

St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

31 January 2016



Epiphany 4



A dangerous preacher

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

We gather together from inner city and outer suburbs

To become the family of God in this place

We gather together from this land and from lands overseas

To become the family of God in this place

We gather together from younger to older, from active to passive

To become the family of God in this place

Enable us to hear what words and songs, conversations and music,
have to say to us today

***That we might be drawn closer into the depth of being which is
called God.***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

FFS 57 'Song of faith that sings forever'

Words: © 1999 Shirley Murray

Music: © 1999 Colin Gibson. Hope Publishing Company

Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always somewhere sounding,
though the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.

Song of faith in exultation,
raising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descant to our daily tone,
song from sickbed or in prison:
faith must often sing alone.

And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.

OPENING RESPONSES *(please remain standing)*

We bring with us this morning

The knowledge of people who have nurtured Christian faith over the centuries

We bring with us this morning

The memory of people who have encouraged and guided us with their wisdom and knowledge

We bring with us this morning

Our own insights and understandings of what it means to be Christian

We bring with us this morning

Our own attentiveness and willingness to work at the task of worship

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Fiona McDougal

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

We will think of you as you go to the Rainbow Room and we remain here.
May it be for you a time of learning and fun.

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!

SOME RANDOM COMMENTS

HYMN

FFS 11 'Come teach us, Spirit of our God'

Words: © 1992 Shirley Murray
Alternate Tune: WOV 515 Richmond

Come, teach us, Spirit of our God,
the language of your way,
the lessons that we need to live,
the faith for every day.

Excite our minds to follow you,
to trace new paths in store,
new flight paths for our spirit space,
new marvels to explore:

Engage our wits to dance with you,
to leap from logic's base,
to capture insight on the wing,
to sense your cosmic grace:

Inspire our spark to light from you,
to catch creation's flair,
new artistry to celebrate,
new harmonies to dare:

Delight our hearts to worship you,
to learn compassion's code,
to live in context of your love,
great teacher who is God!

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Annemarie Treadwell

Hebrew Bible

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Gospel

Luke 4:21-30

Fifty years ago, the Rev. William Holmes stood in the pulpit of his Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, and spoke hard truths to his community and voiced comfortable platitudes.

Many, if not most, sermons fade from memory by Sunday lunch, but people in Dallas still talk about one the Rev. William Holmes gave there 50 years ago, just after the assassination of President John F Kennedy.

While he didn't blame Dallas for the crime itself, Holmes unflinchingly described the city as an incubator for political extremism and incivility, the kind of place where many worried an assassination might occur.

The sermon made the CBS News anchored by Walter Cronkite and brought the young Methodist pastor death threats, forcing him and his family to go into hiding under police protection.

In short, all hell broke loose because of the tough love Holmes preached in Dallas two days after Kennedy's killing there.

On November 22, 1963, Holmes and his wife, Nancy, had joined the crowd at the Dallas Trade Mart, awaiting a luncheon with President Kennedy and the First Lady, Jacqueline Kennedy. At age 34, Holmes had a Master of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology at Dallas' Southern Methodist University and had done post-graduate work at Union Seminary in New York, where he studied with Reinhold Niebuhr and Paul Tillich.

That same afternoon Holmes began working on the sermon he would give on Sunday, November 24th, at Northaven. He got a call from a friend at the National Council of Churches, who said he hoped the Dallas clergy would respond to the assassination with more than “pious platitudes and sentimental phrases.” Holmes offered neither when he stepped to the pulpit at Northaven.

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

FFS 25 'God of the Bible'

Words: © Shirley Murray. Music: © Colin Gibson

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

*Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change. (repeat)*

God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empower us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Those without status, treated as nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

Not by your finger, not by your anger
will your world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly, one to the other,
till our world changes, facing the Cross.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(remain standing)* ***"In This Hour – Liturgies for Pausing"***

By Dorothy McRae-McMahon

***We will affirm the voices of justice
for they are the soundings of God.
We will raise the announcements of hope
for they are the songs of the Creator.
We will celebrate the actions of grace
for they are the footprints of the Spirit.***

***We will watch for the winds of love,
moving gently among the grieving.
We will listen for the stories of wonder,
speaking softly from the hearts of the humble.***

*We will breathe in the dreams for a new day,
for they rise like everlasting incense
from deep in the soul of God.*

*In our present, our past and our future,
God is the God of all that is.
This we believe.
From this we will live.*

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

*The money and food we bring both now, and in other ways, is part
of ourselves and our substance.
As we give them away we pray for those who will handle them and
benefit from them.
May this offering enrich those whom it touches.*

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

Jenny Simpson

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Mongolia. We pray for the continued development of indigenous ways of life in a changing world. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Jonathan Young and Amy Adams and the people of their electorates of New Plymouth and Selwyn. Here in Wellington, we pray for the leaders and people of St Margaret's Presbyterian Church Silverstream.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

FFS 29 'God speed us on our way'

Music: © Shirley Murray. Words: © Shona Murray

God speed us on our way,
safe keep us every day,
give us wing, cause to sing,
all this we wish and pray.

God give us space to thrive,
all senses kept alive,
health and hope, means to cope,
joyfully to arrive.

God lead us to the new,
places and points of view,
roads to take, friends to make,
more life to travel through.

BLESSING *(together)*

May the overwhelming sense of Godness surround us and dwell deeply within us.

May the life-enhancing shadow of Jesus guide our acting and our thinking.

And may the breath of the Spirit constantly renew and encourage us.

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Vivien Chiu

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	Lynette Burrell, Nola Hanson
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	Paul Barber, Sonia Groes-Petrie
Coffee/tea	Frank & Sue Cook, Caroline Glass
Time with the Children	Fiona McDougal
Readings	Annemarie Treadwell
Prayers of the People	Jenny Simpson
Musician	Vivien Chiu
Rainbow Room Helper	Fionnaigh McKenzie

On duty Sunday 7 February

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

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 31 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Frank Hanson
Tuesday 2 February 5.15pm *Way To Go Home* organ recital in the church
Wednesday 3 February Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre
Wednesday 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert series will resume on Wednesday 10 February
Thursday 4 February 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre
Sunday 7 February 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones
Followed by Congregational Brunch in the Hall
Monday 8 February Waitangi Day Observation. The office will be closed

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

REFLECTIONS AND GATHERINGS FOR LENT AND EASTER 2016

During Lent, Lenten Reflections will occur 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 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, musical Gathering: 'Palm and Passion.'

Maundy Thursday, 24th March, 6.30pm. The Gathering will take the same format as the Lenten Reflections but also include communion.

Good Friday 25th March, 10am. Gathering in the church reflecting on those present with Jesus at the cross.

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

HENRY & KEITH'S WEDDING 20TH FEBRUARY 4.00PM

All are welcome. If you have received an invitation you are also invited to the reception. Please do RSVP to Henry or Keith as soon as possible to assist with seating & catering. Henrykeith@outlook.co.nz or Henry Ph: 021 148 9009
Keith Ph: 021 083 33153. Or see us after the service on Sunday.

BOOKS FOR SALE TODAY

Margaret Pannett has books at her home (top of Dixon St steps) for sale **today** between 1 – 4pm. Funds raised will go to St Andrew's and Downtown Community Ministries. Note that regretfully there is no parking in Percival/Dixon Streets.

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

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-tpa/> ,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.

FA PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

FA (Food Addicts in recovery Anonymous) is a program based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. There are no dues, fees, or weigh-ins at FA meetings. FA is a fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience and mutual support, are recovering from the disease of food addiction. There will be a free public information meeting held on **Tuesday 2nd February** from 7pm at St Andrew's on The Terrace. For further information contact them on Ph 972 7524 or email fanewzealand@hotmail.com

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

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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Custodian, SATRS Administrator	Peter Cowley
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