

ORDER OF SERVICE

25 March 2018

Palm Sunday – Sixth Sunday in Lent



'Choosing'

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. To use the ***loop system*** in the church, turn your hearing aids 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

The journey to Jerusalem has been accomplished

Jesus arrives in quietness within a cacophony of sound

Our journey is ongoing

Where is the quietness in us among the noise of life?

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

CH 4 370 'Ride on ride on, the time is right'

Words: John L Bell (b. 1949) & Graham Maule (b. 1958)

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Scotland, G2 3DH (Admin. by Willow Publishing Pty. Ltd.)

Tune: Gonfalon Royal WOV 318

Ride on, ride on, the time is right:
The roadside crowds scream with delight;
Palm branches mark the pilgrim way
Where beggars squat and children play.

Ride on, ride on, your critics wait,
Intrigue and rumour circulate;
New lies abound in word and jest,
And truth becomes a suspect guest.

Ride on, ride on, while well aware,
That those who shout and wave and stare
Are mortals whom with common breath,
Can crave for life and lust for death

Ride on, ride on, God's love demands;
Justice and peace lie in your hands
Evil and angel voices rhyme
This is the man and this the time

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

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

*O Parent of the Universe,
manifesting thyself as generative energy,
Bend over us and remove all that clutters our being
and set apart a place where thy sacredness may dwell.
Fill us with thy creativity,
so that we may be empowered to bear the fruit of thy vision.
Then, moving to the heartbeat of thy desire,
make us the embodiment of thy compassion.
Drawing from the ground of our humanity
grant that we may renew each other
with love, understanding, and sustenance.
Empty us of frustrated hopes and despair,
as we restore others to a renewal of vision.
And let us not fall into agitation,
but save us from precipitous actions.
For thou art the ground
of the fruitful vision, the birthing-power, and the fulfilment,
as all is gathered and made whole once 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 THE CHILDREN

Susan Jones

HYMN

AA 22 'Come into the streets with me'

Words © 1992 Shirley Erena Murray

Tune: See Saw Saccara Down arr. Charles Strange

Come into the streets with me! Come to where the crowds will be,
see a strange and gentle king on a donkey travelling.

REFRAIN: Come and follow my leader, come and follow my leader,
Jesus Christ is riding by, come and follow my leader!

All the people shout his name, waving branches, sing his fame,
throw their coats upon his road, glad to praise the Son of God. *REFRAIN*

If the soldiers draw their swords, will we dare to sing these words,
be his friends for just a day, cheer him on, then run away? *REFRAIN*

Jesus goes where things are rough, Jesus knows when life is tough,
always comes to us, his friends, so his story never ends. *REFRAIN*

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

Colma Froggatt

Gospel

Mark 11: 1-11

Contemporary reading

'Palm Sunday' by Malcolm Guite

*From *The Word in the Wilderness* (Canterbury Press, Norwich 2014)*

Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The Saviour comes. But will I welcome him?
O crowds of easy feelings make a start;
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
And think the battle won. Too soon they'll find
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
Changes their tune. I know what lies behind
The surface flourish that so quickly fades;
Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,
The hardness of the heart, its barricades,
And at the core, the dreadful emptiness
Of a perverted temple. Jesus, come
Break my resistance and make me your home.

RESPONSE

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

ST ANDREW'S SINGERS

'Unseasonable Journey'

I remember it as if it were yesterday
the day he set his face
and turned towards Jerusalem.

We all knew that look,
all of us women who followed him

Conducted by Vivien Chiu

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[]=text omitted from music setting

Mary, Joanna,
Susanna and the rest,
we knew, all of us,
once that look was in his eyes
and his jaw set in that determined way
nothing any of us could say could change his mind.

An autumn chill
whispered its way
around my heart
the long, lovely summer
of camaraderie and companionship
was over

for I knew
we all knew
(especially him, although he never said)
death
lay at the end of this unseasonable journey

Looking back now,
I remember the slow,
inevitable
irrevocable
feel of that time

his words falling on our ears
as leaves fall
one by one
from trees
weeping away their life
in golden tears

*[afterwards, we looked back,
surprised at the depth
of golden leaves
which had gathered at our feet]*

the first few leaves
fluttered gently to the ground
as he told the men to let the children be
'the kingdom belongs to such as these', he said.
We women knew what he meant
we know children
the gut honesty
that hasn't been veneered with social graces yet.
We knew what he meant.

And it seemed a single golden leaf
gently touched my hair
As I heard him say
'Mary has chosen the better part
it shall not be taken from her'

and it hasn't.

REFLECTION

OFFERING

*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.*

A few more leaves fell
when he wept over the city

the stormy tension was all through Jerusalem
like one of those autumn storms
that pulls leaves from the trees in jealous fury

but once,
there was a lull,
when, through the heavy scent of ointment
above the woman's tears he said to the stony faces
above him
'she has done this for my burial'
and a shower of golden leaves
joined the others on the ground.

But autumn ends
with gaunt skeletons
against a wintry sky

and so his end came
on a gaunt tree
starkly black
amidst a darkened day
and a chill of winter
settled on my soul
the pile of leaves
about my feet
lost their glow
as the promises lost their power.

The cold went deep within me,
and even when love had burst forth
out of season
life in the middle of death
warmth in the heart of winter,
and the leaves at my feet
had regained their golden glow
[for now I knew the promises were true]
the memory of that desolation remained

Reminding me God does not wait for spring
but offers life in winter
for love knows no season.

Luke 8:2-3 Luke 9:51

'Choosing'

Susan Jones

A SORT OF STATEMENT OF FAITH

by Roddy Hamilton, posted on Listening to

the Stones. <http://newkilpatrickblog.typepad.com/nk-blogging/mucky-paws/>

(For reading together, following these guidelines:

Bold italics said by the leader.

Plain font left hand side of the church.

Bold font right hand side of church,

Plain italics of last line said by all who want to)

some shout hosanna

some shout crucify

some shout Jesus

some shout Barabbas

some wave palms

some shake their fists

today we choose...

some break bread

some break silence

some proclaim Jesus

some deny Jesus

some carry the cross

some run from the cross

today we choose...

some are angry

some rejoice

some anoint with costly perfume

some complain at the waste

some like the light

some prefer the shadows

today we choose...

some weep

some conspire

some follow

some hide

some believe

some betray

today we choose

to shout for life

to follow the cross

to break bread

to hold belief

to trust love

and tell the world

we choose to follow Jesus

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

Lynne Dovey

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Denmark and the National Council of Churches in Denmark. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name MPs Greg O'Connor (Ōhāriu electorate) and Simon O'Connor (Tāmiki electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Waverley-Waitotara Co-operating Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

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HYMN

'Through the crowds'

Words: © Palm Sunday 2018 Susan Jones

Tune: Blauenwern WOV 165(ii)

Through the crowds a donkey passes
Grey and humble, young and small
Makes its way among the masses
Carrying Jesus through it all;
Quietly, gently, rides the stranger
Loud and boisterous is the crowd
Calm and centred, into danger,
Sure his pathway to his shroud.

In our lives we face such choices
Which the leader we will choose?
Here one whom the crowd rejoices
Over there, one bound to lose;
One has riches and prestige and power
One has only love to expend;
Every day and even each hour
We decide which we'll befriend.

Symbols stand at every corner
Coats and donkeys, stones and palms
Raucous joy, no sadness or mourners
Spirits high, with ringing psalms;
Simple triumph is all their agenda
Welcoming a King above kings
Not a thought of evil offender
Streets with glad hosannas ring

May we find the courage to ponder
Not the easy, but the best;
In our hearts make room for wonder
Find, through myst'ry, the truest quest
Which demands the fullest
commitment
Life and love, possessions too
Heart and mind both fully recruited
All now making a journey true.

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Peter Franklin

Our Musician today

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AUDIO REFLECTIONS



Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

<http://www.standrews.org.nz/sunday-gathering/orders-of-service>

*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.

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

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

SUPPORT TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY EASTER SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Tranzform, the local support group for trans youth are having a fundraising sausage sizzle (with vegan options) at Bunnings on Tory St. This coincides with the Transgender Day of Visibility Saturday March 31st. St Andrew's people are specifically invited to go along anytime between 9am and 5pm and make your support for trans people visible.

SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS

We will be having five of these gatherings this year alternating between parish-catered events in Conference Rooms 1 and 2 and public ones held in the church. All evenings will be on the second Tuesday of the month beginning in April and finishing in August. The first Spirited Conversation of the year will be on **Tuesday April 10th at 6.15pm in Conference Rooms 1 & 2**. Meal cost \$10.

Topic: 'Working for Médecins Sans Frontiers (Doctors without Borders)': Katrina Harper talks with Ben Gray. Katrina and Ben are both parishioners and members of the staff at Newtown Union Health Service. Katrina has worked with MSF in several roles. RSVPs via the blue clipboard at the back of the church as usual.

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

CHRISTIAN PRESENCE AT PETROLEUM CONFERENCE PROTESTS

On **March 26-27**, an annual gathering of the petroleum industry is coming to Wellington. Usually, the government uses this conference to offer up NEW areas of land and sea for oil and gas exploration. Our new government has not ruled out doing the same. To get involved:

- Come to the [briefing event](#) on 25 March, 7:30pm, Level 2 Anvil House, 138 Wakefield St.
- Come to the [Opening Ceremony Rally](#), 12:15 Monday 26th at Frank Kitts Park.

- Join other [Christians amid protests of the conference](#) on Tuesday 27th. Come by between 7:30 and 3pm to sit and pray in our PRAYER space, strike up conversations in our RECONCILIATION space, or be part of a more traditional protest action by holding banners saying 'love our neighbours, end oil'!

See updates at [Anglican Advocacy Wellington](#) on Facebook.

If you would like to make arrangements to go together on Tuesday, please contact Fionnaigh McKenzie. fi@fionnaigh.com, Mobile: 027 289 3040.

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.

EXPLORE THE MEANING OF HUMAN LIFE IN OUR VAST UNIVERSE

Join astrophysicist Dr. Jennifer Wiseman on as she reflects on the relationship between religion and science through the lens of her research with the Hubble Space Telescope **Tuesday, 10 April** 6:00 pm Refreshments, 6:30 Lecture, St. John's Centre Wellington

Modern telescopes enable breathtaking discoveries scarcely imaginable by earlier generations, including black holes, dark matter, and thousands of planets beyond our Solar System. This sheds light on a universe that apparently has been growing more mature, complex, and hospitable for life for nearly 14 billion years. But discoveries cast doubts on traditional biblical and theological understandings of human uniqueness. What is our sense of human identity and significance in a universe that may be teeming with life? How do new images of the heavens inspire renewed philosophical, theological, and artistic reflection on the meaning of human life in the cosmos?

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 still need to renew your membership go to the website or send a message to: RWmembership@gmail.com.

NORTHLAND KIDZ CLUB'S APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME, 16 – 27 APRIL.

Join us in our adventures each day as we're out-and-about in the Wellington area.

We'll be ice-skating, swimming, go-karting and barbecuing, playing laser tag, going to a puppet theatre production, and doing breakdancing & jive – not to mention Time Cinema, where we'll see a selection of original cartoons and films.

\$45 per child per day (third child onwards :\$20), 8.30 a.m to 6 p.m each day.

For details, check out our website (www.nkc.org.nz) , or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612) , e-mail (nkc.jan@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

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	Frank Cook and Lois Robertson
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	Margaret Pannett and Norman Wilkins
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Richard Owen and Jon Schrader
Time with the Children	Susan Jones
Readings	Colma Froggatt
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Linda Wilkins

On duty Good Friday 30 April

Welcoming	Susan and Roger Jones
Sound	Peter Cowley
Participants	Sue McRae, Colma Froggatt, Andrew and Wendy Matthews, Katrina Harper, Francis Porter
Musician	Peter Franklin

On duty Sunday 1 April

Welcoming	Trish McBride and Russell Feist
Sound	Frank Cook
Offering	Joan Tyler and John Morgan
Coffee/tea	Gillian Feist, Peter Cowley, Lois Robertson, Katrina Harper
Time with the Children	Susan Jones
Readings	Sandra Kirby
Prayers of the People	Jennifer Bush-Daumec
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Roger Jones

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

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.

Wednesday 28 March Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 28 March 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Beethoven: Kreutzer Sonata. - Carolyn van Leuven (violin) and Catherine Norton (piano)

Thursday 29 March 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Thursday 29 March 5.30-6.30 Maundy Thursday Gathering in Conference Rooms 1 & 2.

Friday 30 March 10am Good Friday Gathering led by Fiona McDougal

Saturday 31 March Transgender day of visibility. See notices

Sunday 1st April 10am Easter Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones, followed by Congregational Brunch in the Hall with Norman and Linda Wilkins

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	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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