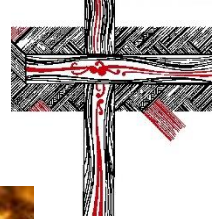


Welcome! Haere Mai!
St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai
Sunday, 5 April 2026



Easter Day. Alleluia!!

Processional Hymn:

Alleluia, alleluia
Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia
Give praise to His Name

Jesus is Lord of all the earth
He is the King of creation

Alleluia, alleluia
Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia
Give praise to His Name

Spread the Good News o'er all the earth
Jesus has died and has risen

Alleluia, alleluia
Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia
Give praise to His Name

We have been crucified with Christ
Now we shall live forever

Alleluia, alleluia
Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia
Give praise to His Name

Come let us praise the living God
Joyfully sing to our Saviour

Alleluia, alleluia
Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia
Give praise to His Name

Welcome and Greeting:

In the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life. **Amen.**

Call to Worship:

God of surprising things
We gather in darkness,
We gather in the shadow of the crucifixion
We gather with the events of Holy Week resting on our hearts.

**On this most mysterious of mornings,
We join as a people of God.
Like the women who found the stone rolled away,
May we be observant to new insights,
May we encounter this story anew within our hearts.**

Open us to new understandings of how the reign of God might be
May we hold lightly the mystery of Easter Sunday morning! Amen

Sentence for Easter

“I have seen the Lord”

Prayer for the Easter Day

Alleluia, Living God,
long ago faithful women
proclaimed the good news of Jesus's resurrection,
and the world was changed forever.

Teach us to keep faith with them,
that our witness may be as bold,
our love as deep,
and our faith as true.

Through Jesus Christ our Liberator,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: *Acts 10: 34-43*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn:

He is Lord, He is Lord
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord

He is King, He is King
He is risen from the dead and He is King
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is King

He is Love, He is Love
He is risen from the dead and He is Love
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Love.

Gospel:

Alleluia, Christ is risen

Christ is risen indeed, alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Praise and glory to God.

Matthew 28:1-10

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

Sermon

The Response

Giving thanks for our own stories of resurrection. Praying for all those people and places in need of God's resurrected life.

You have some squares of coloured tissue paper and pipe cleaners. You are invited to make simple flowers, putting your prayers into the flowers as you make them, either silently, or by writing words, names, and symbols on the petals.

Prayers of the People:

Let us pray for the Church and the world giving thanks for God's goodness ...

Today we pray for the people of the Pacific who are affected by natural disasters, rising sea levels and unpredictable weather. We also pray for the people of the Waiapu Anglican Cathedral Parish of St John and their clergy, and for Religious Orders: Community of the Sacred Name, Christchurch; Order of the Holy Cross; Sisters of the Love of God, Sr. Anne and Kaitiaki Maranú Gascoigne TSSF at St Isaacs; Third Order, Society of St Francis (TSSF).

We pray also for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Craig, Viv, Lynda, Lawrence, Kathy, Reg, Jon, Monique.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in Baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our Baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Praise to God who has given us life.

Blessed be God for the gift of love.

Praise to God who forgives our sin.

Blessed be God who sets us free.

Praise to God who kindles our faith.

Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.

Let us, the baptised, affirm that we renounce evil and commit our lives to Christ.

Blessed be God, Whakapaingia te Atua,

JESUS IS LORD! KO IHU TE ARIKI!

Let us now celebrate the faith into which we were baptised and in which we live and grow.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God 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.**

The Commitment to Christian Service

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God. From the beginning, believers have continued in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

Will you commit yourself to this life?

I will, with God's help.

Will you forgive others as you are forgiven?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek to love your neighbour as yourself,
and strive for peace and justice?

I will, with God's help.

Will you accept the cost of following Jesus Christ in your daily life and work?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole Church will you proclaim by word and action
the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
whose promise endures for ever.

Water

Almighty Father,
grant that we your children
may never be ashamed
to confess the faith of Christ crucified,
but continue his faithful servants
to our lives' end;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Peace:

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Colossians 3: 14 (adapted)

May the peace of God be with you all.

In God's justice is our peace.

E te whānau / Brothers and sisters,
Christ calls us to live in unity.

We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.

Offertory Hymn:

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won*

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away
Kept the folded grave-clothes where the Body lay

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son
Endless is the vict'ry 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 vict'ry 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 conqu'rors through Thy deathless love
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy Home above

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won*

As our Lord has taught us, let's sing together:

**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 forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread:

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The cup of blessing for which we give thanks
is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Communion

The Invitation:

Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

**May we who share these gifts be found in Christ
and Christ in us.**

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, acclaimed as King, crucified as a criminal, teach us
to accept our sufferings and triumphs for Your glory alone, in Jesus'
Name. Amen.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table:

Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation:
through Your goodness we have this bread and wine to share,
which earth has given, and human hands have made.
They will become for us the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Spirit of God be with you
And also with you.

Lift your hearts to heaven.
Where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, to give You thanks most loving God,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, the first born from the dead,
the pioneer of our salvation, Who is with us always, one of us,
yet from the heart of God.

For with Your whole created universe, we praise You for
Your unfailing gift of life. We thank You that You make us human
and stay with us, even when we turn from You to sin.

**God's love is shown to us; while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.**

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, You came
among us in Jesus Christ our crucified and living Lord.

You make all things new, in Christ's suffering and cross
You reveal Your glory and reconcile all peoples to Yourself,
their true and living God.

*In the power of endless life Christ is risen from the grave.
His death has broken death and opened for us the new and
living way. Christ is now our peace and our freedom and our
joy.*

In Your mercy You are now our God. Through Christ You gather us, new-born in Your Spirit, a people after Your own heart.

We entrust ourselves to You,
for You alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

**Now is the acceptable time,
now is the day of salvation.**

Therefore, with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets,
with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise You and say:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of mercy, giver of life;
earth and sea and sky and all that lives,
declare Your presence and Your glory.**

All glory to You, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation.
Accept our praises living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, Who, in the night that He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given You thanks, broke it, gave it to His disciples and said:

Take eat this is My body, which is given for you;
do this to remember Me.

After supper, He took the cup, and when He had given You thanks, He gave it to them and said:

Drink this all of you. This is My blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many to forgive sin.
Do this as often as you drink it to remember Me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our Redeemer, we meet You in Your glory.
We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon Your name.

Here and now, with this bread and wine,
we celebrate Your great acts of liberation,
ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen,
Who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way,
our access to You Father, and source of all new life.
In Christ we offer ourselves to do Your will.

Empower our celebrations with Your Holy Spirit, feed us with Your
life, fire us with your love, confront us with Your justice, and make us
one in the body of Christ with all who share Your gifts of love.

**Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before You in earth and heaven,
we worship You, Creator God. Amen.**

Blessing:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

May our faith find voice and proclaim —

Christ is risen!

May our hearts find life and proclaim -

Christ is risen!

May our souls find purpose and proclaim —

Christ is risen!

May the God of Creation, Resurrection and Eternity
be with you this day and forever.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn:

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia

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.

But the pains that He endured, Alleluia
our salvation have procured, Alleluia
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia
where the angels ever sing, Alleluia.

Dismissal: Happy Easter

This is the Good News -
the grave is empty,
Christ is risen.

HALLELUJAH!

This is the Good News -
**the light shines in the darkness
and the darkness can never put it out.**

HALLELUJAH!

This is the Good News -
**once we were no people,
now we are God's people.**

HALLELUJAH!

Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace
We go now to love and serve the Lord. We go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

HALLELUJAH!

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