

FORETASTE OF GLORY DIVINE

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Kia ora Gateway whānau!

Welcome to our second issue of "Nine Fifty". It's wonderful to have you with us for this special Easter edition!

Alongside our church gatherings around Easter, we've created this edition as a guided pilgrimage to the cross, something we'd love for you and your whānau to join us on.

Each page has been carefully curated as an invitation to engage with the narrative of Holy Week. We hope you'll take time this week to sit with these pages and be challenged, inspired and engaged.

On the opposite page we have a centering prayer for the week. We invite you to sit with these words, meditate on their invitation to a sacred space of surrender and frame your journey to the cross in this way – daily.

Alongside this Easter "zine", our team have curated a digital liturgy that serves to compliment this Easter journey.

Beginning on Sunday March 28, we'll be converting both our Facebook and Instagram platforms into a place of encouragement and daily meditation through a short and simple video series presented by various members of our staff and congregation.

Further enhancing this space, our worship team have curated an Easter playlist to accompany our journey toward the cross. This playlist is available on Spotify (scan the QR code below to listen).

As always, our prayer for this zine is that you would be encouraged, inspired, challenged and drawn closer to Jesus through the words, prayers, art and stories that unfold from here. Much love!

FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Editorial

monday

"foretaste of glory"



Easter Spotify Playlist

A collection of worship songs to guide your heart toward Jesus. We pray these songs are an encouragement this week, serving as your worship soundtrack to Holy Week.

*Take time to vocally engage and sing your love to Jesus with these songs.

Jesus. I take time to still my thoughts. I leave my troubles and fears by the wayside, for I know you care for me. I yield my selfish ambitions, failures and best attempts into Your hands.

*Use this prayer as a daily form of surrender this week.

Thank You for your unending mercy and love that echoes in my heart through the gift of the cross. Looking ahead to the pilgrimage set before me, I choose not to climb the ladder of pride, but rather to trust in the downward motion surrender; bending low and following Your example of perfect submission ta the Father. "watching & waiting"

Come and have Your way in my life as You guide and teach me. I watch and wait, looking above, filled with Your goodness and lost in Your love.

tuesday

In every book there are hints of the One to come - "echoes of His mercy and whispers of His love."

In Genesis He is the 'Seed of the Woman?

In Exodus He is the Passover Lamb.

In Leviticus He is the great High priest.

In Numbers, the bronze serpent lifted high.

In Deuteronomy He is the Prophet greater than Moses.

In Joshua, the Captain of our salvation.

In Judges the Lawgiver and Judge.

Ruth He is our Kinsman-Redeemer.

In 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings and 1 & 2 Chronicles He is our Prophet, Priest and King.

In Ezra He is the Faithful Scribe/Teacher.

In Nehemiah He is the rebuilder of our walls.

In Esther He is our advocate in the face of destruction.

In Job He is our Living Redeemer.

In the Psalms He is the Lord our Shepherd.

In Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, our wisdom from God.

In the Song of Solomon, our Lover and Bridegroom.

In Isaiah He is the suffering Servant.

In Jeremiah, the weeping prophet.

In Ezekiel He is the glorious Son of

In Daniel, the Son of man coming on the clouds.

In Hosea He is the faithful Husband.

In Joel, the Giver of the Spirit.

In Amos the Burden Bearer.

In Obadiah, He is the Mighty

In Jonah, the Missionary/forgiving God.

In Micah, He is the ruler of the ages from Bethlehem.

In Nahum, He is our stronghold in the day of trouble.

In Habakkuk, He is the intercessor crying out for revival.

In Zephaniah, the One mighty to save.

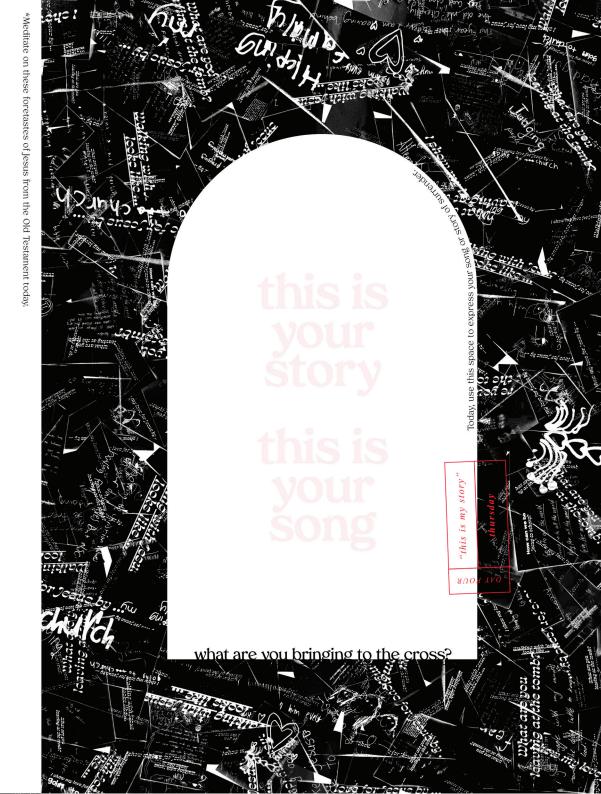
In Haggai, the Desire of all nations.

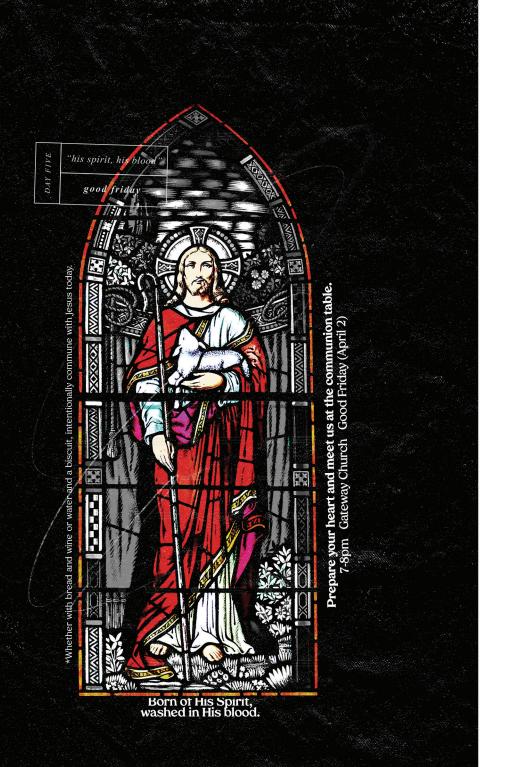
In Zechariah, He is the Righteous Branch and the smitten shepherd.

In Malachi He is the Sun of righteousness rising with healing in His wings.

Looking at that list one is tempted to change the words of the Hymn to "Shouts of Mercy and Roars of love."









recipe:

Edmond's Cookbook Dough Recipe

Easter Resurrection Rolls

- 1 batch of dough
- 8 large marshmallows
- 4 cup melted butter
- 2 tbsp ground cinnamon
- 2 tbsp white sugar

method:

Have fun rolling out these yummy Easter buns at home! Make the dough a day ahead.

Roll out the next day and see how the tomb is empty after baked!

DAY SIX

"filled with his goodness

Preheat oven degrees Celsius. Prepare a greased baking tray or cover with baking paper.

- 2. Roll out dough into a circle. Cut into triangle segments.
- 3. In a small bowl, mix together cinnamon
- 4. Dip a marshmallow into melted butter, roll in sugar mixture. marshmallow centre of triangle. Carefully wrap dough around marshmallow. Pinch seams together tightly to seal in marshmallow as it melts. Place on a baking sheet. Repeat.
- 5. Bake in preheated oven for approximately 15 mins until golden brown.

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9: biblical symbol of divine fullness

5: biblical symbol of God's grace & favour

50: biblical symbol of the coming of the Holy Spirit



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