

Hymns and Lectionary Readings

New Zealand Hymnbook Trust – April to June 2015

(the texts of the NZ hymns can be used as prayers/reflections also)

AA= Alleluia Aotearoa COC= Carol our Christmas

FFS = Faith Forever Singing HIOS = Hope is our Song

(Name of composer/writer of text)

April 3 – Good Friday

Something dead inside me	Gibson or Barrell/Joy Cowley	HIOS
On a cool and autumn dawn	Bill Bennett	HIOS
Great ring of light	Colin Gibson	AA
We wait for you	Gibson/Shirley Murray	AA

April 5 – Easter Sunday

Christ is alive	Jillian Bray/Murray	AA
Where the light of Easter Day	Bray/Murray	HIOS
Relentless lover, God in Christ	Gibson or KINGSFOLD/Marnie Barrell	FFS

April 12 – Easter 2

When at this table (approach to Communion)	Gibson/Murray	HIOS
As we walk along beside you (Emmaus meal)	Ian Render/Michael Perry)	FFS
A stranger met by chance (Emmaus meal)	Gibson/Barrell)	HIOS
One, two, three, alleluia! (children's song and congregational joining in with 'clap, clap' and 'boom, boom, boom' rhythmic riffs in the chorus.)		AA

April 19 – Easter 3

The Kingdom is within you (R&B rhythm)	Cecily Sheehy	AA
Thank you for the night	Jenny McLeod	HIOS
Here I stand among God's people	Gibson/Barrell	HIOS

April 26 – Easter 4/Anzac Day April 27

Honour the dead	Gibson/Murray (Hymn for Anzac Day)	HIOS
Peace child	Gibson/Murray	COC
Be still my heart	Gibson or Sheehy/John Murray (Collect for peace)	FFS

May 3 – Easter 5

Faka Me – special Sunday for Tongan children and youth

He came singing love	Colin Gibson	AA
Let me be kind to you	Colin Gibson	FFS
How is Jesus present?	Cecily Sheehy	AA
We are children of God	Cecily Sheehy	HIOS

May 10 – Easter 6/Home and Family Sunday

We are many we are one	Colin Gibson	FFS
Christians are all kinds of people	Stan Stewart	HIOS
Life into life, the threads are woven	Gibson/Murray	HIOS
Here to the house of God we come	Gibson/Murray	AA

May 17 – Easter 7/Ascension Sunday (or see June 1)

Christ ascends to God	Barry Brinson/Marnie Barrell	HIOS
How is Jesus present?	Cecily Sheehy	AA
Jumping Jesus	Colin Gibson (prop: a mini-trampoline for jumping on)	HIOS
This is our faith	Words by Marnie Barrell (tune Gibson): highly recommended as spoken prayer or meditation.	HIOS

May 24 – Easter 8 Pentecost and also Wesley Day

(non/Methodists can celebrate Wesley Day also)

First half for Wesley Day, second half for Pentecost, though all can fit both occasions.

How small a spark	Gibson/Murray	HIOS
Just a mustard seed	Gibson	HIOS
We thank you for the heritage	Gibson	HIOS
Who would walk cheerfully	MONKS GATE/Murray – also a spoken creed	HIOS
Song of faith that sings forever	Gibson/Murray	FFS

Praise the all-sustaining Word	Gibson	HIOS
Blow through the valleys	Bill Bennett	FFS
Join hands in the Spirit	Radha Wardrop	AA
Make space for Spirit!	Gibson/Murray. As with many new tunes, this one could be introduced by a choir or singing group. The congregation can come to it later. Again, a text worth reading as a prayer.	HIOS

May 31 – Trinity Sunday

E te Matua	Bill Bennett. A fine bicultural text.	HIOS
God our father, mother, lover	Christopher Marshall/Jocelyn Marshall	HIOS
I arise this day	Robyn Allen Goudge	HIOS
Maker of mystery	Gibson/Barrell	AA

June 7 – Pentecost 2 (Ascension Sunday can be observed here. See May 17)

Nothing, nothing in all creation	Brinson/Murray (also useful for May 31)	HIOS
God was in Christ	Gibson/Murray	HIOS
Faith has set us on a journey	Gibson/Murray	FFS
Out of such sun and air	Gibson (strong choir number also! Just be sure the words are printed in the bulletin or put on Power Point)	AA

June 14 – Pentecost 3

Wisdom be our guide	Gibson/Murray	HIOS
Who sweeps the stable	Gibson/Murray. Not a Xmas song, but a servant song	HIOS
Just a cup of water	Felicia Edgecombe	AA
Brother, sister, let me serve you	Richard Gillard	AA
Fancy Noah	Colin Gibson	AA
We are the singers	Jillian Bray/Murray	AA

June 21 – Pentecost 4/ Disability Sunday

How much am I worth?	Gibson	AA
Who is my mother?	Ian Render/Murray	AA
Leftover people	Gibson/Murray	HIOS

June 28 – Pentecost 5 (World Refugee Day) – a selection of healing songs for those on the margins of our society

Who are these strangers?	Colin Gibson	HIOS
Stranger standing at my door	Bray/Murray	FFS
Lover of creation	JESU MEINE FREUDE/Jocelyn Marshall	HIOS
Here to the house of God we come	Gibson/Murray	AA
God of freedom, God of justice	PICARDY or Guthrie Foote/Murray	AA