

*Celebrating*  
**HOPE**



in a broken world

Good Friday, 6 April, 2012  
12.00-1.30pm  
Hagley Park Events Village  
Christchurch

Prelude: I'll rise again - Joy & Victor Griffiths

Introduction: Neil Shaskey

Rt Rev'd Bishop Victoria Mathews

Songs: Lamb of God - Shannelee Etches

Via Dolorosa - Benjamin Samuel

First Word: Luke 23:34

**"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do"** And they divided His garments and cast lots

- Andrew Hoggan

St Mathews Anglican Church

145 Cranford St., St Albans

(03) 355 7004; [www.stmathewschurch.org.nz](http://www.stmathewschurch.org.nz)

Song: At the foot of the Cross - Elaine Goodare

Second Word: Luke 23:42&43

Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom". And Jesus said to him, **"Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise"**

- Fa'amanu Telea

Elim Cathedral of Hope.

285 Cashel Street

(03) 365 5674; [www.ecoh.org.nz](http://www.ecoh.org.nz)

Song: Mary did you know - Shannelee Etches

Third Word: John 19:26&27

When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother **"Woman, behold your son!"** then He said to the disciple, **"Behold your mother!"** And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home

- Ken Shelley

King's Church

257 Waimairi Road, Ilam

(03) 355 8031; [www.kingschurch.org.nz](http://www.kingschurch.org.nz)

Song: You chose the Cross - Andrew Bell

Fourth Word: John 19:28

After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said **"I thirst"**

- Les Memory

St James Anglican Church

69 Riccarton Road, (03) 348 4368

[www.riccartonstjames.org.nz](http://www.riccartonstjames.org.nz)

Song: How deep the Father's love - Benjamin Samuel

Fifth Word: Matthew 27:46

At about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying **“Eli, Eli, lama sabachtani?”** that is **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

- **Murray Robertson**  
Spreydon Baptist Church  
244 Lyttleton St., (03) 338 4163  
[www.spreydon.org.nz](http://www.spreydon.org.nz)

Song: At the Cross I bow my knee - Elaine Goodare

Sixth Word: John 19:30

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **“It is finished!”** and bowing down His head, He gave up His Spirit.

- **Murray Talbot**  
Hornby Presbyterian Community Church  
27 Amyes Road, Hornby, Ph 980 2296  
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Song: Ten thousand angels cried - Shannelee Etches

Seventh Word: Luke 23:45&46

(Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two). And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said **“Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit!”** Having said this, He breathed His last.

- **Steve Leppard**  
Emmett Street Christian Centre  
106 Emmett Street, Shirley  
(03) 386 3143; [www.escc.org.nz](http://www.escc.org.nz)

Song: There is room at the foot of the Cross - Andrew Bell

Song: My life is in your hands - Fernandez Barrett & Group

Closing: Neil Shaskey

### **Prayer of Repentance:**

Heavenly Father, I come to you, just as I am - a sinner needing your grace and forgiveness. I confess with my mouth and believe with my heart that Jesus is the Son of God who died on the cross and paid the price for my sins. That he rose from the dead so that I may have peace and eternal life. Jesus, I receive you into my heart and into my life to be my personal Saviour and Lord. And from this moment and by Your grace, I will follow you all the days of my life. Father, thank you for hearing and answering my prayer which I ask in Jesus' name - Amen.

He was not a political figure. He led no military action. He never wrote a book. He never traveled. His followers were uneducated and often from the fringes of society.

And yet, two thousand years later, it is impossible to imagine our world apart from His imprint on it.

**Three short years** of public ministry were enough to impact and change the world forever.

**He gave the Church to the world:** Imagine a world with—No Peter. No Paul. No Augustine. No Thomas Aquinas. No Francis of Assisi. No Mother Teresa. No Martin Luther or Martin Luther King. No William Wilberforce, No C.S Lewis. No Red Cross, World Vision, Salvation Army - just to name only a sprinkling of people and movements.

**He shaped how we express compassion** when he said ***“Blessed are the poor”*** and ***“Let the children come to me”***. In ancient Greece and Rome, the beautiful and the strong were admired. The weak and abnormal were discarded. But the Church practised His teaching - took care of the sick, the orphans, the widows and the marginalized.

**He shaped political theory** when he said, ***“Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God”*** which gave rise to the idea of limited government - that even kings will one day answer to a higher power and moral law formed the basis of western legal system.

**His teaching** inspired art, architecture, literature and most importantly music.

**His teaching shaped education as we know it.** ***“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”*** Texts of great classical thinkers were copied and preserved by His followers, *convinced that all truth is God's truth – furthermore, the church began to build schools and universities so people could know the truth and love God with all their minds.*

**He changed political history in other ways too when** He said ***“Love your enemy and bless those who persecute you ...”*** He said ***“Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing”*** even while dying on the cross. Early followers *“were torn by dogs; or nailed to crosses, or doomed to the flames...”*. This went on for three centuries. They died for their love of Him. Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King to name a few based their lifestyle and freedom movements on His teaching.

**Who was this man who attracted such devotion?**

**He is a healer, deliverer, giver of life. He is Jesus of Nazareth! Born of a virgin, died for the sins of the world, conquered death, rose again on the third day to return and establish His eternal kingdom here on earth.**

**- Murray Talbot**

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