

ORDER OF SERVICE

9 September 2018

2nd Sunday in Creation Pentecost 16



Planet Earth Sunday

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

Wherever you are on your faith 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 usually sing the hymns without announcement.

To use the ***loop system*** in the church, turn your hearing aids on to the appropriate setting.

Printed copies of the reflection are available at the back of the church for people with extreme hearing loss. For others they can be picked up at the end of the Gathering.

Please note your nearest fire exit.

The church and hall have been earthquake strengthened. In an earthquake: drop, cover and hold.

GATHERING

Planet earth is our home

And home to other creatures with us

We live and breathe and sleep and work

here on this blue teardrop hanging in space

We all need to breathe freely, live bravely and love deeply

We and all who share this home with us

So may it be

Amen

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'And did those feet in former times'

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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 neighbours snub, and worse, neglect?
And is he there when wine is poured?
And is he there when bread's prepared?
And does he smile when Treaty's done?
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.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER & JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Graham Howell

BLESSING THE CHILDREN *(All stand)*

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

Jim Cunningham

Hebrew Bible

Genesis 1: 1-25

Ancient writers pieced together the beginning of the world as it seemed to them it might have happened

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, with darkness over the surface of the deep
and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light,"
and there was light.

God saw that the light was good, and separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness "night."

And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it.

And it was so.

God called the vault "sky."

And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear."

And it was so.

God called the dry ground "land," and named the gathered waters "seas."

And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.”

And it was so.

The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds.

And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years ...

And it was so.

God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night and also the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness.

And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems ... and every winged bird....

And God saw that it was good.

God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number...”

And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock... and the wild animals...”

And it was so.

God made the wild animals according to their kinds...

And God saw that it was good.

Contemporary reading

Interview with Prince Philip

<http://www.arcworld.org/news.asp?pageID=1>

HRH The Prince Philip was the inspiration behind the original World Wildlife Fund network of religions and conservation in 1986. In 1995 he founded the Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC) and he has continued to support the charity ever since. ARC writer Victoria Finlay interviewed him...

“Can you talk about the origins of ARC?”

WWF was founded in 1961, so 1986 was its 25th anniversary. There was much discussion about where to have the anniversary international

conference, and in the end Assisi was chosen, for fairly obvious reasons. The plan was for the "secular" conference to take place in the town, but I thought that it would be a good idea to take advantage of Assisi to try to get the major religions to take an interest in the conservation of nature.

What first gave you the idea of bringing conservationists and religious leaders together?

In the 1980s WWF International was trying to do three things around the world: raise money, develop conservation projects and educate the public. The first two things were fine, but the last one had real difficulties. I argued that the kind of education we were doing through articles and lectures and books and films and things of that sort only reached the educated and probably only the middle classes in the various countries.

The people that we needed to get to were the ones who lived in the areas of greatest risk, and the areas where the potential for biological diversity was highest. It occurred to me that the people who could most easily communicate with them were their religious leaders. They are in touch with their local population more than anyone else. And if we could get the local leaders to appreciate their responsibility for the environment then they would be able to explain that responsibility to the people of their faith.

It didn't seem a particularly bright idea at the time - it was pretty obvious. If your religion tells you (as it does in Christianity anyway) that the Creation of the world was an act of God, then it follows naturally that if you belong to the church of God then you ought to look after His Creation. It may not be sacred itself but the One who created it is sacred - so it seems logical that humans ought to have a certain responsibility for it.

I was not quite sure what the other religions believed about the creation of the world but I guessed that they had similar traditions. I therefore suggested that WWF should invite leaders from the major religions to meet together to discuss what - if any - responsibility they felt they had for the natural environment as a "sacred" entity.

RESPONSE

For the Word in scripture, for the Word among us,
for the Word within us, ***we give thanks***

REFLECTION

‘Heaven right here on planet earth’

Susan Jones

HYMN

'In our world we find delight'

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[1]

In our world we find delight
for creation, day and night
Brings us solace, joy;
Spirit grows, refreshes, gleams
as the earth fuels richer dreams
just by being here;

*May this beauty never end,
may this solace always be here;
may the human race take notice
and show divine compassion.*

[2]

Water trickles, rushes, spouts,
deep, calm lake drains to river mouth
Power's wrested from snow;
Humans, animals and plants
need hydration, need the chance
to refresh and grow;

*May this beauty never end,
may this water last for everyone;
may the human race take notice
and show divine compassion.*

[3]

Planet Earth spins like a jewel,
let us care and not be cruel
to this treasured gem.
This blue teardrop hanging here;
childrens' children need a share,
we owe this to them

*May this planet always flourish,
may its children still inherit;
May we help this star to shine bright;
show Earth divine compassion.*

[4]

It's a mystery who made this
- evolution, hand-made care -
multiple ideas.

But it's not a mystery who
needs to care for green and blue -
we have all been charged

*To make sure this never ends
that this beauty does remain here
that the human race takes notice
and shows divine compassion.*

(first vs) In our world we find de - light for cre - a - tion, day and night,
(last vs) It's a mys - tery who made this - e - vo - lu - tion, hand - made care -

5 brings us sol - ace, joy; Spir - it grows, re - fresh - es, gleams
mul - ti - ple i - deas. But it's not a mys - tery who

9 as the earth fuels rich - er dreams just by be - ing here; Will this
needs to care for green and blue; we have all been charged. To make

13 beau - ty ev - er end? Will this sol - ace al - ways
sure this nev - er ends, that this beau - ty does re -

16 be here? Will the hu - man race take no - tice And
- main here, that the hu - man race take no - tice and

19 show di - vine com - pas - sion.
show di - vine com - pas - sion.

OFFERING PRAYER

For all who live on planet earth

For all who feel defeated and worn, hungry and homeless

For all who need to hear good news with fresh meaning

We ask justice, compassion and peace

as we dedicate these gifts to alleviate want in this world.

So may it be

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 not already in the order of service,
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

Bronwyn White

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of India and Christian World Service partners in India bringing Dalit and tribal communities together to improve lives and opportunities, working with other caste communities to realise the more equal society promised with independence. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Virginia Anderson and Kanwaljit Sing Bakshi, list MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St Timothy's Presbyterian Church, Titahi Bay.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

'Work for the night is here'

Words © 2016 Susan Jones Music: WOV 163 Diademata

Work for the night is here, extinction hovers close,
in Ao-tea-roa's sphere birds are at risk. The most...
...our rivers' Small Black Stilt, and Kakapo's bright green,
the Taiko, Heron, (white), and Fairy Tern are little seen.

Work for the shades close in on species large and small;
some hide, or swim seas out and in, some elegant, some tall:
The Greater Short Tailed bat, our Sea Lions are quite few,
the South'rn Elephant Seal and Maui's dolphin, Bryde's whale, too.

These are in desperate need, and more need safety too,
from predator's greed and human need; what would God choose to do?
We co-create this world by how we treat all life,
the web of our relationships deserves we care and strive.

Delicate, fragile, frayed, the web of life shows wear.
Some links still hold, be not afraid, instead, become aware;
There is no magic wand, which waved, can make all right,
unless we humans, you and I, turn species' night to light.

BLESSING

We hold the line

Our planet's future hangs by a slender thread

We hold the line

Our brothers the birds, our sisters the animals, need our help

We hold the line

Because it makes a difference how we live in this home of ours

We go out now, knowing that

Together we must be enough to love this world well enough

We go out now, knowing that

Love surrounds us all every moment of every day

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

"The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune"

by R. Vaughan Williams (1872 – 1958)

Composed for the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953

THANK YOU

Peter Franklin

Our musician today

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the source.

AUDIO REFLECTIONS



Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

<http://www.standrews.org.nz/category/sunday-gathering>

There is a 2-hour parking limit on the street in the Wellington CBD on Sundays.

Note this CBD pay and display now includes Saturday and Sunday.

*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 one of the welcome leaflets (at the back of the church) and hand it to a minister or a welcoming team member.

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

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

SEPTEMBER – ENJOY CREATION MONTH WITH US

Sunday 9 September – 'Planet Earth' Gathering led by Susan Jones

Sunday 16 September – 'Mountains' – Harp solo.

Gathering led by Susan Jones, followed by Social Justice Education Group

Sunday 23 September – 'Humanity' led by Fiona McDougal with friends. Exploring the Faith Study postponed.

Sunday 30 September – 'Following in Francis' footsteps.' Gathering led by Susan Jones, followed by Exploring the Faith study group

SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday September 11th at 6.15pm in Conference Rooms 1 & 2. Topic "Who Owns the Land - how Māori and Pākehā see the land differently" Russell Feist shares his journey of 50 years working with Ngāti Tūwharetoa on their land and water claims. Charge for dinner \$10 pp. RSVP via the blue folder at the back of the church.

CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY

"Just a reminder that we have a congregational library which lives in the rolling cupboard at the back of the church opposite the sound desk.

It is loosely organised by Dawn and myself. It is based on an honesty system- when you take a book you enter your name, the book name and your phone number in the yellow issue book. When you return the book you cross your name and entry out.

For me books have been deeply life-enhancing and bring me much pleasure. It is a joy I have always shared with my now-departed mum. We have a great selection of books in the library for the enrichment and refreshment of your spirit. I encourage you to browse and borrow."

Mike Wespel-Rose

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLEASE BE AWARE

The health and safety of everyone in our community is important. It is good that lots of people remain after the Gathering for morning tea. Here we have a lively mixture of hot drinks, elderly people, children and a number of people in a small space. Please watch for children. We have supplied areas to sit and enjoy your conversation. Please feel free to move chairs in the last couple of rows to make more room. 'All' are welcome, let's keep 'all' safe! Susan

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

DCM FOODBANK

The foodbank has run short of the following: Baked beans, Spaghetti, Rice, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned fish, Meals (e.g. stews), Instant noodles, Toilet paper.

CHILD POVERTY ACTION GROUP SUMMIT 2018

Rethinking the Welfare system for the 21st Century.

The CPAG's 2018 Summit is on the **12th of September** in Wellington. Link to register: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07efgyi00r04f20585&oseq=&c=&ch=>

FORUM: TOWARDS A NUCLEAR FREE WORLD - OUR NEXT GENERATION

When: Wednesday **12 September**, from 5.45pm to 7pm

Where: Banquet Hall, Parliament, Wellington

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2092261104436904>

COOK ISLANDS JOINS NUCLEAR BAN TREATY

Link to share:

<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/posts/1857024214344939>

CIVIC TRUST FORUM - WELLINGTON AFTER PARIS - SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMMES

Links to information: http://www.standrews.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Wellington-After-Paris-profiles_final.docx
<http://www.standrews.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Wellington-After-Paris-program-final-1.docx>, <http://www.standrews.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Wellington-after-Paris-invitation-flyer.pdf>

RAINBOW WELLINGTON

Wellington Rainbow drinks - Friday **14th September 2018**, 5 - 7pm at S&M, 176 Cuba St. Cash bar, no door charge, no bookings needed.

The RW Spring dinner is on **Tuesday September 18th** 6.30-9pm at Mediterranean Foods. 42 Constable Street, Newtown Wellington. <https://www.medifoods.co.nz>. Arrive 6.30PM serving starts with antipastos at 7.00PM: we finish at 9.00PM.

Bookings close: 12 noon 15 September 2018. Please reserve your place by making an online payment to: Rainbow Wellington, Bank Account 03-0566-0164688-000.

In the Payee information please include your name and ref. "Med Banquet" or pay cash at RW drinks.

SEVERE TRAUMA & STRESS RECOVERY WORKSHOPS

Wednesday **19 September 2018** - St Andrews on the Terrace Meeting Rooms \$195.00pp + GST. <https://www.grow.co.nz/page/severe-trauma-and-stress/>

WALK A MILE

This short film is written by Judith Cowley and the 'walk a mile Boosted' campaign is now fully subscribed. Thank you everyone. Any extra money will help enhance the soundtrack of the movie. You can donate here!

<https://www.boosted.org.nz/projects/walk-a-mile-film>

Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/Walk-A-Mile-Film-582244875459075/>

KILLER ROBOTS: NEW ZEALAND'S FIRST TWO GGE STATEMENTS

Link to information:

<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/posts/1849240628456631>

Tweet: <https://twitter.com/PeaceMovementA/status/1035380003905593344>

iCAN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

Aotearoa New Zealand 2018 Cluster Munition Monitor launched:

<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/posts/1849263388454355>

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	Sandra and Tony Kirby
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Offering	Joan Tyler, Norman Wilkins
Coffee/tea	Caroline Glass, Jon Schrader, Roger Jones, Sue Hirst
Time with the Children	Graham Howell
Readings	Jim Cunningham
Prayers of the People	Bronwyn White
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Ross Scott

On duty Sunday 16 September 2018

Welcoming	Graham Howell, Heather Macfarlane
Sound	Jennifer Bush-Daumec
Offering	James Cone, Russell Feist
Coffee/tea	Jim and Maxine Cunningham, Kath Kerr
Time with the Children	Ellen Murray
Readings	Jenn Keenan
Prayers of the People	Barrie Keenan
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Roger Jones

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 9 September 10am Progressive Christianity Conference Gathering led by Susan Jones
Followed by morning tea in the hall.

Tuesday 11 September 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Wednesday 12 September Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 12 September 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Piano students of the NZSM

Thursday 13 September 12:15pm Lunchtime Concert – Judit Gabos, visiting from Hungary. Piano recital of works by Liszt and Bartok

Sunday 16 September 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones.

Followed by Social Justice Education Group.

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	Lynne Dovey
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Facilities Management Group	Sandra Kirby
Pastoral Convenors	Linda Wilkins and Maxine Cunningham Brian Burrell
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jules Collinson
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Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
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Social Justice Coordinator	Margaret Rushbrook
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