

ORDER OF SERVICE

14 May 2017

Easter 5



Spirituality of Life
Life and Breath (Prayer)

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 may sing the hymns without announcement.

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

Printed copies of the reflection are available for those with extreme hearing difficulties to use during the service. Others can pick up a copy as they leave. Just ask the welcoming team.

Please note your nearest fire exit.

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

GATHERING

After Easter's change in direction, the Word is alive!

Spirituality shifts from darkness into a new and living day;

Following a Spirituality of Life we

trust in the Way we have been shown

trust in each other as community and in the One who leads us

The Word is Life, the Way is Life, Life is Breath

let us celebrate how prayer breathes us into life

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

FFS 50 'Nothing is lost on the breath of God'

Words & Music: © Colin Gibson

Nothing is lost on the breath of God,
nothing is lost for ever;
God's breath is love, and that love will remain,
holding the world for ever.
No feather too light, no hair too fine,
no flower too brief in its glory;
no drop in the ocean, no dust in the air,
but is counted and told in God's story.

Nothing is lost to the eyes of God,
nothing is lost for ever;
God sees with love and that love will remain,
holding the world for ever.
No journey too far, no distance too great,
no valley of darkness too blinding;
no creature too humble, no child too small
for God to be seeking, and finding.

Nothing is lost to the heart of God,
nothing is lost for ever;

God's heart is love, and that love will remain,
holding the world for ever.
No impulse of love, no office of care,
no moment of life in its fulness;
no beginning too late, no ending too soon,
but is gathered and known in God's goodness.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.
Kia ora.

JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sue McRae

BLESSING THE CHILDREN *(All stand)*

We send you to the Rainbow Room programme to hear stories, ask questions
and have fun together. ***We bless you. Amen.***

HYMN

AA 94 (i) 'Loving Spirit'

Words © 1987 Shirley Murray Music © David Dell

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be--
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

Like a mother, you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father, you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.

Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed;
in your promised is my comfort,
in your presence I may rest.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be--
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

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!

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Susan

Hebrew Bible

I Kings 19: 1-15

SUNG PRAYER

'Let us reach down deep inside us'

Words © 2015 Susan Jones Tune: Gaelic Traditional Melody arr John Bell FFS 10 (i)
We sing the hymn seated, with pauses for reflection in between each verse

Let us reach down deep inside us
to the place where quiet reigns;
Find the Self who lives inside us
knows our joy and knows our pains:
Let our ego stand aside there,
shadow sharing space with light.
Let our inner selves rejoice at
how Love shines in darkest night.
Silence

Wind and fire and earthquake pass but
Spirit is not found in them;
Still, small voice is hardly heard, but
brings Love which does not condemn.
In lives buffeted by windstorms,
rocked by quakes and scorched by fire,
stillness brings surprising solace
as we find there, hearts' desire.
Silence

Sacred calm means minds can settle,
hearts grow quiet, souls grow still;
Busy thinking slows its rhythm,

gives compassion chance to fill.
Even long-forgotten scars heal
as new balm brings a new way;
Every space and every crevice
warms as Love arrives to stay.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Margaret Pannett

Contemporary reading

"Silence Is God's First Language"

by Cynthia Bourgeault

The Divine Indwelling

... Christian theology makes very clear that the human being is not God and that the innermost core of our being is not itself divine. And yet theology has always upheld the reality of the "divine indwelling." As we move toward centre, our own being and the divine being become more and more mysteriously interwoven. "There is in the soul a something in which God dwells, and there is in the soul a something in which the soul dwells in God," writes the medieval mystic Meister Eckhart, the subtlety of his words reflecting the delicacy of the motion. In our own times, Thomas Merton describes this "something" in a passage of astonishing clarity and beauty:

At the centre of our being is a point of nothingness which is untouched by sin and illusion, a point of pure truth, a point or spark which belongs entirely to God, which is never at our disposal, from which God disposes of our lives, which is inaccessible to the fantasies of our own mind or the brutalities of our own will. This little point of nothingness and of absolute poverty is the pure glory of God written in us, as our poverty, as our indigence, as our son-ship. It is like a pure diamond blazing with the invisible light of heaven. It is in everybody, and if we could see it, we would see these billions of points of light coming together in the face and blaze of a sun that would make all the darkness and cruelty of life vanish completely. I have no program for this seeing. It is only given. But the gate of heaven is everywhere.

Notice how deftly Merton navigates the tricky theological waters here. His words are bold, in that he claims - to my knowledge more clearly than any other Christian mystical writer - that at the centre of our being is an innermost point of truth which shares not only the likeness, but perhaps even the substance of God's own being. And yet, following the bent of

Christian tradition, he makes it absolutely clear that access to this centre is not at our command; it is entered only through the gateway of our complete poverty and nothingness.

The divine indwelling is the cornerstone of contemplative prayer. Thomas Keating refers to it as "our personal big bang," for it reveals the Source of our own being - the explosion of divine love into form which first gave rise to our personal life. It also reveals the direction in which our hearts must travel for a constantly renewed intimacy with this Source. As we enter contemplative prayer, we draw near the wellspring from which our being flows.

Read more at <http://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/faith-tools/meditation/2004/11/silence-is-gods-first-language.aspx?p=3#Oi8PSbkDCazq2Mbl.99>

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

‘Life and Breath’

Susan Jones

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

We hold in open hands these gifts – money from our earnings, food for those who need it more than we do. We bring with these gifts what we can bring of ourselves. We give all, letting it all go into the greatness which is Love, accompanied by the earnest hope that these gifts will make a difference to the world. So may it be. Amen

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.

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ST ANDREW'S

*People share notices and visitors are welcomed. If you have a notice not already in the order of service, please move to the front row, ready to speak **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 Austria and the Ecumenical Council of Churches in Austria. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Steffan Browning and David Carter list MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Greytown – St Andrew's Union Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

AA 110 'O threefold God of tender unity'

Music: Jillian Bray © Words: © William Livingstone Wallace

O threefold God of tender unity,
Life's great unknown that binds and sets us free:
Felt in our loving, greater than our thought,
You are the mystery found, the mystery sought.

O blaze of radiance, source of light that blinds,
Fierce burning fire in clear prophetic minds,
You live in mystery, yet with in us dwell;
Life springs from you as from a living well.

In every making, each creative dream,
And in the flow of life's great healing stream,
When love is born or people reconciled,
We share your life, O Parent, Spirit, Child.

Most loving Parent, Child of joy and pains,
Spirit creating, life- force that sustains,
Tissue and bone are touches of your hand,
Your face we see in water, air and land.

O threefold God of tender unity,
Life's great unknown that binds and sets us free:
Felt in our loving, greater than our thought,
You are the mystery found, the mystery sought.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Judy Dumbleton

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	Jim & Maxine Cunningham
Sound	Peter Cowley
Offering	Graham Howell & Joan Tyler
Coffee/tea	Frank & Sue Cook, Judith Cowley
Time with the Children	Sue McRae
Readings	Margaret Pannett
Prayers of the People	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Rainbow Room Helper	Roger Jones

On duty Sunday 21 May

Welcoming	Erlinawati & Duncan Graham
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	James Cone & Jon Schrader
Coffee/tea	Richard Owen, Kath Kerr & Lois Robertson
Time with the Children	Frank Hanson
Readings	Lynne Dovey
Prayers of the People	Jennifer Bush-Daumec
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Sonia Groes-Petrie

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 14 May 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones

Followed by Congregational Conversation.

Wednesday 17 May Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 17 May 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert - Wellington Guitar Duo

Thursday 18 May 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Sunday 21 May 10am Sunday Gathering led by Frank Hanson Followed by Social Justice Meeting with Brenda Pilott. Manager of social services for NZ "Client privacy and MSD funding"

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE SEASON OF EASTER

We're celebrating being human: **Sunday 21 May** Rev Dr Frank Hanson; **Sunday 28 May** 'The Life at the Depths of Me.' **June 4** is Pentecost Sunday.

A HELPING HAND FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Norman Wilkins is donating his handyman skills to the St Andrew's organ fund. If you have handyman projects you'd like him to do, he donates his time (you pay for materials, maybe towards transport) then you make whatever organ fund donation you think appropriate. Phone Norman 970 1010 to discuss the suitability of your job.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GATHERING – PRIVACY AND MSD

21 May 11.45-1pm. Brenda Pilott, manager of Social Service Agencies New Zealand presents a power-point and answers questions about her organisation's response (and that of other social service agencies - Rape Crisis, Alcohol and Drug programme providers) to Government moves forcing them to share client files with the Ministry of Social Development. There's real concern about the merit sharing individual client files has, compared to anonymous data with research merit. The Ministry claims a desire to better coordinate services, however this can lead to retraction of services for vulnerable people, and breach of privacy. This is a classic dilemma - share client details by name or risk closure through reduced funding. Should government policy advisers know which people access which services? Privacy of those affected by rape, domestic violence and addicts is seemingly ignored. Hear Brenda after the Gathering next week.

SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS 2017: There'll be just three Spirited Conservation evenings in 2017. Dates are **Tuesdays on May 23, July 18, and September 19**, (we have a full calendar with pre-election Social Justice gatherings, see above)

Spirited Conversation: May 23rd, 6.15pm in Conference Rooms 1 & 2. Dinner \$10

Speaker: Mani Mitchell. Mani identifies as an intersex person, is a counsellor and educator, working on gender issues. Mani regularly lectures at University and has run workshops around the world.

Topic: 'Trans 101', an introduction to the meaning of the letters in the acronym **lgbtqi**.

PINK SHIRT DAY FRIDAY MAY 26

Think PINK! PINK SHIRT DAY* is Friday 26 May and we are hosting a Tea on the Terrace at St Andrew's from 2.30-3.30 pm, like the event Susan organised with Jem Traylen to mark Transgender Visibility Day. You can help in five different ways:

1. Make something pink to serve at afternoon tea (pink-iced biscuits, cupcakes, popcorn, candyfloss, salmon pate on crackers, beetroot humus & sour cream etc.) Be creative! And please bring your food along by 2.15 pm on the day.
 2. Come to St A's on Friday 26 May at 2 pm to help set up and serve afternoon tea with me.
 3. Stay a little later to help clean up and do the dishes.
 4. Tell all your friends, workmates and neighbours about it (in person, by email or Facebook)
 5. Wear a pink shirt (or tie) for the occasion and enjoy some Tea on the Terrace with us.
- If you can help in the Number 1 way, please let me know so we have an idea of catering quantities.

*The message of Pink Shirt Day is: Speak up - Stand together - Stop bullying

Any questions? See Sue McRae or phone: 475 7899 or 0274 490 601 or visit the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PinkShirtDayAotearoa>. You can also support the cause by buying t-shirts from this online shop: <http://www.mrvintage.co.nz/pink-shirt-day>

HOLIDAY TIME IN THE OFFICE

It's been a busy start to 2017! Some who work in the office and centre will be taking annual leave May/June. Karyn is away from Monday 8 May, returning Monday 22 May. Susan takes leave from Tuesday 16 May, returning Tuesday 23 May. Laetitia is away from Monday 29 May, returning Wednesday 7 June. Vivien is also on leave on Friday 2 June and Sunday 4 June. We'll continue to cover the Parish and Centre. Just take into account there may be only one here to help at certain times. It could take longer than usual to get a response from the office! Thank you for your patience.

HOLD THE DATE:

Friday 28 July at 6.30 pm - Jane Keller presents "Let Us Entertain You" with Michael Nicholas Williams and Peter Franklin. A fundraiser for the organ restoration. More details shortly.

ST ANDREW'S ASKS YOU - WHAT KIND OF SOCIETY DO WE WANT?

On three occasions this election year St Andrew's will help present the issues to the general public. **Keep these dates free and invite others to these events held between 5.30 and 7pm.**

Monday July 10 Topic: Housing. Wellington Central MP Grant Robertson and other speakers

Tuesday 15 August Topic: Income Inequality in NZ. Speakers to be confirmed but probably Max Rashbrooke.

Thursday 31 August We host political candidates for the Centre for Theology and Political Issues' series 'Keeping Faith in Politics'

DESERTER: A NOVEL BASED ON TRUE EVENTS by ANN BARRIE

Description: Why would a dedicated soldier turn his back on his own country and everyone he loves? Based on a true story given to Ann's father, Charles M Herbert, this is New Zealand author Ann Barrie's first novel. *One motif is religious faith, or lack of it. A chapter is in a highland kirk, and another in Glasgow Cathedral (Church of Scotland).*

Available on Amazon.com as a Kindle at: <http://www.amazon.com/dp/B071Y3Y7HK> and as a paperback: ISBN: 9780473390655. Also on Kobo.com and Smashwords.com

Put in a suggestion to buy at your local library branch, or online:

www.wcl.govt.nz/about/services/suggestion.html .

Author bio: Christchurch-born Ann Barrie was educated at Papakura High School, and Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School. She has a BA in French from the Auckland University, and a LLB from Victoria University (Wgton). Librarian by profession, Ann lives the south coast of Wellington.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

VIDEO OF SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING for JOHN MURRAY

The Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Very Rev. John Stewart Murray was held at Kapiti Uniting Church in Raumati South, on Tuesday 21

February 2017. Officiating -The Reverend Roger Wiig and the Reverend Ken Irwin. Organist - Roy Tankersley . A video of the service is available at the following link:

<https://vimeopro.com/withloveweremember/johnmurray>

LUTHERAN- CATHOLIC COMMEMORATION OF THE REFORMATION

On Sunday 4 June the Lutheran and Catholic churches will gather to pray together in Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. This is a very significant event in the lives of our two churches and to mark this we invite you to a joint commemorative worship at the Roman Catholic Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Hill St, Wellington. The joint commemorative worship will take place at the Cathedral at 3pm on Sunday 4 June. This will be followed by a light afternoon tea and an opportunity for socialising. We would very much appreciate your presence with us that day.

John A Cardinal Dew
Archbishop of Wellington

Bishop Mark Whitfield
Lutheran Church of New Zealand

CHILD POVERTY ACTION GROUP POST BUDGET BREAKFAST

Each year Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) provides child-focused analysis and commentary of the budget. An accessible, affordable avenue for the community to hear together how the budget affects children and young people, especially the most vulnerable in poverty. Venue: The Boat Shed, Taranaki Street Wharf Time: 7:15am- 8:45am *** Breakfast 7.15am, speakers 7.30am ** Tickets: \$30 - high income, \$20 medium income, \$10 low income. Register by 24 May. Visit cpag.org.nz

GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER TO END FAMINE.

You are invited to join a global initiative in response to widespread hunger and famine. The World Council of Churches and the All Africa Conference of Churches have set aside Sunday 21 May for a Global Day of Prayer to End Famine.

UN and other agencies do not have enough resources for all those affected even if they could reach them. Families are being torn apart by conflict and hunger. Please join us in praying for peace and for the sharing of enough food and water to keep people alive.

More information can be found here <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/201cfood-is-a-divine-gift201d-wcc-invites-global-day-of-prayer-to-end-famine?>

WELLINGTON SAFER HOMES EVENT

The Wellington City Council and the Environmental Protection Authority invite you to the inaugural Wellington Safer Homes Event, Michael Fowler Centre **26 & 27 May**.

Joined with partners NZ Fire Service, NZ Police, ACC, Safe Kids, Plunket, Wellington Free Ambulance, Earthquake Commission, National Poisons Centre and Housing New Zealand to provide information and improve understanding about some of the potential dangers around the home. On Saturday 27 May, the event will be open to the public from 10am – 4pm and will have sessions on various aspects of safety in the home.

Please respond to helen.flannery@epa.govt.nz by **Friday 5 May** if you are interested in your group attending the designated seniors safety session at the Safer Homes event on **Friday 26 May**. Please indicate numbers. There are limited places available at this session. We will confirm your booking and provide additional details at this time.

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
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Pastoral Convenors	Linda Wilkins and Maxine Cunningham Lois Robertson, Brian Burrell,
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Heather Macfarlane
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Harriet Dawson
Centre Manager	Laetitia Brunell
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