

Celebration of the Resurrection

Waiapu Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Easter Day 10.00 am, 12 April 2020



Paschal candle recycled by Pip Brooker

*As we gather with Bishop Andrew today for this virtual service, please check that your microphone is **muted** unless you have a speaking role*

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Alleluia - Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! - Alleluia!

Sentence for Easter Day:

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

Psalm 118:22

INTROIT: *Kerry and Anthony Tattersall*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We are not eye-witnesses to an event,
as were Mary and the disciples;
we have not journeyed through a dangerous city
to seek answers or consolation;
**we have not seen angels
gathering at the breaking of this day,
or wept in the garden this morning
because we could not find Him.**

But we are here to attest to a story
that has not lost its power
during twenty centuries of change and conflict.

**We are here because those before us
carried this story as if it were precious gold;
cherished it as if it were the key to a hidden wisdom.**

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
take your places here today
in celebration and in awe.
What you are about to hear again,
has the capacity to change the world.
Your very presence attests
to the rising up of life
from the tomb of despair,
and to the uncontrollable power of God.

**It is Easter morning again:
and we will celebrate.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed, alleluia

OPENING HYMN: *Jesus Christ is risen today*

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now exalted, he is King, Alleluia!
with the angels let us sing: Alleluia.

“Lyra Davidica” c.14, Tune: EASTER HYMN

COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY:

Let us pray that the Church may be filled with Christ's resurrection life:

**God of glory,
fill your church with the power
that flows from Christ's resurrection,
that, in the midst of this suffering world,
it may signal the beginning of a renewed and united humanity,
raised to new life with Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Now the green blade rises

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain-
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain:
Love lives again that with the dead has been;
Love has come again
like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid him, Love that fear had slain,
Never once believing he would rise again:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love has come again
like wheat that springs up green.

Up he rose at Easter like the risen grain,
Jesus, who for three days in the grave had lain:
up from the dead our risen Lord is seen;
Love has come again
like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are burdened, grieving or in pain
your touch can call us back to life again:

fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;

Love has come again

like wheat that springs up green.

Words: John Crum, alt. Tune: NOEL NOUVELET

THE HOLY GOSPEL: according to John

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains three measures of music with lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,". The second staff contains two measures of music with lyrics: "Al - - - le - - - lu - - - ia.".

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her. (John 20:1-18)



REFLECTION: *Bishop Andrew*

PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH: *Bishop Andrew*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

ANTHEM: Kerry and Anthony Tattersall

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *led by Dean Ian*

Let us begin by keeping a moment of silent thankfulness for all signs of hope
for the future, for those recovering from Covid-19, and for all who give freely
of themselves for the wellbeing of others.

Silence

Let us pray to the God who suffers with us,
still our refuge and stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation,
that all who are fearful and anxious
may be at peace and free from worry:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the isolated and housebound,
that we may be alert to their needs,
and care for them in their vulnerability:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our homes and families,
our schools and young people,
and all in any kind of need or distress:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For a blessing on our local community,
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,
where all are known and cared for:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God, praying as Christ taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Faithful God, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN: *Thine be the glory*

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

Edmond Louis Budry, Tune: MACCABEUS

CONCLUDING RESPONSES

A grain of wheat is a solitary grain
till it falls to the ground and dies.
A grain of wheat is a solitary grain,
but dead it bears a mighty harvest.

**Praise to Jesus, the resurrection and the life.
All who have faith in Christ,**

**though they die, they will come to life;
and no one who is alive in faith will ever die.**

For the Son of Man was raised up
so that everyone who believes in Jesus
may have eternal life.

**Look on Jesus, lifted up,
lifted high to redeem the world.**

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL: *Bishop Andrew*

Bishop Andrew pronounces a blessing

Go now to love and serve the risen Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.