



ORDER OF SERVICE

3TH May 2026

EASTER 5

DAWN OR SUNSET ?

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 The Rev Dr Jim Cunningham

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to be opened by visions that can enlist you
in larger causes and more caring actions.

Come to hear stories that might take
you into a deeper kind of integrity,
and reconnect you with your better self.

So may the warmer fullness you seek
fill your heart your mind and your spirit.

SILENCE

GATHERING

Let there be joy in our coming together this morning.

***Let there be compassion heard in the words we speak and hear,
and love in the songs we sing***

Let there be silence for the voice within and the voice beyond us.

Let there be trust and acceptance in our coming together.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Christ is risen while earth slumbers”

Words : John Bell & Graham Maule (Iona Community)

Tune: BLAENWERN WOV 165ii

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 has 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.

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 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.

OPENING PRAYER

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.

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

Pat Booth

Introduction

First Reading

Luke 23: 44-49

(As Jesus dies the curtain in the Temple is torn from top to bottom)

Reflection 1

Second Reading

Mark 16: 1-8

Reflection 2

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Adam Whiskin

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 we feel that 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 to 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

'Christ is alive!' AA15

Words: © 1993 Shirley Erena Murray

Music: © 1993 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
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.

RESPONSE

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee:
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

St Margaret WOV 525

OFFERING PRAYER

*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 just living.
Let our hope for the future find full expression
in our daily attitude of mind.
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

Lynne Dovey

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Bulgaria, and we pray for Orthodox Churches throughout the world. 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 Megan Woods (Wigram) and Lawrence Xu-Nan (List). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the Ngaio Union 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.*

COMMUNION

St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's table. 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 to share 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.

HYMN

Let us talents and tongues employ WOV 658

Words: Frederik Herman Kaan

Music: Linstead (Jamaican Folk Melody)

1. Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy;
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*Jesus lives again,
earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around:
loaves abound.*

2. Christ is able to make us one;
at his table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.

*Jesus lives again,
earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around:
loaves abound.*

3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God-Immanuel everywhere.

*Jesus lives again,
earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around:
loaves abound.*

THE STORY...

We remember the stories from our tradition....

How on many occasions Jesus would share a meal with friends.

Bread and wine, the very basics of life, shared in community.

How bread would be taken, a blessing offered, and then shared amongst them.
And all ate.

How some wine would be poured out, a blessing offered, and then passed amongst them. All of them drank.

When they gathered in this way it was a time of concern, conversation and celebration.

The bread and the wine symbolised human lives interconnected with other human lives, and the power of giving and receiving.

May the passion for life as seen in Jesus and in the lives and struggles of many other committed and faithful people then and now, enable us to dream and to risk....

Together may we re-imagine the world.

Together may we work to make all things new.

Together may we celebrate the possibilities and hope we each have and are called to share.

For everyone born, a place at the Table.

THE BREAD IS BROKEN

We break the bread for the broken Earth, ravaged and plundered for greed.

May there be healing for our beautiful blue and green planet.

We break the bread for our broken humanity, for the powerful and the powerless trapped by exploitation and oppression.

May there be healing for humanity.

We break the bread for those who follow other paths; who travel on a different road from us; those who think and act differently; those whose belief system is different to ours; those who see our world through different eyes of ethnicity and culture.

May there be healing where there is pain and woundedness.

We break this bread for the unhealed hurts and wounds that lie within us all.

May we, too, be healed.

THE WINE IS POURED

This is the cup of peace and of new life for all.
A sign of love for the community of hope.

***A reminder of the call
to live life fully,
to love wastefully,
and to be all that we can be.***

Come then, life-giving Spirit of our God,
brood over these bodily things,
and make us one body with Christ;
that we may no longer be in bondage
to the principalities and powers that enslave creation,
but may know your liberating peace
such as the world cannot give.

THE BREAD AND THE WINE ARE SHARED

*We celebrate Communion using ONLY gluten free bread.
Wine is served in small glasses – the darker colour
is fermented wine – the lighter colour grape juice*

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 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

THE CALL TO SERVICE *(standing)*

Go as far as your courage takes you,
for we cannot go beyond the reach of God.
Give as extravagantly as you may,
for we cannot spend all the riches of God.
Care as lavishly as you are able,
for we cannot exhaust the love of God.
Keep journeying and searching,
for God will always travel with us.

HYMN

Resurrection all around us

Words: Gloria Klinger

Music: WOV 92

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 surrounds us, being human, being love.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Libertango (Piazzolla, arranged by Nikolai Kuznetsov)

Play by Adam Whiskin

THANK YOU

to our musicians today
Bruce Corkill & Adam Whiskin

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

There's a great range of events to get along to in the final week of **Climate Festival Pōneke 2026** (<https://tinyurl.com/ftcm yyny>), a fantastic initiative being run by Wellington City Council. There's a fun-sounding evening called Food Lovers Masterclass (<https://tinyurl.com/3kuhurss>) which is all about changing the way we think about food waste. It will cover learning how to store food like a pro, decoding best-before dates, getting creative with leftovers and discovering clever tricks to save money (6pm - 8pm, Tuesday 5 May, Te Aro Zero Waste, 2 Forresters Lane.) Other sessions during the week will cover climate justice, from Pōneke to the Pacific, talking climate change with our kids (and everyone else) - that one's online - and electrifying your home and saving thousands. And if you're feeling active you can join Kaicycle for a working bee or the Kumutoto Restoration Project for a planting day. Do take a look at the programme. I think there's something for everyone. - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

JAMS FUNDRAISER UPDATE

The sale on April 12 (along with a few pre-orders) added about \$550 to the church's coffers. Thank you. For those who were kept away by the storm that day, there will be another opportunity to buy jams, pickles, relishes etc today over morning tea in the hall. EFTPOS will be available but cash is also very acceptable.

See you Sunday.

Sue

Exploring Faith

On Sunday 10th May Ian Harris will continue his presentation on his journey towards a secular Christian faith where he has found major new insights in the worlds of physics and Carl Jung. 12 to 1pm in Conference Room 3.

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.

WIDER COMMUNITY NOTICES

UPCOMING CONCERT – RESONANCE CHOIR – SATURDAY 9 MAY 2026

Purcell's King Arthur – an operatic tale of love and magic that blends the richness of baroque music with a fresh, atmospheric vision. The concert features Wellington Baroque Musicians and includes a cast of outstanding soloists – Rowena Simpson, Anna Sedcole, Helene Page, Elias Nguyen and Joe Haddow.

We have two performances at St Andrew's on The Terrace – Saturday 9 May 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets are limited and must be purchased through Humanitix : <https://events.humanitix.com/king-arthur>

There will be no door sales.

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE GAZA PALESTINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

Christian World Service has launched an emergency appeal to assist people who have been affected by the current conflict in the Middle East, particularly in Gaza. Nearly 85% of the population - 1.9 million people have been displaced in Gaza. They are in urgent need of food, water, shelter and safety. "The people of Gaza are living in harrowing conditions with limited resources, and we cannot stand idly by while they suffer.... Our collective efforts can make a significant difference in the lives of those trapped in this nightmarish situation.", DSPR. Donations can be made through CWS.

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	Pam Fuller and Pat McGiven
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Lynette Burrell and Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Maxine Cunningham, Aaron Cook & Hannah Garty
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Communion	Ellen Murray, Kath Kerr, Ross Scott, Hamish Dick, Katrina Harper & Pam Fuller
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Service Leader	Rev Jim Cunningham

On duty May 10th

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Tania Penafiel-Bermudez
Laptop	Mike Wespel-Rose
Offering	Mike Wespel-Rose and Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Jeni Bryant, Janet Horncy and Jenn Keenan
Family Time	M Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Gillian Feist
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leaders	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday May 3th: Communion service led by Rev Dr Jim Cunningham

Wednesday May 6th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – NZSM String Ensemble

Sunday May 10th 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
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	Sara Rokni (acting)
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