

ORDER OF SERVICE

17 September 2017

Pentecost 15



Creation 3 – Forest Sunday

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 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

We gather in the name of the Creator, the fountain of life,
the name of Christ, the pulse of life,
and the name of the Spirit, the breath of life.

Holy! Holy! Holy!

Earth is filled with divine presence.

We gather within the sanctuary called Earth,

A planet filled with presence,

quivering in the forests, vibrating in the land,

pulsating in the wilderness, shimmering in the rivers.

We invite the forests to worship with us:

Mountain beech and rimu,

quivering ferns and glistening moss!

We quiver with the trees as they shake when
tempests and tornadoes hit and
raging winds invade the forest.

We invite tall trees to celebrate life:

Kauri and Kahikitea,

tall timber where epiphytes and lichen find their home!

We invite the forest night-life to sing:

Green tree frogs and timid moths,

ancient owls and swirling bats!

We join with the fauna of the forest in praising God:

Tuis and bellbirds,

Kereru and kiwi, piwakawaka and butterflies!

We celebrate the song of the forest!

Sing, forest, sing!

We celebrate the song of the forest!

Sing, forest, sing!

We remember the first garden,
when there was planted a forest of trees.

***We remember the gardens
and the forests of our childhood,
the bush where we played in the past,
when we felt close to Earth and to trees.***

We remember and rejoice.

***We give thanks for trees,
for forests filled with mysteries!***

Adapted from Season of Creation worship resources www.seasonofcreation.com

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'O when I see'

Words: Susan Jones © 2017 Music How Great Thou Art CH 4 #154

O when I see the awesome world around me,
and think of all the worlds which lie beyond;
I see bright stars, I see the circling planets,
Aurora's shimmer, north and south's display.

*Then sings my soul, in gratitude and praise,
How great this world, the expanse of space.
Then sings my soul, in gratitude and praise,
How great this world, the expanse of space!*

When I walk through the bush so green, so luscious
Ferns layered under tall tree canopies;
And see the birds, each in its niche for living
And hear the sounds of birdsongs, rustling leaves.

*Then sings my soul, in gratitude and praise,
How great this world, this green life here.
Then sings my soul, in gratitude and praise,
How great this world, this green life here!*

This precious earth, our nest in which we flourish
Is crucial to our happiness and health;
Can we co-operate with one another
To make it truly all our common wealth?

*So sings my soul, let's act now on our praise
How great this world, let's save it now,
Then sings my soul, our energy to raise
How great this world, let's save it now!*

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou. ***Kia ora.***

CONFESSION/LAMENT and PRAYER

We remember and confess
that we have become alienated from Earth
and have violated the forests in our garden planet.

We are sorry.

We have been thoughtless and greedy.

***We have ignored the destruction of our forests,
the death of old-growth giants
and species breathing their last.***

We are sorry.

We are sorry. We are sorry.

Your confession is heard. Your sins against the forest have been forgiven.

May we learn to love Earth and return to Earth as our home.

You are freed to come to Earth by rejoicing in the forest.

Shalom! Shalom! We are coming home!

The glory of Love fills our planet.

***May we discern Love's vibrant presence among us, especially in the
mysteries of the forest.***

Help us empathise with all forest creatures who are suffering.

Lift our spirits to rejoice with the forest and all
the creatures of the forest.

May we, along with all creation, be reconciled and renewed.

So may it be, Amen.

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JESUS PRAYER *on card*

Paraphrase by Jim Cotter

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Jennifer Bush-Daumec

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!

Hebrew Bible

Genesis 2: 8, 9 and 15-17

Psalm 29

Gospel

Luke 13: 18, 19

Contemporary Reading (Sung Solo)

‘Worship’

Jess Brownell, soprano. Vivien Chiu, piano

Words © 1996 Joy Cowley from *Psalms Down-Under*

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We step out of our everyday selves
and into this cathedral
of sky and earth and sea
where all the parables of life
are played out in their seasons
and all the seasons held as one
in the love of God.

Everything here is holy in its being.
Every fern, tree, rock, drop of sea,
exists as a prayer of thanksgiving,
and together they speak a chapter
in the gospel of wonder
which is laid upon our lives.

Eagerly our hearts lean forward,
to listen to the praise of tree ferns
echoing in the still water,
and to see the shimmering of the divine
behind the surface of each leaf.

Look! It is everywhere!
The love of the creator glowing
in mountains and in ocean,
in pebble and stem, fish and bird,
and us! Yes, yes! The light of God in us!

For we too, are sacred.
We too, are named holy.
And the meaning of our lives
is thanksgiving.

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION ‘Our forests – from plenty, to loss, to recovery’ Kevin Hackwell

HYMN

‘In our world we find delight’

Music: ©2016 Vivien Chiu Words: © 2016 Susan Jones

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.*

Kauri reaches to the light
Strong and powerful, full of might
Giant of the trees;
Delicate, the orchid climbs
Over branches, green moss-lined
Swaying in the breeze;

*May this beauty never end
May this greenness always be here
May the human race take notice
And show divine compassion?*

Tui, iridescent coat,
Singing from a trembling throat
Crowns New Zealand's bush;
Kereru with mighty wings,
Blue and purple plumage brings
To New Zealand's bush;

*May this beauty never end
May this iridescence stay here
May the human race take notice
And show divine compassion*

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 show divine compassion*

OFFERING PRAYER

Response: 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

Cameron Smart

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Cameroon and the Council of Protestant Churches in Cameroon. In New Zealand, we remember those who work this election season as candidates, members of all political parties and all voters. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St David's Presbyterian Church and St Mark's & St Andrew's Parish, Palmerston North.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

FFS 63 'These hills where the hawk flies'

Music and words © Colin Gibson
1998 Hope Publishing Company

These hills where the hawk flies lonely,
beaches where the long surf rolls,
mountains where the snows reach heaven,
these are our care.

Pastures where the sheep graze calmly,
orchards where the apples grow,

gardens where the roses cluster,
these are our prayer.

Forests where the tree ferns tower,
rivers running strong and clear,
oceans where the great whales wander,
these are our care.

Race meeting race as equals,
justice for age-old wrong,
worth for every man and woman,
these are our prayer.

Cities where the young roam restless,
lives brought to deep despair,
homeless and powerless people,
these are our care.

Places where the Word is spoken,
hands held in serving love,
faiths of our many cultures,
these are our prayer.

All that the old world gave us,
all that the new world brings,
language, ideas and customs,
these are our care.

Life finding joy and value,
faith seeking truth and light,
God heard and seen in all things,
this be our prayer.

BLESSING

We are called to be followers of the Jesus Way,
to serve with love and compassion
and to serve Earth by caring for creation.

We will remember the forest.

We will groan with creation.

We will sing with the trees.

Will you care for creation?

We will care for creation.

We will nurture the forests.

We will celebrate life.

And remember as you do that Love
surrounds you every moment of every day

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

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 one of the welcome leaflets (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	Lloyd Jobson, Molly Seah
Sound	Peter Cowley
Offering	James Cone, John Morgan
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Pam Fuller, Roger Jones
Time with the Children	Jennifer Bush-Daumec
Readings	Sandra Kirby
Prayers of the People	Cameron Smart
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Molly Seah

On duty 24 September	
Welcoming	Sandra & Tony Kirby
Sound	Bronwyn White
Offering	Graham Howell, Paul Satherley
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Lois Robertson, Mike Wespel-Rose
Time with the Children	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Heather Macfarlane
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Rainbow Room Helper	Margaret Pannett

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 17 September 10am Forest Sunday Gathering, led by Susan Jones with Kevin Hackwell from Forest & Bird as speaker. Followed by Social Justice meeting with a Peace Theme.

Wednesday 20 September Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 20 September 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert | Classical Voice Students of the NZSM

Thursday 21 September 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Sunday 24 September 10am High Country Sunday Gathering, led by Susan Jones with Roger Jones and maybe others. Followed by Exploring the Faith study session, 11.45am – 1.00pm.

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

SUPPORTING A HURTING WORLD BY DONATION

The news is heart-wrenching. If you want to donate, try Christian World Service. They had already existing relationships with partner organisations who know the local scene. Check www.cws.org.nz for details. CWS have appeals supporting both disaster and ongoing need in underdeveloped countries with few reserves. Or, post cheques to Christian World Service PO Box 22652 Christchurch 8140. Give by credit card online or by phone (free in NZ) 0800 74 73 72.

SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday 19 September from 6.15pm in Conference Room 1 & 2, St Andrew's Centre. Please RSVP via the blue plastic folder at the back of the church.

Speaker Trish Harris. **A circular journey—Body and Soul.** In *The Walking Stick Tree*, Trish Harris's memoir, she tells the story of growing up and living with acute arthritis. Threaded through this is Trish's Catholic upbringing and the need in her adult years to find a spirituality that helped her connect with her body in a life-giving way.

Using examples from her life and others' writings, Trish will talk about justice, spirituality, disability and the dangers of inspiration. If time, she'll show pics from her travels in her motorised wheelchair on the Otago Rail Trail with friends a few years ago—a pilgrimage of sorts! (The above photo is a sneak peek....)

Bio: Trish is an active member of the New Zealand Disability, Spirituality and Faith Network. In 2014 she co-ordinated the production of a key disability resource for faith communities called the Creating Welcoming Churches. As well as being a writer, in recent years Trish trained as a spiritual director. Trish's second book is being launched



in mid-October. *My Wide White Bed* is a collection of poems that began during an extended stay in an orthopaedic ward. Poet and GP Glenn Colquhoun says of it: '...It shows how crucial imagination is to being well...'

BOOK LAUNCH INVITATION

Pat Booth's new book, *Pat's India Memories Of Childhood* will be launched on Sunday 1 October at 2pm at St Andrew's. You are invited! Join us for a celebration. Darjeeling tea will be served. To help with catering RSVP via email to patriciabooth@xtra.co.nz or Ph 385 4426.

CHRISTMAS BAKING ORDERS

Maxine Cunningham writes; there are order forms and photographs for 3 sizes of Christmas Cakes (\$12, \$25, \$42), 2 kinds of shortbread (plain and Christmas cardamom - \$5 for 6) and Gingerbread at the back of the church. Some gluten free cakes - small \$12 and some special orders could be quoted for. Margaret Pannett and Rosemary Lawrence will be able to help you as I will be away until 1 October. If you are away the next few Sundays email Maxine Cunningham at jimax117@gmail.com with your order.

DCM FOOD BANK COLLECTION

DCM urgently need help. They are running very low on the following items: Canned fish (tuna, salmon, sardines etc), canned fruit (peaches, pineapple, pears etc), toilet paper.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE BOULCOTT SEMINAR AT WELLINGTON CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

This year's speaker is Sara Miles. Sara, www.saramiles.net, is author of *Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion*; *Jesus Freak: Feeding Healing Raising the Dead*, and *City of God: Faith in the Streets*. Wellington Central Baptist Church on **Saturday 23 September** 10-4pm. Online registration: www.central.org.nz/the-boulcott-seminar/

SPIRITUALITY THROUGH THE SEASONS

First in a series of four quiet day retreats: Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. Involving reflection, meditation, creativity. Facilitator will be Maxine Hartley, Spiritual Director. At Otari Wilton's Bush, Leonard Cockayne Centre on Saturday 30 September, 9.30am – 4pm. Bring a packed lunch, coat, walking shoes and notebook. Cost \$45 towards room hire. Morning and afternoon tea provided. For registrations and payments contact maxine.hartley@icloud.com

WELLINGTON HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY TRUST NEEDS A SECRETARY

The Wellington Hospital Chaplaincy Trust began 12 years ago to support chaplains in Wellington Hospitals; Newtown, Kenepuru & Porirua. They are seeking a person to be Secretary and in addition to secretarial functions of meetings, minutes and correspondence etc. someone who will search out interesting stories & news to update our website to support the great services the chaplains carry out.

If you are interested in this role and position please contact Barrie Keenan, the chair of the Trust by phoning 04 476 7059 or 027 285 7275 or by email to barrie@keenan.co.nz

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
Parish Council Clerk	Colma Froggatt
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Douglas Wood
Pastoral Convenors	Linda Wilkins and Maxine Cunningham Lois Robertson, Brian Burrell
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Colma Froggatt
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jess McKnight
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Office Administrator	Karyn Bishop
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