

# St Andrew's on The Terrace

*Hato Anaru o Te Parehua*

Founded 1840



## ORDER OF SERVICE

24<sup>th</sup> December 2014

### CHRISTMAS EVE



*Congregational responses are printed in **bold**. We will sing the carols without announcement. Stand if you are able, but feel free to remain seated if that is more comfortable for you.*

**During the service an offering will be gathered for the Christian World Service Christmas Gift Appeal.**

## ORGAN PRELUDE

**Peter Franklin**

## INTROIT

### **Gloria in Excelsis Deo**

**St. Andrew's Singers**

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## GATHERING

In this southern place  
pohutukawa stands all year  
green and murmuring  
wind whipped  
clinging to rocky shore lines.

Barbara Sampson (adapted)

But when pohutukawa breaks  
glorious red  
against a clear blue sky  
to the roar of rolling surf  
we know that Christmas has come.

Pohutukawa Christ,  
you stand in our midst all year  
singing your ever-green song of love.  
But at Christmas you break out  
blood-red, flesh soft  
to the sound of a baby breathing.  
Gift beyond description we welcome you!

***Let us celebrate life in the presence we name God.***

## PROCESSIONAL CAROL

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It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
With news of joy foretold,  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all  
From heaven's all gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,  
Love's banner all unfurled;  
And still their heavenly music floats  
Over all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
Old echoes plaintive ring,  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,  
By prophets seen of old,  
When with the ever circling years  
Shall the time foretold;  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendours fling,  
And the whole world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

## WELCOME

### A CANDLE LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

This **first candle** we light  
is to remember those whom we have loved and lost.  
*(First candle is lit)*

We pause to remember  
their name,  
their face,  
their voice,  
the memory that binds them to us in this season.

***May God's caring love surround them and us***

This **second candle** we light is to mend the pain of loss.  
The loss of relationships,  
the loss of jobs,  
the loss of health  
the loss of home.  
*(Second candle is lit.)*

We pause to gather up the pain of the past and offer it to God,  
asking that from God's hands  
we receive the gift of peace.

***Refresh, restore, renew us Gracious God,  
and lead us into the future.***

This **third candle** we light  
is to remember ourselves this Christmas time.  
*(Third candle is lit.)*

We pause and remember the past weeks and months and years:  
the disbelief,  
the anger,  
the down times,  
the poignancy of reminiscing,  
the hugs and handshakes of family and friends,  
all those who stood with us.

We give thanks for all the support we have known.

***Let us remember that dawn defeats darkness.***

This **fourth candle** we light  
is to remember the gift of hope  
which the Christmas story can offer us.  
*(Fourth candle is lit.)*

We remember that Creativity God is a companion,  
sharing our life,  
blessing us,  
and filling us with longing and with courage.

***Let us remember the new possibilities now in the present.***

### **SILENCE**

Spirit of God, calm the turmoil in our lives  
so that we can hear your still small voice.

### **FLUTE DUET**

**Duane McKibben and Fiona McDougal**

### **CAROL**

Words adapted by © George Stuart: Music © William James Kirkpatrick  
WOV 242 Cradle Song

Away in a manger, no pillow or a bed,  
the baby boy Jesus is born in a shed;  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the baby boy Jesus asleep on the hay.

While cattle are standing, the baby's asleep  
Sought after by shepherds who leave all their sheep;  
And wise men bring treasures; they've come from afar  
To give gifts to Jesus; they followed a star.

Yes, Jesus is near me, I know he will stay  
Close by me for ever and love me each day;  
He blesses all children; we know we will share  
A wonderful friendship in his tender care.

*Children come to the front*

## STORYTIME FOR THE CHILDREN

DUET     *Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth*                      Georgia & Thomas Gray

## LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We have waited with hope  
*for God to bring justice and righteousness.*  
We have waited with peace  
*for God's shalom to be felt.*  
We have waited with joy,  
*celebrating the things God has already done.*  
We have waited with love,  
*awed by how God's love has been shown to us.*

Tonight we light this candle  
to celebrate the light of God, coming into the world  
in the birth of Jesus.

*O God of hope and peace, joy and love  
From that stable so long ago  
your light shines out  
into every corner of the world.*

*Help us to sing with angels  
of the joy of your coming.  
Help us to live by your light not only today,  
but throughout the whole year,  
so that tidings of peace and goodwill to all  
will truly transform everything.*

## CAROL

Words: Isaac Watts; Music: G F Handel

Antioch WOV 224

Joy to the world! The Promised One  
has come shalom to bring.  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a room,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns:  
let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

Graceful and true, the Saviour rules,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of the way of peace,  
and wonders of God's love,  
and wonders of God's love,  
and wonders, wonders of God's love.

## PASSING THE PEACE

The Holy Child of peace has come to dwell among us!  
Let us share the peace with one another.  
Christ has come among us!  
The peace of Christ and the joy of Christmas be always with you.  
***And also with you.***

## HYMN

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Christ of darkness, Christ of light,  
burning undiminished, bright;  
high above, a million stars  
shine down on the king of night.  
Christ to whom the angels sang,  
Christ for whom the heavens rang,  
truth and peace and love you bring,  
and yours the song we too would sing.

Christ of poverty and need,  
thrust aside by human greed,  
dare we leave you in a stall,  
O Son of God who made us all.

Christ to whom the angels sang,  
Christ for whom the heavens rang,  
truth and peace and love you bring,  
and yours the song we too would sing.

Christ for whom a mother lay  
in the shadows, on the hay,  
all creation comes to birth  
in this travail here on earth.

Christ to whom the angels sang,  
Christ for whom the heavens rang,  
truth and peace and love you bring,  
and yours the song we too would sing.

(repeat chorus)

## WORD IN TEXTS

### Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 9: 2-7

*Unto us a child is born....*

**Douglas Wood**

### Gospel

Luke 2: 1-7

*The Birth*

**Colma Foggatt**

Luke 2: 8-14

*The Angels*

**Frank Hanson**

Luke 2: 15-20

*The Shepherds*

**Joan Tyler**

### SOLO

### *O Holy Night*

**Georgia Gray**

*Words: © Placide Cappeau: Music: © Adolphe Charles Adams*

### Contemporary Reading:

*Those Who Saw The Star*

**Anna Smith**

by Julia Esquivel

### ST ANDREW'S SINGERS

### *Angels' Carol*

**John Rutter**

### REFLECTION

*"The Two Sons of David"*

**Jim Cunningham**

## CAROL

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Dream a dream, a hopeful dream  
as children do on Christmas Eve,  
imaginings, surprising things  
to hold and to believe.

Dream a time this Christmas time  
when no-one's hungry or afraid;  
that weapons go and harvests grow,  
that friends are met and made.

Dream a peace, our planet's peace,  
the greening of the earth at play,  
the holy ground where life is found,  
where God has touched the clay.

Dream a gift, the Christmas gift  
that changes everything we see:  
the shimmering of angel wing,  
the Child, the Mystery.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Eternal Spirit, Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,  
source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
loving God, in whom is heaven.*

*The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom come on earth!  
With the bread that we need for today, feed us.*

*In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.*

*In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.*

*From trials too great to endure, spare us.*

*From the grip of all that is evil, free us.*

*For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever.*

*Amen.*

## **OFFERING FOR CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **COMMUNION**

St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's table. 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 to share in the communion. This is God's meal for all people.

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

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1. Come now, Lord Jesus,  
enter our Christmas,  
be to us no stranger  
in this new made manger.
2. Come, small and human,  
born of a woman,  
yet a child much greater,  
of our own Creator.
3. Come, cold and crying  
comfort denying,  
no place to receive you,  
few yet to believe you.
4. Come, poor and simple,  
our flesh your temple  
in your body feeling  
hurt as well as healing.
5. Come, gift and token,  
bread to be broken —  
star and sign still point you,  
myrrh will anoint you.

### **COMMUNION PRAYER**

Michael Morwood (adapted)

On this special night of nights  
once again we celebrate a Creative Mystery we name God.  
A serendipitous creativity beyond our words  
and beyond our images.

A creativity which undergirds our human existence  
in all its complexity and all its diversity.

All our collected human wisdom is a  
visible expression of this Creative Mystery,  
active in all places, at all times,  
in individuals and cultures,  
seeking expression in the creation of a just and peaceful world.

As Christians we rejoice in the birth of Jesus  
in whom we see the fullness of human possibility:  
to make God visible in our lives.

In Jesus we have seen this Mystery  
come to expression in human form.

Like us he grew in wisdom.

Questioning.

Searching for meaning.

Shaping convictions.

Enacting justice.

Experiencing love

and coming to know love's connectedness with God.

Jesus stood firmly in his own religious tradition  
and preached good news to all people  
dreaming of a better world.

We rejoice that Jesus led people  
to discover the sacred in the ordinary:

*in the crowd,*

*in the rejected ones,*

*in everyday life,*

*in human yearnings to be better people,*

*and in being neighbour to one another.*

And so we recall the ancient story.

At the end of a journey, among friends, gathered round a table,  
Jesus took bread, gave thanks,  
broke it and shared the bread with his friends,  
asking them to gather in memory of him,  
and to live in a covenant of love,  
with their God.

*Let us share this bread and be strengthened,  
loving as Jesus loved and  
bringing peace and justice to the world.*

We take this wine,  
mindful of our responsibility  
to be bearers of forgiveness, tolerance and understanding.

We drink committing ourselves to allow the Spirit of generosity  
that took flesh and moved so boldly in Jesus to move in our lives.

***To this commitment we give our 'Amen'  
and offer it as our Christmas gift  
to our family, friends and neighbours  
and to all the earth.***

God of life, with this bread and this wine,  
we celebrate the birth and life of Jesus,  
and we offer ourselves to follow his way.

***Bless us and these gifts,  
so that we may take light and hope,  
love and peace, into the world,  
now and forever. Amen.***

## **COMMUNION IS SHARED**

Communion is served by intinction. Come to the front of the church and receive the bread (or gluten-free cracker), taking a piece large enough to dip into the wine (**large** silver chalice) or grape juice (**small** silver chalice).

Eat the bread dipped in wine/juice.

You will be given a carol candle. Light it from the big candle  
and return to your seat.

*We share in: the bread of life.  
the cup of blessing.  
the light of the world.*

## **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

**Fiona McDougal, Flute  
Mike Wespel-Rose, Guitar**

## **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above the deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by:  
yet in the dark streets shineth  
the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

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Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
*Come and worship Christ, the newborn King*  
*Come and worship ,Worship Christ, the newborn King!*

To the weary comes refreshment,  
To the grieving, strength and peace;  
To the anxious, sweet contentment,  
To the captive soul, release:  
*Come and worship.....*

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The first nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

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Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn king,  
peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.

Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to live as one with earth,  
born to give us second birth.

Hail the heaven-born prince of peace!  
Hail the son of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn king.*

Silent night, holy night: all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child,  
holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace

silent night, holy night: shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia';  
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night: wondrous star, lend your light;  
with the angel's let us sing  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ our Saviour is born, Christ our Saviour is born.

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Carol our Christmas, an upside down Christmas;  
snow is not falling and trees are not bare.  
Carol the summer, and welcome the Christ child,  
warm in our sunshine and sweetness of air.

Right side up Christmas belongs to the universe,  
made in the moment a woman gives birth;  
hope is the Jesus gift, love is the offering,  
everywhere, anywhere here on the earth.

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#### **THE CALL TO SERVICE** (*standing*)

Go as far as your courage takes you,  
***for we cannot go beyond the reach of God.***  
Give as extravagantly as you may,  
***for we cannot spend all the riches of God.***  
Care as lavishly as you are able,  
***for we cannot exhaust the love of God.***  
Keep journeying and searching,  
***for God will always travel with us.***

#### **BLESSING & SUNG AMEN**

And now may the blessings of life be upon us.  
May the memories we gather here give us hope for the future.  
May the love that we share  
bring strength and joy to our hearts,  
as we live into the just reign of God,  
and the peace of Christ be with us  
until we meet again.

## PROCESSIONAL CAROL

Music John Francis Wade. Words C. Frederick Oakeley

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him born the king of angels:  
*O come let us adore him, o come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,  
'Glory to God, glory in the highest'  
*O come let us adore him, o come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born for our salvation,  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
*O come let us adore him, o come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Toccata in F Major* by Charles-Marie Widor

Thank you to everyone who participated in the service this evening  
and to

Peter Franklin (organ), Vivien Chiu, Georgia Gray, Thomas Gray,  
flutists Duane McKibben and Fiona McDougal, Mike Wespel-Rose  
(guitar),  
the St Andrew's Singers and Nick Walshe (clarinettist 21st December),  
for the music.

# **Christmas Day Celebration Worship**

St Andrew's on The Terrace

**9:30 a.m. tomorrow**

Everyone Welcome.



The Church office will re-open on 5th January.

For urgent pastoral care, please phone Jim 04-9734342 (home),  
027-680-1159 (Mobile)

Roster sign-up sheet for Sundays until Waitangi Day are at the back of the church. Please sign up if you can help. Thanks.



# 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

<b>Interim Minister</b>	Jim Cunningham
<b>Parish Council Convenor</b>	To be advised
<b>Parish Council Clerk</b>	Maxine Cunningham
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Barber
<b>Saving St Andrew's Convenor</b>	Lynne Dovey
<b>Pastoral Convenors</b>	Colma Froggatt, Fiona McDougal
<b>Church Music Coordinator</b>	Vivien Chiu
<b>Theologian in Residence</b>	Lloyd Geering
<b>Presbytery Representative</b>	Heather Macfarlane
<b>Concert Coordinator</b>	Marjan van Waardenberg
<b>Rainbow Room Coordinator</b>	Chris Carey-Smith
<b>Church, Conference and Arts Manager</b>	David Medland
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