

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

7 February 2016



Epiphany 5 Waitangi Weekend



‘Letting each other’s *mana* stand’

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

This weekend our nation looks at itself and its founding documents;
We gather in this spirit-filled space to give thanks and reflect.
If Jesus' feet were on this land now,
what would he say to us and all who live here,
politicians and people, migrants, mothers,
colleagues and customers, students and sellers?

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'And did those feet in former times'

Words: Susan Jones © 2000; this version 2014

Tune: Jerusalem CH4 106

And did those feet in former times
walk upon scree and tussock brown
and did the man, Jesus the Christ
cross mountains high and rolling downs?
and did he know the morning mist?
and did he know the harbour's sheen?
and did he love this cityscape
its terraced streets, the urban scene?

And does he still walk this our land,
talking and laughing with us yet?
And does he know that stab of need
when all our other friends forget?
And is he there when wine is poured?
And is he there when bread's prepared?
And does he laugh when life's alright?
And does he weep when it is not?

Be with us Christ, as we step out.
Come with us on our lifelong quest.
Be our true guide, on our right hand,
be with us, walking and at rest.
So we will know life to the full,
be there to see us through the night.
For we would be your followers
pursue your Way with all our might.

OPENING RESPONSES *(please remain standing)*

Mountains form the backbone of this country

What backbone do we display?

Beaches invite us to play and relax

What chance does everyone have to re-create and re-energise?

People remind us of the infinite variety of humankind

How varied can our responses be?

On mountain or beach, with everyone present, Spirit is found within us

***Spirit we call God, shown to us in Jesus who walks with us here,
Enlighten our lives and open our hearts.***

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

JESUS' PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

BLESSING THE CHILDREN *(All stand)*

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

God bless you. Amen.

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

Pam Ormsby

Hebrew Bible

Exodus 34:29-35

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

**Contemporary reading from ‘The Practice of Paying Attention: Reverence’ in
An Altar in The World by Barbara Brown Taylor**

Reverence is a little like that. It is difficult to define, but you know it when you feel it.

According to the classical philosopher Paul Woodruff, reverence is the virtue that keeps people from trying to act like gods. "To forget that you are only human," he says, "to think you can act like a god—this is the opposite of reverence." While most of us live in a culture that reveres money, reveres power, reveres education and religion, Woodruff argues that true reverence cannot be for anything that human beings can make or manage by ourselves.

By definition, he says, reverence is the recognition of something greater than the self—something that is beyond human creation or control, that transcends full human understanding. God certainly meets those criteria, but so do birth, death, sex, nature, truth, justice, and wisdom. A Native American elder I know says that he begins teaching people reverence by steering them over to the nearest tree.

"Do you know that you didn't make this tree?" he asks them. If they say yes, then he knows that they are on their way.

Reverence stands in awe of something—something that dwarfs the self, that allows human beings to sense the full extent of our limits—so that we can begin to see one another more reverently as well. An irreverent soul who is unable to feel awe in the presence of things higher than the self is also unable to feel respect in the presence of things it sees as lower than the self, Woodruff says. This raises real questions about leaders, especially religious leaders, who cite reverence for what is good as their warrant for proclaiming whole populations of people evil.

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

AA155 'Where Mountains rise to open skies'

Words: © Shirley Murray
Music: ©1971 Faber Music Limited London

Where mountains rise to open skies
Your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach
in water's light, in lake and star.

Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other's mana stand.

From broken word, from conflict stirred
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.

Your love be known, compassion shown
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.

Where mountains rise to open skies
Your way of peace distil the air,
Your spirit bind all humankind
one covenant of life to share!

REFLECTION

'Letting Mana Stand'

Susan Jones

OFFERING PRAYER

*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.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Morocco. We pray for the safety of economic migrants. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Darroch Ball and Mahesh Bindra, list MP's. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of Ngaio Union Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

INVITATION TO 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 participate in the communion. This is God's meal for all people.

Communion is served by intinction. Come to the front of the church and receive the bread, or a gluten-free cracker, taking a piece large enough to dip into the wine (silver cup) or grape juice (pottery cup). Eat the bread or cracker which you have dipped in wine or juice. Or, remain in your seat to be served.

If you don't wish to receive communion, simply remain in your seat. We are glad you are with us today.

COMMUNION HYMN

HIOS 37 'God bless our land'

Music: © Barry Brinson. Words: © Shirley Murray

God bless our land, in every generation,
God bless our people growing as one nation,
God bless our islands, home and whenua,
Aotearoa, Aotearoa.

God bless our land in common cause and caring,
each bringing treasures, baskets for the sharing,
grieving the wrongs of history no more
Aotearoa, Aotearoa.

God bless our land, its beauty and its blending
into communities of warm befriending,
proud in the cultures settled on our shore
Aotearoa, Aotearoa.

God bless the child whose feet are firmly planted
here in our place of freedoms daily granted,
seedbed and soil for peace and aroha
Aotearoa, Aotearoa.

COMMUNION LITURGY

on separate card

HYMN

AA 113 'Our life has its seasons'

Words: © Shirley Murray.

Music: © Colin Gibson

Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow,
*so there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep,
But there's never a time....

There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end,
But there's never a time....

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

"March" from "A Bridge Too Far"

by John Addison (1920 – 1998)

THANK YOU

Thank you to Peter Franklin
our musician today

*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

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	Lois Robertson, Pam Fuller
Sound	Bronwyn White
Offering	Henry Boidya & Keith Rimmer
Coffee/tea (followed by Congregational Brunch)	Judith Cowley, Dawn Cowdry, Jon Schrader, Kath Kerr
Time with the Children	Cameron Smart
Readings	Pam Ormsby
Prayers of the People	Anna Smith
Communion	Heather Macfarlane, Sue McRae, Frank Cook, Sonia Groes-Petrie, Andrew Matthews
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Joan Tyler

On duty Sunday 14 February

Welcoming	Heather Macfarlane, Kath Kerr
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	James Cone, Graham Howell
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Richard Keller, Ross Young
Time with the Adults	
Readings	Margaret Megwyn
Prayers of the People	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Rainbow Room Helper	Fiona McDougal

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 7 February 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones
Followed by Congregational Brunch in the Hall
Tuesday 9 February 7.30pm Parish Council
Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 February 9am – 2pm NZ Blood Collection in the hall
Wednesday 10 February Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre
Wednesday 10 February 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – *Lawrence Axelrod | Piano recital*
Wednesday 10 February 6.30pm Ash Wednesday Service in the Common Room
Thursday 11 February 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre
Sunday 14 February 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones
Followed by Congregational Conversation

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

THINKING AHEAD: ROSTERS FOR MARCH-MAY

Now that we are into February (where did the time go?), it is time to begin preparing the next service duty roster for the period of March through to the end of May. So please take a look at your diaries for the coming few weeks and let the office know what your availability is likely to be for this period. Please email office@standrews.org.nz or Ph 472 9211. Thank you.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE "THE STAR WITHIN"

10th February 6.30pm for coffee/tea and simple refreshments. The service starts at **7pm** and will be held in the Common Room on Level 2.

We begin the season of Lent using Ash Wednesday to connect with our origins; with the planet and with each other. By thus renewing our deep connection with the natural environment, we hope we will be helped to spend the next 40 days more aware of our interaction with the world. All welcome. Probable end time 8.15pm-ish. Let Susan know of any train or bus timetables which are relevant.

REFLECTIONS AND GATHERINGS FOR LENT AND EASTER 2016

During Lent, Lenten Reflections will happen each **Wednesday evening, (February 17th, 24th, March 2nd, 9th, and 16th)** in the Green Room of the St Andrew's Centre. They begin at 6.30pm with half an hour of coffee/tea and simple refreshments.

The reflection period itself begins at 7pm including biblical readings, poetry, silence and discussion revolving around a character within the passion narrative leading up to Jesus' trials. A finish at 8pm is the aim.

Palm Sunday 20th March, 10am, musically 'flavoured' Gathering: 'Palm and Passion.'
Maundy Thursday, 24th March, 6.30pm. The Gathering will take the same format as the Lenten Reflections (above) and also include communion.

Good Friday 25th March, 10am. Our Gathering in the church will reflect on those who were present with Jesus at the cross.

Easter Sunday 26th March, 10am. Easter Day Celebration in the church including communion.

VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE DRINKS AT HENRY AND KEITH'S WEDDING 20TH FEB

We need 3-4 people to assist with setting up and serving drinks in the church and hall after Henry and Keith's wedding ceremony. If you can help out, please talk to Sonia or contact me on ph: 027 405 1302 or email: soniapetrie@gmail.com

BOOKS FOR SALE TODAY

Margaret Pannett will have books for sale in the back hall during the congregational brunch.

WRESTLING WITH GOD - BY LLOYD GEERING - A BOOK REVIEW

I have had this book lying around for ages. I decided to have a go at reading it over these Christmas Holidays. This included carrying it on a 4 day tramp when weight was at a premium.

Once I started it I found it riveting. It was of high interest to me in three different areas. Firstly as a biography of Lloyd's life. From a boyhood in New Zealand and Australia to schooling and University years then marriage and the ministry - and later the great controversies over theological issues. It has been a life full of joys and successes but also sorrows and strains and controversy. And Lloyd is very open about all of this - and I would say fair.

The second was the way the book details the story of the Presbyterian Church and also Christianity in general in both New Zealand and the western world over the last hundred years.

And thirdly was the way the book describes Lloyd's personal theological evolution over that same period - which matched and later helped to lead the development of a progressive Christianity in New Zealand. As Lloyd says - the theological ideas he was communicating were not new and had been developing in other parts of the world for 50 years or more already.

Lloyd is a remarkable communicator and a remarkable New Zealander. This book gives a deep insight into a major and important part of our New Zealand history as well as being a fascinating personal story.

You may have gathered by now that I think you may enjoy reading it.

And don't forget the many other small books we have by Lloyd on a wide variety of topics. I am now reading one of them - the short 4 chapter book - "Creating the new ethic".

- Mike Wespel-Rose

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CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE 2015 CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

Great news! \$1169.10 was given in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day offerings (excluding envelopes sent directly to CWS). CWS have acknowledged our donation and are very grateful. Thank you everyone for your support.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE TPPA

If you wish to keep up-to-date with developments please check the following websites; "It's Our Future" <http://itsourfuture.org.nz/what-is-the-tppa/>, or the 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.

RE-STOKE THE FIRES - TĀWHIRITIA NGĀ AHI

ILGA Spiritual Gathering - Thursday 10 March 2016 @St Peters Willis Street - 6pm

An opportunity for the LGBTIQ Community and our Allies to gather and celebrate shared faiths and spirituality in a safe and prayerful environment. St Peters has been at the forefront of inclusive support and worship for over 50 years, honouring all sectors of society - not least the LGBTIQ community. ILGA offers this time and space for you to come and be as you are, and share time together in a safe and appropriate atmosphere. Everyone - of all faiths and none - is warmly invited on that evening and/or participate in the planning, and individuals or groups who would like to share in the planning, singing, music, talking, or just being. If you would like to be part of this event, please email Mani at mani.mitchell@xtra.co.nz or Graham at brgeem@gmail.com

PROGRESSIVE SPIRITUALITY NZ CONFERENCE

Friday 6th to Sunday 8th May at St Paul's Presbyterian Church, 89 Tennyson Street, Napier.

"Common Ground. Faith as Resistance to Ego, Orthodoxy, and Empire".

Keynote speaker Rev Dr Robin Meyers.

"Let our resistance be of love". Other speakers include Jo Randerson, and Rev David Clark MP. For further information please visit www.progressivespirituality.co.nz

HOUSES OF HOPE Christ's Open Space for Life

When we enter a given community – Church, Wharenui, Family, Religious Order – do we experience it as welcoming, hospitable, humane, hopeful, habitable: a place where we want to be? What makes it have this ethos or character?

A Series of Five Evenings with Dr Raymond Pelly

Pā Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, 78 Hobson Street, Thorndon

Thursdays 11, 18, 25 February and 3 & 10 March 7.30pm

Koha received with appreciation



Dr Raymond Pelly was born in England and has, since 1990, been living in Wellington where he has been Anglican Chaplain at Victoria University of Wellington, Resident Theologian at St.Peter's, Willis Street, and was, until 2014, Priest Associate at Wellington Cathedral.

"My talks are based on a short book, Wharenui, House of Hope: Christ's Open Space for Life. This began in the ruins of Aschwitz, 1995. There I asked myself what hope means in the modern, post-Auschwitz world. Can we talk Resurrection in the face of so much death and hopelessness? The words that came to me were standing, touching, communicating, remembering, prophesying. Besides describing the genesis of the book, I will sketch the meaning I attach to my Hope words and an approach that might allow us to see theology as prophecy."

Places for the Series are limited. To register, please email bgcummings@xtra.co.nz or phone 04 472 2734

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
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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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