

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

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First Sunday in Epiphany



Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh by Brian Whelan

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.

Please note your nearest fire exit.

The church and hall have been earthquake strengthened.

In an earthquake: drop, cover and hold.

GATHERING

Leader: In a refugee child playing under a star ...

Women: In an anonymous young man requesting baptism ...

Men: In a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand ...

***All: God was waiting to be recognised and known,
to transform seeing
and change the world.***

Leader: In the routine smallness of everyday life ...

Women: In the jagged discomfort of struggle and transition ...

Men: In the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine ...

***All: God is waiting to be recognised and known,
to transform our seeing
and change our world.***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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Who are these who ride by starlight
from the corners of the earth,
leaving home, forsaking comfort,
drawn to one mysterious birth?
These are wise men seeking wisdom,
disciplined to watch and pray;
we will read the signs and follow,
see where Christ is born today.

Who is this who hears the wise men,
trembling while their tale is told,
sending troops to slaughter blindly,
crush what cannot be controlled?
This is Herod, every Herod
building power by others' pain;
we will mourn the murdered children
while their blood is shed again.

Who is this, a homeless exile,
destined from his earliest hour
for rejection, conflict danger,
marked for death by worldly power?
Jesus, born to show God's glory
shining through despair and loss,
we will know you when we meet you
by the shadow of your cross.

OPENING RESPONSES

God of proclamation and epiphany,
*Through the words of prophets and angels
you reveal the possibilities
of a different way for the world ...*

God of encounter and epiphany,
*Through the life and actions of Jesus
you reveal the passionate love
at the heart of your Kin_dom ...*

God of epiphany and challenge,
as we hear your word now
in scripture, sermon and song,
*Open our knowing and understanding
to your patterns and their possibilities.*

God of epiphany and change,
as we encounter your Word now
in story, bread and wine,
*Open our patterns and possibilities
to the transforming power of your love
and send us on by a different way.*

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

Epiphany God
waiting to be seen and known,
forgive us for those times when submersion in unthinking routine
has dulled our perception of your Presence
and thwarted its life-changing possibilities.

silence

Epiphany God
waiting to comfort and restore,
forgive us for those moments when pride or fear
has restricted our openness to your Presence
and impeded its healing possibilities.

silence

Epiphany God
waiting to challenge and transform,
forgive us for those occasions
when preoccupation with comfort and familiarity
has stifled our response to your Presence
and subverted its radical possibilities.

silence

Epiphany God – bright Morning Star,
may we know your Presence with us now,
and, in opening ourselves to embrace its possibilities,
find different ways
by which to journey onwards.

LORD'S PRAYER

on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

BIBLE STORY FOR CHILDREN

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

We remember the children of this community wherever they are, at home or on holiday.

God bless you and all children today. Amen.

Rainbow Room is on recess this Sunday because of the school holidays. There are toys at the back of the church that children are welcome to enjoy.

PASSING THE PEACE

WORD IN TEXTS

Joan Tyler

Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 60: 1-9

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Contemporary Reading

*"Pagan Magi and Power Politics:
the "Disclosure" of Epiphany"* by Dan Clendenin

RESPONSE

For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us,
We give thanks.

REFLECTION

Henry Boidya

HYMN

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All who would see God's greatness,
draw near, bend down, look low:
see how love appears among us
as small as a child. Then go,
tell of the greatness made so small,
tiny and hidden, God of all.

If you would share God's riches,
draw near, reach out and touch:
God has only love to offer,
enough for us, and too much.
Take up God's treasure, made so poor,
naked the God that we adore.

Would you receive God's power?
Draw near, find strength in this:
laid open to all our violence
is love that will not resist.
This is our God, who chose to be
tied with our bonds to set us free.

Stand in the holy silence
while earth with heaven sings
that here in our hands for holding
is love that sustains all things.
Strange is this love that draws us near:
Glory of God, among us here.

COMMUNION

Introduction

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. This is God's table.

The Invitation

Here, at this table,
under the welcoming light of a morning star,
the God of epiphanies waits to be encountered.
So – though you may be weary and worn by your journey
or stained and sore with travel,
look up and see the star,
lay aside your packs,
bend beneath the lintel,
and enter with joy
for God waits within,
to refresh and renew,
to comfort and restore,
to challenge and transform,
to know ... and be known.

Communion narrative and thanksgiving

So now, gathered round this table,
we recall and recount
how the Epiphany God
was made known
in the actions and words of Jesus
as he shared a last supper with his friends:
We remember how the humble service
of washing feet
revealed the shape of God's Kin_dom;
how the blessing, breaking and sharing of bread
revealed the pattern of God's life;

the bread is broken

how the blessing, pouring and sharing of wine
revealed the depth of God's love;

the wine is upheld

and recalling and treasuring these things
we join our voices with those of all creation
in recognition and celebration
of the grace and goodness of God
present and at work in the world.

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of vulnerability and love,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!***

Consecration

Epiphany God,
send down your Holy Spirit now
on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine
that we might recognise and know you
present with us here,

and in receiving the gifts of your love
find ourselves renewed.

Under the welcoming light of a morning star
the table is set,
and God waits for us to bend beneath the lintel
and come into this house,
to see God's face
and share the feast.

Bread and wine are shared

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ST ANDREW'S

*People share notices and visitors are welcomed. If you have a notice,
please move to the front row, ready to speak briefly from the lectern.*

OFFERING

***God,
Seed us with hope
and empower us to be
fuel,
light,
action,
and love
for the birth
of your Kin_dom. Amen.***

Matt & Laura Norvell

*We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table and those given
to support the mission of the church through automatic payment.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Norman Wilkins

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

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You are born in us again.
Like the warmth of the summer wind you come,
to melt away the icicles of vanity and pride;

you come to blow the very doors of loving open wide.
Like the warmth of the summer wind you come,
like the warmth of the summer wind you come.

You are born in us again.
Like the scent of the summer rain you come.
You come to quench the thirsty and to freshen up the land;
you come to clean away the dust that's settled in our hand.
Like the scent of the summer rain you come,
like the scent of the summer rain you come.

You are born in us again.
Like the light of the summer sun you come,
to give light to the places that have never seen the Son:
you come now to embrace us, you're the holy, holy one.
Like the light of the summer sun you come,
like the light of the summer sun you come.

Closing responses

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star:

***Give us the perseverance and courage
to seek out and approach you,
wherever you are to be found.***

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star:

***Grant us the vision and understanding
to see and recognise you,
whenever we might meet you.***

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star:

***Gift us the grace and generosity
to respond freely and fully,
whatever you might ask of us.***

***So may our loving and living
become, in their turn places of epiphany
where you can be recognised
and known,
and the transforming life
of your Kin_dom unleashed.***

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

May the peace of the Epiphany God,
the joyful peace of finding,
the enlightening peace of seeing,
the challenging peace of understanding,
the radical peace of following a different route,
energise and encourage you
as you travel onwards.

The liturgy for the service today was adapted from “Enter with joy: a communion liturgy for Epiphany” by Pat Bennet, a Wild Goose Publication from the Iona Community

Thanks to Rosemary Collier, our organist this morning.

*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 a “Belonging” form (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 Quay, 02-0534-0004022-02

On duty This Sunday <i>thank you</i>	
Welcoming	Rosemary Lawrence
Sound	
Reader	Joan Tyler
Offering	Jon Schrader, Kath Kerr
Prayers of the People	Norman Wilkins
Morning Tea	Nick Walshe
Musician	Rosemary Collier

On duty next Sunday 11 January	
Welcoming	Jon Schrader
Sound	Peter Cowley
Reader	John Morgan
Offering	Joan Tyler, Graham Howell
Prayers of the People	
Morning Tea	Pam Fuller
Musician	Rosemary Collier

SUNDAY ROSTER FOR JANUARY

The roster for Sunday services over the next few Sundays is now on the back table. If you are able to take part in the service, please write your name alongside one of the duties.

That would be most excellent.

Thank you for your contribution.

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

Interim Minister	Jim Cunningham
Parish Council Convenor	To be advised
Parish Council Clerk	Maxine Cunningham
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Saving St Andrew's Convenor	Lynne Dovey
Pastoral Convenors	Colma Froggatt, Fiona McDougal
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Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Heather Macfarlane
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Rainbow Room Coordinator	Chris Carey-Smith
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