

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua
Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

3 January 2016



Second Sunday after Christmas



Jasper Miro Ross

'Growing by Questioning'

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.
AA is the NZ hymnbook Alleluia Aotearoa. 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

Today we celebrate the human family,
physical beings with spiritual meaning, living in community.
Gathered in this community this day,
we celebrate the Spirit which holds us together

- through dark days and lonely nights
- through sunshine and clear skies,

always loving, always grace filled,
always compassionate, ever just.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Our delight is in the broadness'

Words: © Susan Jones. Music: 'Praise my Soul'

Our delight is in the broadness
of the world dawn brings to sight;
harbour, beach and islands' structure,
plain and hilltop, mountains' might;
thanks be giv'n for nature's beauty,
celebrate each new day's light.

Our delight is in the living
of each moment every day,
working, playing, walking, sleeping,
being family, every way;
grace be giv'n for every minute,
wisdom for each interplay.

Our delight is in the creatures
sharing with us this our place,
moths and birds with stunning markings,
dolphins moving with sweet grace;
thanks be giv'n for all creation,
celebrate each life, each space.

Our delight is in the loving
of each other as we may;
searching, finding, liking, loving,
talking, list'ning on the way;
thanks be giv'n for our affections,
celebrate them night and day.

OPENING RESPONSES *(please remain standing)*

Let us be together today an extended human family;

parents with children, grandparents and well wishers.

Let us be a human family which acknowledges another dimension;

a true mystery and yet a certain hope.

Let us merge this morning with goodwill and affection;

mirroring the grace in which we are held each day of our lives.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

We especially welcome today Ellen and Fionnaigh's families and friends who have come to celebrate Jasper's baptism with us.

PRAYER AND JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

BAPTISM OF JASPER MIRO ROSS

son of Ellen Murray and Fionnaigh McKenzie and brother to Kezia

PRESENTATION AND NARRATIVE

Fionnaigh and Ellen have come today to present their son for baptism.

Ellen and Fionnaigh have chosen to have Jasper baptised to celebrate the sacred wonder of new life and God's inclusive love which encompasses all humanity. They want to share the joy of his arrival with the St Andrew's community.

Through the ritual of baptism we connect with Christians around the world and over time. We bring to mind Jesus, whose life was deeply touched by the Spirit. We see the divine Spirit in all people.

Baptism symbolises the church's welcome for Jasper. Baptism is not about opening the door to welcome or to God. God's love is already present.

Baptism is the church's way of celebrating and naming the grace of God

living in every one of God's children. It is the way we welcome new members into the life of the universal community of faith.

NAMING

Ellen and Fionnaigh, by what name is your child to be known?

Jasper Miro Ross

How did you come to decide on these names?

Little one, born to love, surrounded by love,
child of the universe, one with all that lives,
we now name you Jasper Miro Ross.

Take this name and make it your own.

Live in freedom and fullness
as you travel your journey of life.

THANKSGIVING

God is the heart of life.

And we are the heartbeat.

May our hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy.

We rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation.

In our world, water is an increasingly precious commodity.

Water is everything. Water is life.

We claim the joy of water and the way it sustains and nourishes us.

Let it fall and flow and pour and sprinkle for all people.

That all may know each day the gift of God in water.

The biblical stories talk of the preciousness of water.

They remind us water is a blessing and the source and strength of life.

We use it now to baptise Jasper,
as many have been baptised over centuries.

BAPTISM

Jasper Miro Ross,

in the touch of this water, the ancient symbol of new life,

I baptise you into the love and joy of God;

Source of Life, Companion, Enlivener, and into this faith community.

Jasper, may the presence of the Spirit of Love in you

be nurtured and constantly affirmed by your family, your friends,
and by this church community.

May you know God's blessing throughout your life.

ELLEN AND FIONNAIGH'S INTENTIONS

IAN AND MARY'S INTENTIONS

PRAYER

RESPONSE OF CONGREGATION

Community of St. Andrew's, we are participating in this baptism this morning because we are the people of God, celebrators of the new life found in Jesus Christ. We are gathered as representatives of the whole Christian community world-wide and throughout time in this act of baptism.

*We, the friends and members of St. Andrew's,
welcome you, Jasper, into our church,
which is called the Body of Christ.*

*We do not presume to tell you what you must believe,
for ours is a community of free inquiry and searching.*

*We promise to share with you our experience of faith
and ask that you share yourself with us.*

*In this way we shall learn from one another,
grow stronger, and more often be faithful to God
as servants to all people. So be it!*

AFFIRMATION OF THE CONGREGATION

Dorothy McRae-McMahon

*We trust in God, the Creator Spirit
who moved upon the face of the deep
at the beginning of creation,
who created all that is,
and who spoke through the prophets of old.*

*We trust in Jesus Christ
into whom God's spirit was poured
in fullness and in power,
that the whole creation might be restored and unified;
and who promised that the Spirit would come
and fill the faithful with power to witness
to the mighty love of God.*

*We await on that Spirit today with longing hearts,
seeking to be empowered to witness to God's love,
with fresh words and courageous actions
of love and hope and justice. So may it be.*

The congregation remains standing to sing the blessing

SUNG BLESSING

'May the mystery of God enfold us'

AA 95 Words: Joy Cowley Music: Ian Render (Tune: Marlborough Sounds)

May the mystery of God enfold us,
may the wisdom of God uphold us,
may the fragrance of God be around us,
may the brightness of God surround us,
may the wonder of God renew us,
may the loving of God flow through us,
may the peace of God deeply move us,
may the moving of God bring us peace.

BAPTISMAL CANDLE

A lighted candle given from our church community
to your family for Jasper.

Jasper, may this candle remind you, throughout your life, of Jesus
who opened peoples' minds and hearts to see the 'light' of God's presence
within them. Ellen and Fionnaigh, we hope you use this candle to help tell
Jasper the story of his baptism, lighting it each year to remember this day.

Gifts are given to the family.

We hope that, while Jasper is little, this may help you keep him in touch
with the faith.

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

Bless this newly baptised child. May he always know that the Source of all
Love lives in and comes to unique expression in him. ***Amen.***

Bless us all. ***May we all live in love, continually encouraged by the faith
which connects our loving with the mystery we call 'God'. Amen.***

This is a day of great celebration for Ellen, Fionnaigh, Kezia and Jasper
their friends and family. ***Let us rejoice and be glad in it!***

BAPTISMAL HYMN

'Infant born of human love'

Words: Helen Wiltshire. Tune: Charity

1. Infant born of human love; life entrusted to our care;
Love, new born, has come to us; love we all may share.
2. Water is a sacred sign; sign of promise and of grace;
child of hope, we welcome you, to this sacred space.
3. May your life be blessed by love; may you walk in wisdom's way;
may you live abundantly, thankful, ev'ry day.

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

John Morgan

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Contemporary reading

'On Children'

By Kahlil Gibran in *The Prophet*

Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.
They come through you but not from you,
and though they are with you yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,
for they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their souls,
for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,
which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.
You may strive to be like them,
but seek not to make them like you.
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.

You are the bows from which your children
as living arrows are sent forth.
The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,
and bends you with might
that the arrows may go swift and far.
Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;
for even as the arrow that flies is loved
so is loved also the bow that is stable.

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 'Growing by questioning: Luke 2: 41-52'

Susan Jones

HYMN

AA 72 'In this familiar place'

Words and music © Colin Gibson © 1994 Hope Publishing Company

In this familiar place I know the mystery of your grace.
*For the love that I receive, for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you; for this here and now.*

In halting song and word, the music of your voice is heard
For the love that I receive...

Among these friends of mine I taste the company divine.
For the love that I receive...

Within this narrow sphere I learn that you are everywhere.
For the love that I receive...

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

We bring gifts of food and money because we have enough and others in our wider human family need more. We bring these gifts with the prayer that they may make a difference in the world beyond these walls and that all children can live, free, happy and loved. 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, 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

Sue McRae

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We pray for all children everywhere and those who care for them.

We think today of the people of Malawi and the Malawi Council of Churches. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Louisa Wall and Meka Whaitiri and the people of their electorates of Manurewa and Ikaroa-Rawhiti. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of Khandallah Presbyterian Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

'For everyone born a place at the table.'

FFS 17. Words © Shirley Murray. Music © Colin Gibson

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,
*and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair,
*and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,
*and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live,
*and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,

*and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

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 a blue "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 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	TBC
Sound	Peter Cowley
Offering	Henry Boidya & Keith Rimmer
Coffee/tea	Pam Fuller, Roger Jones, Kath Kerr
Time with the Children	Susan Jones
Readings	John Morgan
Prayers of the People	Sue McRae
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	In recess, toys at the back of the church

On duty Sunday 10 Jan16	
Welcoming	Jeni Bryant, Graham Howell
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	Ann Barrie, James Cone
Coffee/tea and cake	Dawn Cowdry, Judith Cowley, Katrina Harper
Time with the Children	Chris Carey-Smith
Readings	Joan Tyler
Prayers of the People	Patricia Booth
Musician	Rosemary Collier
Rainbow Room Helper	In recess, toys at the back of the church

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 3 January 10am Sunday Gathering with Susan Jones including Baptism of Jasper Miro Ross
Followed by Congregational lunch in a café nearby

Wednesday 6 January Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday Lunchtime Concert Series will return on Wednesday 10 February

Thursday 7 January 2.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Sunday 10 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

SERVICES IN JANUARY

We hope that 2016 is a good year for you and yours. The St Andrew's office will be open on **Tuesday 5th January**. For **urgent** pastoral matters contact Susan on Ph. (04) 909 9612 or Mobile Ph. 027 321 4870.

January Sunday Gatherings are as follows;

Jan 10 & 17 **10am** Sunday Gatherings led by Susan.

Jan 24 **10am** Sunday Gathering led by Jim Cunningham

Jan 31 **10am** Sunday Gathering led by Frank Hanson

Please note: Susan will be on leave from Monday Jan 18 to Thursday Feb 4th.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

STAYING UP-TO-DATE WITH TPPA

During January there will still be activity regarding TPPA. If you wish to keep up-to-date with developments please check the following websites;

"Its Our Future" <http://itsourfuture.org.nz/what-is-the-tppa/> ,or the Greenpeace website: www.greenpeace.org/new-zealand/en/take.../Say-no-to-the-TPPA/

You can read what the government says about it at: <http://mfat.govt.nz/Trade-and-Economic-Relations/2-Trade.../index.php> Also, TV3 news has this information:

www.3news.co.nz/nznews/at-a-glance-what-is-the-tppa-2014100712 . The Combined Trade Unions also have TPPA information on their website. www.union.org.nz/ Go to www.itsourfuture.org.nz for details of ways you can be involved.

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	Sandra Kirby
Parish Council Clerk	Maxine Cunningham
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Douglas Wood
Pastoral Convenors	Fiona McDougal, Brian Burrell, Linda Wilkins
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
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