

ORDER OF SERVICE

18 March 2018

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Giving up to Grow

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

We continue our journey of life and growth

Pondering what we need to die to, in order to live for something else

What does it mean to fall into the ground?

What does it mean to let go?

What would new growth mean on this journey of life?

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

FFS 57 'Song of faith that sings forever.'

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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 exaltation,
rising 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)*

Dorothy McRae-McMahon

God conceives, within humanity, a promise
- a small seed which could grow into the Divine life.
It lies there in a womb of faith and prophetic hope,
waiting to be nurtured and celebrated.
Its fragile being may be immersed in hard times,
almost overwhelmed with challenges and conflicts
and wondering whether there will be any place
for its precious and sacred birthing.
We can be those who prepare for the coming,
the miracle of unearned eternal grace.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

(5th of 6 possible renderings of the Aramaic Lord's Prayer)

O Silent Sound,

whose shimmering music pulsates at the heart of each and all,

Clear a space in us where thy melody may be perceived in its purity.

*Let the rhythm of thy counsel reverberate through our lives,
so that we move to the beat of justice, love, and peace.*

*Then, our whole being at one with thy song,
grant that the Earth may be filled
with the beauty of thy voice.*

*Endow us with the wisdom to produce and share
what each being needs to grow and flourish,*

*And give us courage to embrace our shadow with emptiness,
as we embrace others in their darkness.*

*But let us not be captive to uncertainty,
nor cling to fruitless pursuits.*

*For from thee springs forth the rhythm, the melody, and the harmony,
which restores all to balance, again and again. Ameyn.*

Used by permission from Mark Hathaway (author) who works with Neil Douglas Klotz .

Their respective websites are www.taoofliberation.com and www.abwoon.com.

This prayer is found at: <http://visioncraft.org/aramaic/index.htm>

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Dawn Cowdry

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!

A LENTEN MOMENT

Susan Jones

Hebrew Bible

Jeremiah 31: 33-34a

Gospel

John 12: 20-32

HYMN

CH 4 417 'Now the green blade riseth'

Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum, Martin Shaw

Music: Noel Nouvelet

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,
Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Contemporary reading

'Prophets of a Future not our Own'

This prayer was quoted by Pope Francis in 2015. It is an excerpt from a homily written for Cardinal Dearden by then-Fr. Ken Untener on the occasion of the Mass for Deceased Priests, October 25, 1979. Pope Francis quoted Cardinal Dearden in his remarks to the Roman Curia on December 21, 2015. Fr. Untener was named bishop of Saginaw, Michigan, in 1980. He died 2004.

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

'Letting the new emerge'

Susan Jones

HYMN (*sung remaining seated*)

Bring Many Names # 23 'Joyful is the Dark'

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Music © Veronica Bennetts

1. Joyful is the dark,
holy, hidden God,
rolling cloud of night beyond all
naming:
Majesty in darkness,
Energy of love,
Word in Flesh, the mystery
proclaiming.

2. Joyful is the dark,
Spirit of the deep,
winging wildly o'er the world's
creation,

silken sheen of midnight,
plumage black and bright,
swooping with the beauty of a raven.

3. Joyful is the dark,
shadowed stable floor;
angels flicker, God on earth
confessing,
as with exultation
Mary, giving birth,
hails the infant cry of need and
blessing.

4. Joyful is the dark,
coolness of the tomb,
waiting for the wonder of the
morning;
never was that midnight
touched by dread and gloom:
darkness was the cradle of the
dawning.

5. Joyful is the dark,
depth of love divine,
roaring, looming thundercloud of
glory,
holy, haunting beauty,
living, loving God.
Hallelujah! Sing and tell the story!
Joyful is the dark.
Joyful is the dark.
Joyful is the dark!

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

May these offerings and our lives, bring hope to those who have little, and may these gifts be a symbol of our commitment to justice in our world. 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

Sue McRae

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Czech Republic and the Ecumenical Council of Churches in the Czech Republic. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament. Today we name list MPs Alfred Ngaro and David Parker. Here in Central Presbytery, we pray for leaders and people of St Paul's - St Mark's - Westmere Memorial Presbyterian Church, Wanganui.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

AA 36 'Every day'

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Music: Colin Gibson. Music © 1993 Hope Publishing Co.

Every day I will offer you, loving God, my heart and mind
every way I discover you
in the work your hand has signed;
help me see I'm your image,
and you have dreamed what I might be --
every day in your Spirit, I'll find the love and energy!

Every day I will focus on Christ, and lift my courage high
through the tides and the tossing of waves that drown,
and hopes that die;
help me see stepping out of the boat,
I'll learn what risk might be --
every day in your Spirit, I'll find the love and energy!

Every day I will look to Christ, and give thanks for wine and bread,
through the pain and emptiness
where your world cries to be fed;
help me see I can work for change,
and wherever I might be,
every day in your Spirit, I'll find the love and energy!

Every day I will walk with you, answer your compassion's claim,
find my feet and my bearings
to try deep places in your name:
help me see I can speak for the faith
when you're at work in me,
every day in your Spirit, I'll find the love and energy!

Every day I will take your word, answer your compassion's claim,
celebrate every sign of hope,
every deed done in your name;
help me see you are always there,
and your light can shine through me,
every day in your Spirit, I'll find the love and energy!

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Bruce Cash
Our musician today



AUDIO REFLECTIONS

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.
<http://www.standrews.org.nz/sunday-gathering/orders-of-service>

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.

*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.*

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

MARCH AT ST ANDREW'S

March 25 10am Palm Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones. Members of the Class of 1980, Otago University Medical School, will be with us.

Holy Week:

Thursday March 29 5.30-6.30pm, ***note time change***. Gathering, Conf Rooms 1& 2.

Friday March 30 10am Good Friday led by Fiona McDougal with a liturgy team

Saturday March 31 Transgender Day of Visibility, events TBA

April 1 10am Easter Day with Communion. Community brunch follows with celebration of Norman and Linda Wilkins' 50th wedding anniversary!.

JOHN MURRAY: URBAN GUERRILLA - SPIRIT FILLED RADICAL

Presentations in honour of the Very Rev'd John Murray

Friday March 23rd 6:30 - 9:15pm (Tea and Coffee from 6pm) in the church.

Speakers include Ken Irwin "The Man and his Times", Pam Ormsby "Anti - Apartheid," Edwina Hughes from Peace Movement Aotearoa, "Peace for all Seasons" and the Hon Hugh Templeton "Church and Schooldays."

ANOTHER GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Linda and Norman will be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary over the Easter weekend. We want to celebrate with our church family so after church on Easter Day during our usual brunch, there will also be cake kindly made by Maxine. As Susan always says if you forget to bring anything or you are a visitor please still come, there's always enough!

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE RACE "RECOMMENDED BY DCM"

The Hobson Street Theatre Company, in association with the Auckland City Mission, brings you The Race: an unapologetic piece of theatre looking head on at how racism affects those experiencing homelessness in Aotearoa today.

The company has been together since 2010. Their shows are original, self-devised pieces that offer the unique voice of a marginalised section of society and allow an important discussion around homelessness in New Zealand to be had.

HSTC bring a raw energy to live performance rarely seen on stage and this piece will be no different. Don't miss this eye opening new work from a company renowned for their humour, spirit and depth.

The Race will be presented as part of the New Zealand Fringe Festival at BATS Theatre from **19-21 March**, 6:30pm, \$12-20. <https://bats.co.nz/whats-on/the-race/>

PURSUIING PEACE IN GODZONE

Victoria University Press warmly invites you to the launch of Pursuing Peace in Godzone edited by Geoffrey Troughton & Philip Fountain at Unity Books, 57 Willis St, Wellington on **Wednesday 21 March**, 6pm—7.30pm. \$30, p/b. No RSVP necessary.

2018 RACE RELATIONS DAY CELEBRATION EVENT AND PEACE WALK

This event will take place on **Saturday, 24 March 2018** at the TSB arena in conjunction with an inaugural Multicultural Peace Walk, start from Odlins Plaza (opp Macs Brewer) ending at TSB arena. This begins at 10am with a peace walk followed by grand multicultural festival 12pm to 7pm. RSVP to kirahundleby@gmail.com and/or please use this facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/136286060387145/>

PETROLEUM CONFERENCE PROTEST

The purpose of the protest on **Monday, 26 March** will be to call on Energy Minister, Megan Woods, to rule out offering any new New Zealand land or sea for fossil fuels exploration. You are welcome to get involved. Information Session was on Thurs 8 March but watch Livestream to hear how to take part in this action to protect the climate. For more info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1907237502890744/> and https://www.facebook.com/events/354422248390400/?active_tab=about

LIVING WAGE

- You are invited to the release of the 2018 Living Wage rate: **Wednesday 4 April** 4-5:30 at the Rogue and Vagabond, 18 Garrett St, Wellington. RSVP by 20 March to lyndy.mcintyre@livingwage.org.nz.
- A training course is being run to facilitate involvement in the Living Wage Movement. It is planned as a day in April then two days in May, not a residential training. If you would like more involvement in the movement this will be a real help. Have a word with Norman if you would like to find out more about this.

RAINBOW WELLINGTON AGM

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of Rainbow Wellington will be held Tuesday 17th of April 2018, 6 pm at Committee Room 1, Wellington City Council (Street address: 101 Wakefield St, Wellington)

RW Board Nominations: Nominations for the Rainbow Wellington Board are open. The nominee must be a RW member and be nominated by TWO other members. Nominations can be sent to the e-mail address below in advance of the meeting.

Items of General Business: The RW Board would appreciate any member who is proposing to raise notices of motion or items for discussion under General Business to send an indication of this to the Secretary at: email: rainbowwellington@gmail.com. The AGM is for RW Members. If you are still need to renew your membership go to the website or send a message to: RWmembership@gmail.com.

PARENTS/CARERS OF KIDS AND TEENS STRUGGLING AT SCHOOL

Many families have children and teenagers struggling with the school system; school can be a daunting experience. We understand that as parents, carers, family and whānau this can be stressful and worrying for you too. This support group gives a chance to share how you're feeling, learn from each other's experiences and work together with other parents from all walks of life to develop strategies for supporting our children through school. It's about walking alongside each other, sharing experiences and learning together so our children get the best from their education. 1st Monday of the month, 7.30pm-9.30pm, Wadestown Presbyterian Church lounge, cnr Hanover St & Wadestown Rd. All welcome. Refreshments will be served. To register, or to find out more, email Jeanette Brunton on exitcalcutta@gmail.com

COMMON GROUND 2018 CONFERENCE

The informal Progressive Christianity Aotearoa Network invites you to **New Zealand's 3rd Progressive Spirituality Conference**

Friday 7–Sunday 9 September 2018, St Andrew's on The Terrace, Wellington



Creation: Ecology, Theology, Revolution

Purposes of the Conference include:

- to bring together, support, encourage and engage with those already in, or associated with, the Progressive Christian movement
- to explore the boundaries and outreach of spirituality and faith, especially in the areas of evolving theology and social justice
- to share how we can honour the earth and care for the environment
- to draw in and meet with others: interfaith or no faith, 'spiritual' progressives, those working for social justice— anyone whose ideals are compatible with, or who wish to know more about, Progressive Christianity in New Zealand.

Sign up for updates & registration at www.progressivechristianityaotearoa.com

Can you help?

We'll need volunteers to staff the kitchen, serve morning and afternoon teas, lunches and a dinner; "local experts" to help attenders find their way around the Conference Centre and around Wellington; meet and provide transport from airport or ferry; manage lost property etc.

Let us know if you're interested in helping—it's not a commitment yet—by emailing progressivechristianitynz@gmail.com

DRIVING FOR MUSIC -

The orchestra memoirs of a bus-driving violinist by Peter van Drimmelen

Peter van Drimmen, a retired viola player, was employed by the NZSO for 27 years to May 2014. During this time, he set up the Michael Monaghan Young Musicians Foundation. All performances, 1996 to 2009, were held in St Andrews. This ad hoc orchestra, members of NZSO and Wellington Orchestra was called 'The Academy of St Andrews on the Terrace'. A copy of this book is available to view in the back of the church along with order forms (please take a form). Available also from Writes Hill Press Ltd, www.writeshillpress.co.nz or from Peter at vandrim@xtra.co.nz.

VACANCY FOR RAINBOW ROOM CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

It's not too late to apply. Please send a CV and covering letter to office@standrews.org.nz

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

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| Welcoming | Frank and Nola Hanson |
| Sound | Tony Cowdry |
| Offering | Paul Satherley and Russell Feist |
| Coffee/tea | Richard Owen, Laura and Melissa Van Echten |
| Time with the Children | Dawn Cowdry |
| Readings | Roger Jones |
| Prayers of the People | Sue McRae |
| Musician | Bruce Cash |
| Rainbow Room | Linda Wilkins and Molly Seah |

On duty Sunday 25 March

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| Welcoming | Frank Cook and Lois Robertson |
| Sound | Paul Satherley |
| Offering | Margaret Pannett and Jon Scradar |
| Coffee/tea | Janet Horncy, Pam Fuller and Jon Schrader |
| Time with the Children | Susan Jones |
| Readings | Lois Robertson |
| Prayers of the People | Sandra Kirby |
| Musician | Peter Franklin |
| Rainbow Room | Linda Wilkins |

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 18 March 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones

Followed by Education and Information group (social justice) in the Centre.

Wednesday 21 March Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 21 March 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert - Sonic Explorations – Original Music for Guitar and Piano, Robbie Duncan – guitar, effects, Bernard Wells – piano, keyboard

Thursday 22 March 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Sunday 25 March 10am Palm Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones

Followed by the Exploring Faith study group at 11.45am – beginning new series called *The Jesus Fatwah: Love your (Muslim) Neighbour as Yourself*. All welcome. Let Susan know if you would like an 'encore' group on a week night.

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

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| 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 | Vacancy |
| Centre Manager | Laetitia Brunell |
| Office Administrator | Jillene Everett |
| Custodian, SATRS Administrator | Peter Cowley |
| Facilities Assistant | Lillian Norman |
| Centre Assistant | Hilary Penwarden |
| Roster Coordinator | Rosemary Lawrence |

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