



16 April 2017  
Easter Day

## Welcoming the Stranger – Welcoming the Christ

*“Thinking allowed; thinking aloud allowed”*

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**Readers:** Carol Frear    KK    tba    Kaeo

To live is so startling it leaves little time for anything else.

Emily Dickinson

## Plugging in

### Gathering with all the Saints *Christ is alive*

#### Prayer

Each morning,  
we put on those  
comfortable garments  
of burdens and worries,  
but now they are gone!

Each day,  
we walk through life,  
our good and faithful  
friend, death, at our side,  
constantly whispering  
in our ears,

but now he has disappeared!

Each evening,  
we empty our fears  
out of our pockets, leaving  
them on top of the dresser,  
but now, they have been taken away!

We could continue to live  
in the same old ways, the same old days,  
but now, resurrection life is ours,  
and we can sing, dance, and rejoice with you.

We are Easter people, yet we also know how often we live in the shadows, afraid to follow the light. We wander in the gardens of the world, looking for you, never noticing you at our side. Let us confess how it often is for us:

WE COME ON THIS DAY, DISPELLER OF FEARS, WALKING THROUGH THE SHADOWS OF OUR LIVES.

TOO OFTEN, WE BELIEVE OUR FOOLISHNESS IS HIDDEN FROM YOU;

TOO OFTEN, WE STAND BEFORE THE OPEN DOOR OF HOPE, WONDERING IF WE DARE ENTER.

UNCERTAIN OF THE GOOD NEWS OFFERED TO US, WE WOULD RATHER RETURN TO THE COMFORT OF OUR FAMILIAR WAYS THAN TRUST IN YOU.

YET YOU COME, AS PERSISTENT AS MARY AT THE TOMB,  
JOY OF OUR HEARTS, TO OPEN THE GATES SO WE MIGHT WALK IN THE GARDENS OF HOPE;

YOU COME, TO OPEN THE GATES OF GRACE, SO WE MIGHT PLANT PEACE IN THE WILDERNESS OF THE WORLD;

YOU COME, TO OPEN THE GATES OF RESURRECTION,  
SO WE MIGHT KNOW OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST.

God in Community, Holy in One,  
as we pray together, singing...

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**Hymn** *Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord* WOV674

**Time with the Children**

**Symbol of God's Presence**

## Clarifying our Purpose

### Conversation with the Word

Matthew 28:1-10

Today's a day for hearing things through story. The heart of this day can't fit into words that describe or theories that explain. It's beyond that. It's bigger than that. It goes much much deeper into who we are and what it is all for. As the introduction to this story by Joy Cowley in the magazine *Tui Motu* puts it "Sacred Mystery comes with feeling."

[Story of a Little Soul by Joy Cowley](#)

**KK: Filling the Cross with Colour** – all who wish come forward and place flowers on the the cross

Hymn *Relentless lover, God in Christ* Tune: Kingsfold WOV500

## Conversations around the Table

### The World: Our Prayers

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

When we are despairing;  
when the world is full of grief;  
when we see no way ahead,  
and hope has gone away:

Roll back the stone.

Although we fear change;  
although we are not ready;  
although we'd rather weep  
and run away:

Roll back the stone.

Because we're coming with the women;  
because we hope where hope is vain;  
because you call us from the grave  
and show the way:

Roll back the stone.

... *prayer book prayers*...

### Lord's Prayer

## Sent to Carry Healing and Hope

### Serving in the Week Ahead – Gathering our Offering

In the community

... being Christ-shaped

### Dedication

As we offer our gifts on this joyous morning, may they bring light to those in the shadows, laughter to all who mourn, and hope to those longing for life anew. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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### Blessing

May the God who shakes heaven and earth,  
whom death could not contain,  
who lives to disturb and heal us,  
bless you with power to go forth  
and proclaim the gospel.

Kia tau/The grace ...

[singing]

“Peace be with you”, says the risen Christ,  
peace be with us as we hold the word,  
peace determine us, peace affirm in us  
ways to honour what our hearts have heard

Peace be with us in the day-to-day,  
peace connecting all our dreams and drives,  
peace the patient thing, peace that draws the sting,  
potent healer of our broken lives.

Peace be with us in the hour of death,  
peace in darkness on the way of trust,  
peace in letting go all we have or know,  
peace, the presence of the living Christ.

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**Organists:** Diane Patterson KK, Clyde Foster Kao

**Readers:** Neville Frear KK tba Kao

**Door and tea:** Elaine and Ian

**Flowers:** Jan Gough

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

**BIBLE STUDY:** no study this week.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Tuesday 18 April, 7pm in the Kao Church Supper Room.

**AUTUMN HARVEST:** Sunday 23 April. Please bring thanksgiving gifts to share with the foodbank. Non-perishables, with just some perishables for the display.

**IN CORNERSTONE THIS WEEK:**

**Hosts:** Tuesday – Jessica, Mary; Wednesday – Bev, Michael; Thursday – Jenny, Clyde, Sue; Friday – Michelle, Akisi. *Any other offers?*

**Events:** A quiet week! Wednesday: Private counselling pm

Friday: Hangi Bro am Saturday: Car Boot Sale

**KERIKERI RETIREMENT VILLAGE CHAPEL SERVICES:** Every Sunday at 4.00pm at the Ted Robinson Chapel. Sunday 23 April led by Jan, Sunday 30 April by Robyn

**CAR BOOT SALES:** Next sale is Saturday 22 April 7am - 12noon at Cornerstone. Contact Mary 407 1117 re assisting etc.