



ORDER OF SERVICE

24 September 2017

Pentecost 16



Creation 4 – High Country 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

In the name of the Creating force, the fountain of life,
the name of Christ, the pulse of life,
and the name of the Spirit, the breath of life. Amen.

Holy! Holy! Holy!

Earth is filled with God's presence.

CHANT (sung softly while seated)

Tune: 'Be Still and Know That I Am God'

Words: Norman C Habel (adapted)

Be still and feel the presence of Love,
the presence pulsing, pulsing through Earth,
be still and feel the pulse of Love.

Be still and hear the Spirit of Love,
the Spirit breathing, breathing through Earth,
be still and hear the breath of Love.

Be still, behold the glory of Love,
the glory filling, filling this Earth.
Be still, behold the face of Love.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We invite the High Country to worship with us:

Aoraki and the volcanic centre,

deep gorges and mountain ranges.

We invite the flora to sing in the sun:

snow tussock and beech tree,

matagouri and rimu.

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

Kea and kakapo, jewelled lizard and hovering hawks.

We celebrate the song of the High Country!

Sing, High Country, sing!

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 155 'Where mountains rise to open skies'

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Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, be 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 legacy

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!

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

We remember the wilderness,
the wild places on Earth,
the worlds of wonder and mystery,
We remember the wild worlds

*and hiding places of our childhood,
where we felt the mystery of caves
and wild creatures in the mountains.*

We remember and rejoice.

*We give thanks for the High Country,
the wild places that stir us with wonder.*

CONFESSION/LAMENT

We lament and confess that we have become alienated from Earth and have disturbed the ecosystem of the High Country of our land and our garden planet.

We are sorry.

We have polluted deserts, and created erosion,
we have torn holes in the ozone layer,
we have disturbed delicate microclimates,
we have destroyed the homes of wild creatures.

We are sorry.

We are sorry. We are sorry.

Your confession is heard
and any offences committed against the High Country are forgiven.

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

I invite you to come home to Earth
by rejoicing in the High Country.

Shalom! Shalom!

We are coming home!

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JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Mike Wespel-Rose

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

Exodus 19: 16-20

Gospel

Matthew 17: 1-8

Contemporary reading

'Brian Turner'

By Brian Turner

<https://bellamysatfive.wordpress.com/the-poets/brian-turner/>

I much love the high country rivers and valleys – tussock-clothed hills with forests and snow-capped mountains farther off. Alas, I have come to agree with David Attenborough who said recently that he'd had to admit how that we humans were 'a plague' upon the earth. I agree. At times I recall Denis Glover's sequence *Sings Harry* where he refers to sheep 'like a pestilence / Pouring over the slopes'. We're pestilential in too many ways. Outrageous. We don't appear willing to do much about it. What a scandal, a crime, that is.

Gone

When I heard
my friend had gone
I went outside
and looked at the hills
and the broad
blue sky,
just stood there
a while,
then I went inside,
took one of his books
from a shelf
and listened to him
again, one
more time.

RESPONSE

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

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.*

Mountains march to distant heights
Wilderness tests all our might
Where the tussocks blow;
Windswept tors define the land
Desert plateaus, mountains stand
Old eruptions' scars;

*May this beauty never end
May this rock and earth remain 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*

REFLECTION

'Confession in this century'

Susan Jones

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

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

Sonia Groes-Petrie

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Canada and the Presbyterian Church in Canada. In New Zealand, we remember those who have worked this election season as candidates, members of all political parties and all voters. We think especially today of those who have lost their place in New Zealand's political landscape and those who have found it. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St Luke's Co-operating Church, Patea.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

Ch 4 710 'I have a dream a man once said.' vss 1-4

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Tune: Repton WOV 519(ii)

"I have a dream", a man once said,
"where all is perfect peace;
where men and women, black and white,
stand hand in hand, and all unite
in freedom and in love."

But in this world of bitter strife
the dream can often fade;
reality seems dark as night,
we catch but glimpses of the light
Christ sheds on humankind.

Fierce persecution, war, and hate
are raging everywhere;
God calls us now to pay the price
through struggles and through sacrifice
of standing for the right.

So dream the dreams and sing the songs,
but never be content:
for thoughts and words don't ease the pain:

unless there's action, all is vain;
faith proves itself in deeds.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Judy Dumbleton

Our Musician today

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acknowledged.

*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	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

On duty Sunday 1 October	
Welcoming	Gillian & Russell Feist
Sound	Frank Cook
Communion	Jim & Maxine Cunningham, Ken Irwin, Pam Fuller
Offering	Joan Tyler, Jon Schrader
Coffee/tea (Brunch Sunday)	Laura & Melissa Van Echten, Wendy & Andrew Matthews
Time with the Children	Colma Froggatt
Readings	Wendy Matthews
Prayers of the People	Paul Barber
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Colma Froggatt to assist at back of church

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's	
Sunday 24 September 10am	High Country Sunday Gathering, led by Susan Jones with Roger Jones. Followed by Exploring the Faith study session, 11.45am – 1.00pm.
Wednesday 27 September	Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre
Wednesday 27 September 12.15pm	Lunchtime Concert Piano Students of the NZSM
Thursday 28 September 12.15pm	Lunchtime Concert String Ensemble of the NZSM
Thursday 28 September 12.30pm	Centering Prayer in the Centre
Sunday 1 October 10am	Sunday Gathering including Communion and welcoming of newcomers, led by Susan Jones. Followed by Congregational Brunch in the hall. Please bring food to share.

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 have 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.

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.

ADVANCE NOTICE

October is Reformation Month at St Andrew's, Sunday October 1 to Sunday October 29 (Reformation Sunday).

October 1 Why? What theological changes led to the Protestant Reformation?

This Sunday we also welcome newcomers at communion time.

October 8 Where? Reformation in the context of Europe and Scotland

October 15 Who? Reformers of Reformers' Wall, Geneva, and the ordinary reformers

October 22 How? Printing and the Reformation.

John Howell will present some poems in his shortly-to-be-launched anthology on Homelessness and Ngaio Union Church join us.

October 29 What? Differences Reformation has made to the world and the church.

This may make you plan to be at church during October – or plan to stay away! I hope it will be the former! Susan

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.

KEEPING YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP-TO-DATE

Many of you will already be aware that Vodafone will be closing their 'paradise' email address service as of **30 November**. From a quick check of our current contact details this may affect over 30 people we regularly email. A few of those have already sent in their updated details. Thank you.

Please don't leave it to the last minute to change/update your email address. For information and advice regarding this visit

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/industries/96645420/vodafone-customers-should-plan-ahead-for-email-closure>

There may be others among you who have changed their contact details for other reasons (house or job move etc.) if in doubt please send us an email at office@standrews.org.nz or phone the office Ph 472 9211 to check we have the correct details for you. Thank you.

MUSIC FUTURES – YOUNG MUSICIANS PROGRAMME

Valerie Rhodes writes; "Please join us at 2.30 pm on **Saturday, 30 September** at St. Andrew's on The Terrace for a concert that is being sponsored by Music Futures. Entry is by koha.

The Young Musicians Programme gives pre-tertiary students access to the New Zealand School of Music's world-class teaching and facilities. This performance represents the culmination of YMP's classical classes for 2017. Students from YMP piano, voice, brass, strings & chamber group classes will perform individual, chamber and group pieces, from a wide range of composers including Scarlatti, Chopin, Poulenc and Piazzolla. Join us in a wonderful celebration of their 2017 studies!

WANT YOUR WORK ARCHIVED?

Recently the archivist at the Presbyterian Archives mentioned while they have lots of material from ministers, they didn't have as much from lay people. I thought of all the lovely liturgy, reflections and hymns written by members of the St Andrew's faith community. If anyone would like to send their work to the archives you can contact Susan as an intermediary or contact the Presbyterian Archives direct.

pcanzarchives@prcknox.org.nz or 03 473 0777. The work still belongs to you but is visible for future researchers. They will tell you what form and format and information they would need.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

CANTARE BY CANDLELIGHT

A charity concert at St Andrew's on The Terrace, **Friday 13 October**, 7pm-9pm. The tickets are \$35 for adults and \$20 for 18 and under, this includes a glass of wine/juice and finger food. Extra drinks and a raffle will be available for sale, there will be a short interval. Tickets are available through Eventbrite www.eventbrite.co.nz

Hong Kong based baritone Francis Wong, performing a selection of classical, Broadway and popular songs. Accompanied by Jennifer Scarlet. With a special appearance of classical guitarist Oscar Li.

This is a fundraising event for CanSurvive Dragon Boat Team - an enthusiastic group of breast cancer survivors who thrive on the positive outcome that being involved in a dragon boating team provides.

We are based in Wellington and are currently fundraising to get us to the international breast cancer dragon boat competition in Florence, Italy next July where there will be over 120 teams from around the world taking part. We are pleased to also be donating some of the proceeds to Te Omanga Hospice.

WELLINGTON HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY TRUST – STALL ON 30 SEPTEMBER

Come to the Hill Street market next Saturday morning **30 September** and have the opportunity of buying some special conserves, relishes, fruit jellies, and baking - with all the proceeds going to support chaplaincy at the Wellington hospitals. The Trust has 3 stalls each year and it is a good opportunity to purchase some interesting jams and sauces to spice up your taste buds this "spring". The Hill Street Market is located next to the Cathedral and runs from 9.00 am till 12.30 pm.

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
Custodian, SATRS Administrator	Peter Cowley
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