us,
for the Word within us,
we give thanks.

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.

REFLECTIVE MUSIC Adagio from Sonata No.1 by F. Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

HYMN

FFS 10(i) 'Come and find the quiet centre'

Words © Shirley Murray

Tune: GAELIC TRADITIONAL MELODY arr John Bell

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. 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!

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

"Diademata" by Sir G. Elvey (1816 – 1893)

OFFERING HYMN

AA 127 'Take my gifts and let me love you' v1

Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter,
gave me life and set me free.
Now because your love has touched me,
I have love to give away,
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply!

OFFERING PRAYER

From gardens and oceans, from work and community,
these gifts come not for us alone,
but to be shared in love and justice.
Bless what we offer this day:
the money we give,
the food we bring,
and the intentions of our hearts.
May these gifts become bread for the hungry,
hope for the weary, and a sign of your care in 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.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Bolivia, and we pray for Buddhist people of the Bolivian Evangelical Lutheran Church. 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 Hon Simon Watts (North Shore) and Duncan Webb (Christchurch Central). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the 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

CH4 198 'All are Welcome'

Words and music © Marty Haugen Tune: TWO OAKS

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live;
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive,
built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

All are welcome,

All are welcome,

All are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Refrain....

3. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face.
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Refrain....

4. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim all are welcome:

Refrain:

All are welcome,

All are welcome,

All are welcome in this place.

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.

The Bread of Life. The Cup of Blessing.

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

COMMUNION CHANT

CH4 661 'Eat this bread, drink this cup'

Music: Jaques Berthier (1923-1994)

Tune: EAT THIS BREA

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

APTT 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 Je - - sus 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 Je - - sus 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 Je - - sus 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 Je - - sus lived this freedom!

BLESSING

Go now in the light of resurrection
with hearts awakened
and hope renewed.

As you return to your homes,
may they be places of peace,
where love is spoken freely
and kindness dwells at the table,
in ordinary moments,
in shared meals,
in quiet rest,
and in laughter that brings life.
And may the Spirit of new life
rise within you and around you,
this day and always.

Amen.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

“Te Deum” by M. Charpentier (1634 – 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

EASTER SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH, APRIL 5TH

The Service on Sunday will be followed by a community lunch.

Please bring finger-food to share.

If you are planning on bringing savouries e.g. sausage rolls and pizzas could you please cook them first so they only need warming.

ST ANDREW'S Y-GROUP MEETING TIMES

The St Andrew's Y-Group now meets quarterly for shared food and discussion.

Our next meeting dates for 2026 are:

- Sunday 21 June (after church), Sunday 20 September (after church), Saturday 12 December (Christmas barbecue) Save the dates. All are welcome. The group began as the Younger Members' group, but you only need to be young at heart! Anyone who doesn't normally attend St Andrew's is of course also very welcome — feel free to share this with anyone who you think might be interested.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Carbon fast update – week 7

In this final week of the carbon fast Climate Stewards encouraged a fast from social media to focus on God. It seems appropriate this holy week to try and disentangle myself from the various distractions around me and reconnect – with God, friends and family and nature. During Lent I was part of a study group at St Peter's on Willis and the theme was on spiritual practices. It was a good reminder for me that I can take small steps in my daily life to refocus and reconnect. Reading poetry or a few pages of a book when I first wake rather than automatically reaching for my phone to check the news. To do some meditation in the evening rather than scrolling on social media. To finish I'll share some of the questions and quotes that came in the email from Climate Stewards:

Digital Detox Questions

- What is stealing my attention from God?
- What is keeping me from being fully present with others?
- What could be of negative influence to me online?

"Future generations will judge us not only for our stewardship of the outer environment, but of the inner environment as well. Our current crisis does not only come in the form of rising global temperatures, but also in our injured

capacities of attention." James Williams, Academic Philosopher and Author, Oxford University "In order to rise to this challenge, we have to lean into the experiences of awe and wonder." Dr. Darren Whitehead, author The Digital Fast
- Sonia Groes-Petrie, Sustainability Group

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

It's great to see our new rubber bands category is proving popular - keep them coming! We also look forward to seeing your **empty printer ink cartridges** soon - all brands accepted. An updated information sheet on everything we collect for recycling is available in the North Vestry. During March we saved an estimated 8.6kg of materials from going to landfill. Happy recycling! - 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	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst (CG)
Offering	Lynette Burrell and Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Aaron Cook and Kath Kerr
Family Time	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	Jim Cunningham
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Communion	Rosemary Lawrence, Janet Horncy, Laura and David Gehrenbeck, Cam Smart and Tania Penafiel-Bermudez
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty April 12th

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Ben Gray
Offering	Katrina Harper and Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Sandra and Tony Kirby (CG), Hannah Carty
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Cash
Service Leaders	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday April 5th 10:00am: Easter Sunday Communion Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Community Brunch.

Wednesday April 8th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Otis Prescott-Mason, solo piano

Sunday April 12th: Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Exploring Faith

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
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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
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