

St Andrew's on The Terrace

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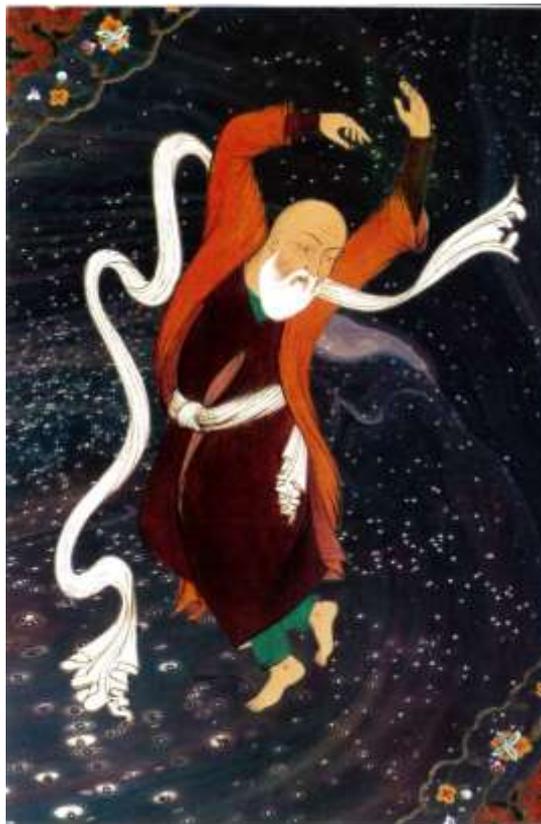
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ORDER OF SERVICE

8th February 2015



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Divine Love, and Rumi



Rumi whirls for joy at experiencing Divine Love

“There’s a field beyond our ideas of right and wrong – I’ll meet you there”

Rumi, 13th century Islamic mystic

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

Rumi (adapted)

We come together to encourage ourselves and each other
To be like the river in generosity and helping others,
To be like the sun in compassion and grace,
To be like the night in concealing others' faults,
To be like the dead in anger and fury,
To be like the soil in modesty and humility,
To be like the ocean in tolerance,
To wear no masks and be our true selves in this place,
With our community.

Let us celebrate life and love in the Presence we name God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 148

Words: Charles Wesley (adapted). Music: Blaenwern William P Rowlands

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with gentle presence;
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit,
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find that second rest.
Help us know with love we're shining;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

WELCOME:

E te whanau a Te Karaiti nga mihi aroha ki a tatou katoa
Kia ora.

OPENING RESPONSES *God's Unconditional Love*

Anon

To be loved in the truth of me

Ah, that is true love!

To be loved in my poverty

Is to be rich beyond reckoning!

To be loved in my anger

Is acceptance unbounded!

To be loved in my fear

Ah, that arms my authority!

To be loved in my defences

Is the key to liberty!

To be loved in my caution

Spurs me to dare!

To be loved in my doubt

Frees me to explore!

To be loved in my stinginess

Opens me to share!

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To be loved in my brokenness

Is the touch that heals!

To be loved in my madness

Ah, that sprouts a new sanity!

To be loved in my sadness

gladdens my heart!

To be loved in my dyings

Frees me to live!

SILENCE

PRAYER

Edwina Gateley

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Pat Booth

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

There is no Rainbow Room today, so enjoy the activities that are at the back of the church for you.

God bless you. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

WORD IN TEXTS

Pat Booth

Psalm 63

Nan Merrill trans

New Testament

1 John 4, 7-8, 11-13, 16, 19 (JB)

'Not quite contemporary' reading

Rumi, on experiencing God's love

The temple of love is not love itself:

True love is the treasure,

Not the walls about it.

Do not admire the decoration

But involve yourself in the essence,

The perfume that invades and touches you -

The beginning and the end.

Discovered, this replaces all else,

The apparent and the unknowable.

Time and space are slaves to this presence.

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.

HYMN

AA 127

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Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter,
gave me life and set me free.
Now because your love has touched me,
I have love to give away:
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply!

Take the fruit that I have gathered
from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion,
juice that makes the wine of God;
spiced with humour, laced with laughter –
flavour of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure,
taste and zest beyond belief.

Take whatever I can offer –
gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen,
talents of the heart and mind,
things made beautiful for others
in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me.

REFLECTION The Way of the Heart

Trish McBride

DANCE

Margaret Megwyn

He came singing love,
and he lived singing love:
he died singing love.
He arose in silence.
For the song to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

He came singing faith
and he lived singing faith:
he died singing faith.
He arose in silence.
For the faith to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

He came singing hope
and he lived singing hope:
he died singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on
We must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

He came singing peace
and he lived singing peace:
he died singing peace.
He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on
We must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

OFFERING AND DEDICATION

*Love is more than thoughts or feelings: love is seen in actions.
We bring our gifts as sign of our gratitude for all the love we have
each received in our varied ways, and of our commitment to live
lives of love for others.
Amen.*

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

JESUS PRAYER (*Prayer to the Eternal Spirit* by Jim Cotter)

(on card)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sue McRae

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Denmark and the National Council of Churches in Denmark. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Jonathan Coleman and Judith Collins and the people of their electorates of Northcote and Papakura. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of the Wellington Buddhist Centre, Cambridge Terrace, Wellington.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

PRAYER

Rumi (adapted)

Through being loved unconditionally, our muddy waters become pure and clear again.

Through being loved, our grief finds healing.

Through being loved, what is dead within us becomes alive.

Through being loved, we receive the power to serve.

When we understand that we are loved, we too can love like this.

SILENCE

HYMN

AA 8

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Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

Janet Morley

***May the God who dances in creation,
who embraces us with human love,
who shakes our lives like thunder,
bless us and accompany us out with power
to fill the world with her justice.***

*Thanks to Vivien Chiu, the musician today,
and to Sue, Valerie and Wendy, Margaret and Pat
for their contributions to this service.*

*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	Valerie Rhodes, Pam Fuller
Sound	Sarah Jobson
Time with the children	Patricia Booth
Reader	Patricia Booth
Offering	Graham Howell, James Cone
Prayers of the People	Sue McRae
Morning Tea	Kath Kerr, Jon Schrader
Musician	Vivien Chiu

On duty next Sunday 15 February	
Welcoming	Dick Keller, Graham Howell
Sound	Peter Cowley
Time with the Adults	
Reader	Bronwyn White
Offering	Margaret Pannett, Joan Tyler
Prayers of the People	Mike Wespel-Rose
Morning Tea	Maxine Cunningham, Dawn Cowdry, Cam Smart
Musician	Vivien Chiu & Saki Fukawa
Rainbow Room helper	Sandra Kirby

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 8 February 10am Sunday gathering led by Trish McBride

Note that there is no Congregational Conversation this week

Tuesday 10 February 7.30pm Susan Melville & Keith Lewis concert

Tuesday 10 February 7.30pm Parish Council

Wednesday 11 February 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert Xing Wang and Friends

Sunday 15 February 10am Sunday gathering led by Rosemary Lawrence.

Reflection by Rowena Somogyvary

ST ANDREW'S SINGERS REHEARSALS

There will be 2 choir practices for the service on Sunday 22 February (the 175th anniversary of the arrival of the first congregation at Petone). We will meet at 9am on Sunday 15th and Sunday 22nd February in the Hall. The music is the choir-only verse of the Old 100th Psalm. (We sang this at last year's 174th anniversary also.) Looking forward to seeing you all then. Vivien Chiu, Church Music Co-ordinator.

OUT IN THE PARK

Fionnaigh and Ellen are involved in organising a faith-based group taking part in Out in the Park – Wellington's queer fair. The group's message is "Faith Communities United in Love" This year there will be a parade from Civic Square to Waitangi Park and our group will be taking part, and we will also have a stall at the fair. We need some help with preparations. Are you able to help with sewing prayer flags onto ribbons, or baking some fair trade sweet treats to give away at the stall (e.g. coconut ice, small biscuits)? We'd also love some more volunteers to help with the stall on the day. You are welcome to join us in the parade and we hope some of you will drop by at the fair. Contact fi@fionnaigh.com for more information.

RENTAL ACCOMMODATION

We need to find rental accommodation for the new Minister. Our ideal is a 3 bedroom house with off street parking in the western suburbs (Kelburn, Karori, Wadestown). If you have a house available from mid March at reasonable rental requiring reliable tenants, please talk to Sandra Kirby, Paul Barber or leave a message with David or Karyn in the office.

PART TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT

Karyn Bishop is the new office assistant and will commence in the office tomorrow. She will work from 8am – 12noon Monday to Friday.

PILGRIMAGE

The Prior of the Taize community in France, Brother Alois, is leading a pilgrimage for young adults in Aotearoa. The gatherings are especially aimed at young adults aged between 18 and 35 years old, though the times of worship are open for all:

9 February 7pm: Powhiri and service in Rangiatea church at Otaki. Afterwards tenting at Ngatiawa River Monastery for young people.

10 February 7pm workshop Sacred Heart Cathedral, 8pm pilgrimage to St Paul's Cathedral, 8.30pm prayer St Paul's Cathedral.

For further details, contact Margaret Poynton mpoynton@xtra.co.nz

175th ANNIVERSARY

On 22 February, St Andrew's will mark the 175th Anniversary of the arrival of the first congregation at Petone in 1840. This service will begin celebrations throughout 2015.

SAVING ST ANDREW'S BI-ANNUAL MOVIE FUNDRAISER

Our next movie is *The Imitation Game* on Monday 2nd March. Meet at 5pm. Movie starts at 6pm.

A mathematician leads the charge to crack the German Enigma Code that helped the Allies win WWII. He then goes on to assist with the development of computers at the University of Manchester after the war, but was prosecuted by the UK government in 1952 for homosexual acts which the country deemed illegal.

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 Moderator	Jim Cunningham
Parish Council Convenor	Sandra Kirby
Parish Council Clerk	Maxine Cunningham
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Saving St Andrew's Convenor	Lynne Dovey
Pastoral Convenors	Colma Froggatt, Fiona McDougal
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Heather Macfarlane
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Chris Carey-Smith
Church, Conference and Arts Manager	David Medland
Office Assistant	Karyn Bishop
Custodian, SATRS Administrator	Peter Cowley
Sunday Roster Coordinator	Henry Boidya

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