

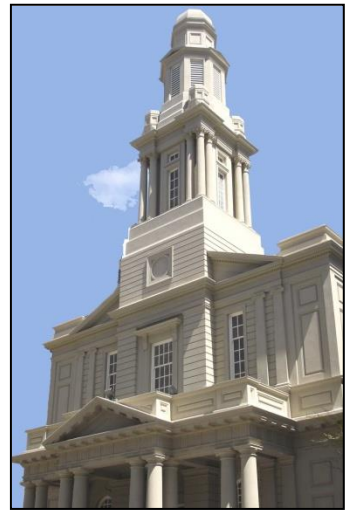
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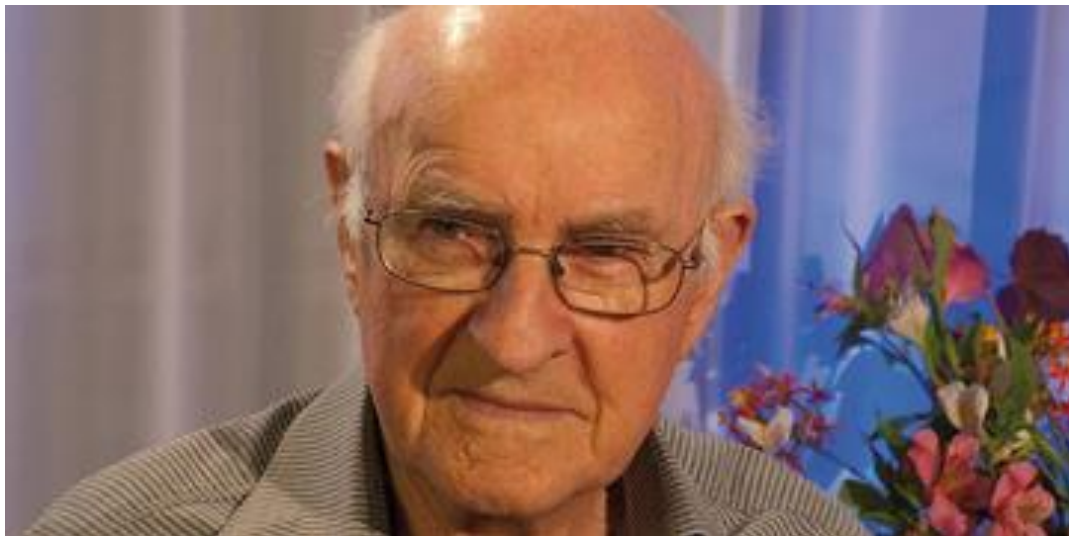
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ORDER OF SERVICE

26 February 2017



Eighth Sunday of Epiphany



How My Thinking Has Changed

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

Wherever you are on your faith's journey,
wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to,
whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome here.

Please join in the congregational responses printed in ***bold italics***.

Please stand if you are able, for the hymns and the offering prayer.

We will sing the hymns without announcement.

To use the loop system in the church, turn your hearing aids on to the appropriate setting.

Please note your nearest fire exit.

The church and hall have been earthquake strengthened. In an earthquake: drop, cover and hold.

***Today, following Rev Ken Irwin and Rev Alastair Harray, we welcome Rev Prof Sir Lloyd Geering
in the third of a series of three Gatherings 'How my Thinking has Changed.'***

We appreciate Lloyd's willingness to share his developing story with us.

PRELUDE

Crown Imperial

by William Walton (1902-1983)

GATHERING

Once we gathered with solemnity beneath a Trinity of Father, Son and Spirit

Now we gather as co-creators of the world we are making together

Once we gathered bound by set formulae and patterns

Now we gather, speaking of the Mystery within us

Once we saw as if through a glass, darkly

Now, more conscious, we see glimpses of wider truth

Always we gather with love between us

***hearts receptive to more truth and light, ears open for the wisdom of the
ages***

So may it be this day as we sing old hymns and new
and ponder how our thinking has changed.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 80 'Immortal, invisible, God only wise'

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824 © Music: Welsh Melody

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;

In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

JESUS PRAYER *(from card)*

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Lloyd Geering

BLESSING THE CHILDREN *(All stand)*

We love having you with us and hope that the activities you will now do will be fun and interesting. ***We bless you. Amen.***

PASSING THE PEACE

Feel free to pass the peace with those nearby or move to greet others further away. Passing the peace consists of shaking hands and saying "Peace be with you." The response is "Peace be with you" or just "And with you." Or, simply saying "Hello" is a good idea. Also feel free to simply observe if you wish!

HYMN

WOV 3 'All creatures of our God and King'

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1882-1226) *translated by* William H. Draper.

Music: © Moon & Musky Music 2002. (verses 1, 4, 5, 7)

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them His glory also show.
O praise Him....

And thou most kind and gentle Death,
Waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou leadest home the child of God,
And Christ our Lord the way hath trod.
O praise Him....

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him....

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Anna Smith

Hebrew Bible

Psalm 8

Gospel

Matthew 5: 1-12

Contemporary reading

Adapted from 'In the beginning... Creativity'

by Gordon Kaufman

True faith in God is not living with a conviction that everything is going to be okay in the end because we know that our heavenly father is taking care of us. It is rather, acknowledging and accepting the ultimate mystery of things and, precisely in face of that mystery, going out like Abraham, not really knowing where we are going, but nevertheless moving forward creatively and with confidence - confidence in the creativity that has brought us into being and has continued to sustain us within the web of life that surrounds us and nurtures us on planet Earth. We now see that we are to love and give ourselves, not only to our human neighbours and enemies, but also to the wider orders of life in which we find ourselves.

In the beginning was creativity, and the creativity was with God, and the creativity was God. All things came into being through the mystery of creativity: apart from creativity nothing would have come into being.

RESPONSE

For the Word in scripture, for the Word among us, for the Word within us,
we give thanks

REFLECTION

Lloyd Geering

HYMN

AA 26 'Come to our land'

Words: ©Shirley Erena Murray, Music: ©Hope Publishing Co. & Colin Gibson

Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of peace, Spirit of truth,
bring in the spring, the hope and the green,
Spirit of growth and Spirit of youth.

*And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God!*

Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of life, breath of new birth,
teach us to care for water and air,
nourish the seed and cherish the earth,

And all our people will sing together:

Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of bush, Spirit of bird,
speak to the soul of Aotearoa
joy in your world, and joy in your word.

And all our people will sing together:

WE BRING OUR GIFTS

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

*We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table, and those which wing
their way electronically from our banks to the church's account.*

We give thanks for our life and the courage we are given to live it

We give thanks for this world and the beauty within it

We give thanks for what we have and what we can do with it;

Let our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity

Let our hope be expressed in our care for this planet

Let our faith be lived out as we share this world with others Amen

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ST ANDREW'S

*Visitors are welcomed and people share notices **which are not printed in the order of service.***

*If you have a notice, please move to the front row, ready to speak **very briefly** from the lectern.*

For the benefit of newcomers, please introduce yourself before you begin.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mike Wespel-Rose

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Yemen and the people and organisations working towards global poverty eradication. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Anne Tolley and Phil Twyford, as well as the people of their electorates of the East Coast and Te Atatū. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Tawa Union Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

AA 113 'Our life has its seasons'

Words: © Shirley Erena Murray, Music: © Colin Gibson

Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow.

*So there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep.

So there's never a time....

There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end.

So there's never a time....

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

March from "The Meistersinger"

by Richard Wagner (1813-1883)

THANK YOU

Peter Franklin

our musician today

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*There is a 2-hour parking limit on the street in the Wellington CBD on Sundays.
If you are staying for an after-church activity, you can move your car into the car park,
or move to a new space on the street.*

We welcome all visitors and invite you to stay for morning tea or coffee.

Please sign the visitors' book at the back of the church.

We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us. At St Andrew's we want you to feel at home—to join in with the activities of our community of faith, or to come and find your own spiritual place in your own time. If you would like more information about St Andrew's or to explore becoming a member or associate member, please fill in one of the welcome leaflets (at the back of the church) and hand it to a minister or a welcoming team member.

AUDIO REFLECTIONS



Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

<http://www.standrews.org.nz/sunday-gathering/orders-of-service>

GENEROUS GIVING

St Andrew's depends on the generous giving of members and friends. If you would like to make a donation or support our work through planned giving, please contact our Parish Office or Treasurer. Bank account for donations is: St Andrews on The Terrace, BNZ Lambton Qy, 02-0534-0004022-02

SUNDAY ROSTERS

A folder with an outline of each duty is now kept on the back table. If you are unable to do your rostered duty please arrange a swap/substitute and inform the office. Thank you.

Thanks to this week's volunteers

Welcoming	Margaret Pannett and Graham Howell
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	Sonia Groes-Petrie and Margaret Pannett
Coffee/tea	Judith Cowley, Caroline Glass & Kath Kerr
Time with the Children	Lloyd Geering
Readings	Anna Smith
Prayers of the People	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Pam Fuller

On duty Sunday 5 March

Welcoming	Jim and Maxine Cunningham
Sound	Frank Cook
Offering	Graham Howell and Joan Tyler
Coffee/tea	Dawn Cowdry, Peter Bacos & Katrina Harper
Time with the Children	Cameron Smart
Readings	Lois Robertson
Prayers of the People	Linda Wilkins
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Roger Jones
Communion	Sue McRae, Margaret Rushbrook, Ken Irwin & Kath Kerr

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 26 February 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Sir Lloyd Geering
Followed by morning tea with a 99th birthday cake and **Exploring Faith** 11.45am-1.00pm in the St Andrew's Centre. Today we will discuss the 'How my Thinking has Changed' series and plans for the Exploring Faith Group for 2017.

Wednesday 1 March Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 1 March 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert - 19th Century Song Recital including songs by Schubert & Fauré

Wednesday 1 March 6-7pm Ash Wednesday service in the church led by Susan

Thursday 2 March 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Sunday 5 March 10am Sunday Gathering & Communion for the first Sunday in Lent led by Susan Jones, followed by Congregational Brunch in the Hall.

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

'HOW MY THINKING HAS CHANGED'

In this series, three of our honorary associate ministers are sharing with us how their thinking has changed over time. Rev Ken Irwin began the series which was continued last week by Rev Alastair Harray. Today Rev Prof Sir Lloyd Geering reflects with us on his 99th birthday. We thank these three men very sincerely for laying their thinking open to us. In about six months' time, in another three-week series, we will hear similar summaries from lay people. Watch this space!

EXPLORING FAITH FURTHER

After church **today (from 11.45 - 1pm)** the Exploring Faith study time will be an opportunity to discuss the 'How my Thinking has Changed' series -continuing conversation about how faith can change over time. We will also discuss what kind of sessions and material this group would like in 2017. **All are welcome.** This is not a pre-prepared or exclusive group. If you cannot attend today but have ideas about what you would like the group to tackle please email Susan minister@standrews.org.nz

ST. ANDREW'S TRUST FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION & SOCIETY

Our 2 lectures plus a seminar series on *Human Flourishing* begins with a lecture in March: **Thursday 9 March 12.30pm-2.00pm.** Rev Dr Susan Jones 'Introduction to Human Flourishing' at St Andrew's on The Terrace. Another lecture will follow in April and a Friday/Saturday seminar in May.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

DCM BOOKFAIR

Our 2017 Book fair will take place on Saturday 5 August, Shed 6, 8am-8pm. We will only be able to take book donations after Easter this year due to a huge back log our sorters will need to work through thanks to the amazing generosity of Wellingtonians!

In the meantime, we are trialling a new initiative over the next four weeks. Each Saturday, volunteers will be setting up a book cart with quality second-hand fiction for sale at Shelly Bay (adjacent to Chocolate Fish Café, 100 Shelly Bay Road). Please stop by, thank our wonderful volunteers for the work they do for DCM, and pick up some summer reading.

Each Saturday from 11 February for 4 weeks, 10am – 2pm (weather dependent!).



THE CARE OF OUR EARTH –THREE FAITH PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday 8 March, 7pm Salvation Army Citadel, 92 Vivian St. All welcome.

Speakers:

Jewish Dr Paul Blaschke, Ecologist, Otago University

Christian Catherine Gibbs, The Catholic Institute

Muslim Tbc

The continuing degradation of the natural environment in which we live as human beings is a major issue in our world today. What do the Abrahamic faith traditions affirm about our responsibility as human beings to care for the earth that our creator has given us to live in? Has the contemporary environmental crisis changed or developed the understandings within our faith traditions? Do our faith traditions have a distinctive contribution to make to discussion of this issue in our contemporary secular western world? Our three speakers will address the audience, after which we will hold a group discussion. Light refreshments will be served. Come to the event, and contribute to the conversation. For more information, please contact [Dave Moskovitz](mailto:dave@abrahamic.nz) (dave@abrahamic.nz / 027 220 2202).

CHANGES TO THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry of Social Development plan to no longer have "security" settings for its most vulnerable clients in an effort to save time when they call the 0800 call centres. This move is strongly opposed by advocacy groups and groups supporting victims of domestic violence, as these people, mainly women, are a significant group who currently have secure files. Insecure files means ex partners can obtain address details and change details such as rent and how many children are in the family home, simply by knowing details e.g. date of birth, benefit number. The Ministry need to be stopped as safety is far more important than a minute saved per call. **Graham can provide contact details for those who want to stop this attack on vulnerable people.**

PIPES AND PANCAKES – A Zimbelstern Foundation Event

A fun-filled evening of music and pancakes for the whole family. Entry by koha. Proceeds to Wellington City Mission. **Tuesday 28th February 6.00pm** - St. Peter's, 211 Willis St Wellington Central; St. James', 71 Woburn Rd Lower Hutt; and St. Luke's 34 Pitt St Wadestown.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – “Am I being unfair to you?”

The world day of prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. All women are encouraged to pray with and for the countries and cultures in the world including the Pasefika regarding the issues they are facing. Light refreshments to follow, **Friday 3rd March** Porirua Community Prayer Service 7.00pm, PIPC (Pasefika Presbyterian Church) 207 Champion St, Porirua.

MICHAEL HOUSTOUN PLAYS “THE 48”

The sublime 'Well-tempered Klavier' of J.S. Bach complete, in two epic concerts. **Saturday & Sunday March 11 & 12 2017**. Globe Theatre, Palmerston North www.globetheatre.co.nz

FAITH SPOKEN, FAITH SUNG:

St Pauls Lutheran Church, 12 King Street, Mt Cook, Wellington will **meet every second Sunday of the month during March-October, at 2 p.m.** to remember the Reformation with hymns and organ chorales from the Lutheran tradition, presentations on themes of the Reformation by speakers from various backgrounds and a major organ work by one of the Baroque/Lutheran masters in the genre of Prelude and Fugue, Toccata and Fugue. The formal session ends at 3.15 p.m. and is followed by hospitality and fellowship till 4 p.m. **Sunday 12 March 'The Reformation Discovery'** Organ Work: J. S. Bach: Prelude & Fugue in C Minor. Chorale Preludes: Nun Freut Euch (Dietrich Buxtehude, Caspar Othmayr)

LIVING WAGE

Living Wage stage - Newtown Festival Sunday 5 March. Last year three local musicians and Living Wage supporters coordinated a hugely successful all-day Living Wage stage at the Newtown Fair. We need volunteers for our Living Wage stall beside the stage. We'll be collecting signatures on Wellington City Council Annual Plan submissions supporting the Living Wage. If you can do a two-hour slot between 10-4pm, please email lyndy.mcintyre@livingwage.org.nz

Announcement of the 2017/2018 Living Wage rate was made on 21 February: The new rate for the living Wage is \$20.20 which will apply from July 1.

WELLINGTON PRIDE FESTIVAL

<http://www.gayline.org.nz/wellington-pride-festival-2017>

From the website: We are excited to announce **Wellington Pride Festival | Tū whakahihī e Te Whanganui-a-Tara 2017** will be held from 3-19 March 2017. Our inaugural festival in 2016 was a huge success with more than 30 incredibly diverse events in venues around Wellington over 9 days. With so much enthusiasm our

programme was bursting at the seams, so in 2017 we are thrilled to be able to spread out the events over 17 days.

The theme for Wellington Pride Festival | Tū whakahīhī e Te Whanganui-a-Tara 2017 is Fantasy. We will kick off with a big bang at the opening ceremony on 3 March 2017 and will build over two weeks to the Wellington Pride Parade and Out in the Park on Saturday 18 March 2017, followed by an after party and youth ball. Two events are planned for St Andrew's (Rainbow Room series, see below) and we have asked for this message to be included in the programme:

St Andrew's on The Terrace is an open, inclusive and accepting church. Members of LGBTQI communities are welcome at our 10am Sunday Gatherings during Pride Festival and any time of the year. Gatherings last about 1- 1.5 hours and are followed by brunch or morning tea (free and friendly!). Check the website: www.standrews.org.nz. Queries? Email Susan (minister) minister@standrews.org.nz

Ellen Murray and Fionnaigh McKenzie are assisting with the Gay and Christian stall at the Out in the Park day (18 March). Call and visit them and other great entertainment.

RAINBOW ROOM SERIES

These two early evening seminars will revolve around issues of diversity and human rights, especially in relation to transgender rights. They will be held in the Centre – come to the Rainbow Room initially. 5.30-6.30pm Thursdays March 9th and 16th. Any queries contact Susan on minister@standrews.org.nz

MISSION STATEMENT OF ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

To create a lively, open Christian faith community,
to act for a just and peaceful world, and to be catalysts for discovery,
compassion and celebration in the capital.

MINISTRY AT ST ANDREW'S – THE TEAM

Minister	Susan Jones
Parish Council Convenor	Lynne Dovey
Parish Council Clerk	Colma Froggatt
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Douglas Wood
Pastoral Convenors	Lois Robertson, Brian Burrell, Linda Wilkins and Maxine Cunningham
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Heather Macfarlane
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	In process of appointment
Church, Conference and Arts Manager	Karyn Bishop
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