



ORDER OF SERVICE

27th May 2018

Trinity Sunday



What does “Trinity” mean in our day and age?

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 feel and see the action of the wind - the trees, the leaves and the clouds
We appreciate its power and its force - but we cannot see it.

There are many things that bring us together.

Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost -the coming of the Spirit.

Spirit is like the wind, we can feel its power and what it achieves,

Unseen it gathers us together, strengthens relationships as we meet.

So, we gather today to ponder another thing – the Trinity.

Our life has its seasons, so we celebrate gathering now in community.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 113 'Our life has its seasons'

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Music: Colin Gibson © 1992 Hope Publishing Co.

Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow,

*so there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

But there's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep,

But there's never a time.....

There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end

But there's never a time...

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Ellen Murray

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!

HYMN

HIOS 7 'As the wind song through the trees'

Words © 2005 Shirley Erena Murray

Music by Swee Hong Lim © 2005 Hope Publishing Company

As the wind song through the trees,
as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm,
so it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, never known
where this wind has blown
bringing life, bringing power to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire,
as the soul's most deep desire,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain,
as the hope that's born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring,
as a kite on a string,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new,
making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
as the rising of the yeast,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Valerie Rhodes

Gospel

John 3: 1 - 11

Contemporary reading from "Coming back to Earth" by Lloyd Geering

The Christian thinkers of the first five centuries express their values and aspirations by speaking of their God as the Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

What motivates us on our path of truth?

What are the highest values and aspirations to which we respond in faith?

To answer these questions, we must acknowledge that the world we live in looks very different from the way it looked to the ancient Christian thinkers. People both before and after the First Axial period felt they were surrounded by, and often in close touch with, a spirit world. Today, of course, we use the word "spirit" metaphorically? If we use it at all. Where they talked about spirit as the substance of reality, we talk about physical energy. Where they explained natural phenomena in terms of god's and spirits, we do so in terms of electrons, quarks, and nuclear forces. Where they explained living creatures as fleshly embodiments of spirit or a life-principle, we talk of organisms that are identifiable by DNA and chromosomes, immune systems and amino acids. We see ourselves as human organisms who feel with our bodies and think with our brains and nervous systems.

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

Barrie Keenan

“What is the Trinity we have – how do we understand it?”

HYMN

FFS 10 ‘Come and find the quiet centre’

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Come and find the quiet Centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
 clear the chaos and the clutter,
 clear our eyes, that we can see
 all the things that really matter,
 be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
calls the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
 making space within our thinking,
 lifting shades to show the sun,
 raising courage when we're shrinking,
 finding scope for faith begun.

In the spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our lives and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
 there's a place for deepest dreaming,
 there's a time for heart to care,
 in the Spirits lively scheming
 there is always room to spare!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***Wherever each of us is on our faith's journey,
wherever each person has come from, and wherever each is going to,
whatever each person believes, whatever each does not believe,
all are welcome here in our community.
This we celebrate today as we embrace the spirit of togetherness.***

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord God we bring these gifts of money, food and our time and talents.
We acknowledge the earth does not belong to us.

We belong to the earth.

All things are connected and interdependent.

Like the blood that unites our families.

We did not weave the web of life.

We are however important strands in it.

Whatever we do to that web which is our community,

We do to ourselves and those who travel with us at this time.

So, we give thanks for the process of creation and all its opportunities,

We give thanks for the good things of the past, the present and the future. 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

Sonia Groes-Petrie

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Ethiopia and the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Chlöe Swarbrick and Fletcher Tabuteau list MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St Anselm's Union Church in Karori.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

"Sing a new Song"

Words © 1965 Iris McCoy

Music: Mit Freuden Zart WOV 405

Now be aware, and glory in
this fellowship with others.
That learns to give and take with grace:
where there is life it gathers.
It deepens joy, it eases strain,
it heartens those who live with pain.
Each strengthens each, together.

The wordless touch where sorrow is.
The sharing of a vict'ry:
the flash of mind when insight leaps
to truth, provoked by query.
The freedom of our fellowship
accepts us as we are, and this
is God's own gift of liberty.

Now be aware that hearts and hands
and minds are rich when sharing:
for here within this fellowship
the strength of God is growing.
Now life has reason, love has powers
beyond our own, for into ours
the love of God is flowing.

BLESSING

Go from this place committed to recognising human need.
Remember that you are part of a community of people
whose lives are made meaningful by loving service.

We go in the love of God,

We go with the grace of Christ,

We go in the powerful communion of the Holy Spirit,

For the God who is with each one of us is among us now and always.

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Vivien Chiu

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

JUNE - A MONTH FOR REFLECTING ON COMPASSION

Compassion is the ground from which our Faith in Action springs. In June the reflections will focus on Karen Armstrong's Charter for Compassion:

- 3 June 'Compassion from the womb of life' with Communion and Community brunch
- 10 June 'Compassion: antidote to violence' followed by the Social Justice Education Gp
- 17 June 'Compassion transcending religion' followed by Special General Meeting
- 24 June 'Compassion: force for Good' followed by Exploring the Faith study group

CHANGE OF DATE

The Social Justice Education Group will meet after the Gathering **on the second Sunday June 10th**. Sonia Groes Petrie will talk about Water.

SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS

On **Tuesday June 12th** a publicly open Spirited Conversation will happen in the church (5.30-7.00pm) with a panel brought by Mani Mitchell on the topic of gender identity. We will hear personal stories, information on gender identity and about resources available in the community as well as having time for questions and discussion. Leaflets are available for this night. Please invite others. If you get sent a notification on facebook, even if you can't come, please click on 'interested' and the notification will be sent to all your contacts and so the word is spread!

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

On June 17th (note: different date from last week) a Special General Meeting will be held. Proposed business includes 2018/9 budget, Parish Council nominations brought by Council, and the business plan for Pipe Organ Refurbishment fundraising.

SATRS MID-WINTER SEMINAR

Friday and Saturday **June 22nd and 23rd**.

PARADISE LOST – PARADISE RESTORED.

A weekend reflecting on what we have lost in the de-greening of the earth and ways in which we might grow our understanding of inclusion and diversity to create a new paradise which honours our Ecumenical, Economic and Ecological values. Flyers are in the back of the church.



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,
hosted by the St Andrew's congregation.



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.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES PRESS STATEMENT

The World Council of Churches have released a press statement calls for just peace and an end to impunity in the Holy Land following the excessive violence by Israeli forces on civilian protesters in Gaza during the past week:

<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/wcc-calls-for-just-peace-and-an-end-to-impunity-in-the-holy-land>

NZ's RATIFICATION OF THE NUCLEAR BAN TREATY

Ican Aotearoa NZ are seeking your input into the iCAN Aotearoa New Zealand guidelines for anyone interested in making a submission to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Select Committee's international treaty examination of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). The guidelines will provide a summary of key points for submissions on NZ's speedy ratification of the TPNW. The deadline has been extended to 5pm, Friday 25 May. . Please send your comments to iCAN Aotearoa New Zealand, email icanz@xtra.co.nz - thank you.

The guidelines will be published on Tuesday 29 May at the latest (the closing date for submissions is Friday 8 June).

Further information in the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/posts/1696517210395641>

INVITATION TO CHARITIES SERVICES LUNCHTIME WEBINAR SERIES 2018

Becoming A Registered Charity – The Benefits And Obligations

31 May 2018, From 12pm (approx. 45 minutes)

On completion of the webinar you will be clear about the benefits and obligations of being a registered charity and have more information to decide whether registering as a charity is the best decision for your organisation.

Link to register: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5462961296088080641>

Good Practice In Grant Management And Reporting

21 June 2018, From 12pm (approx. 45 minutes)

The webinar will cover some basic practices for governance and financial reporting and explain some controls you can put in place to help ensure that your charity stays financially healthy and keeps meeting its funders' requirements.

Link to register <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7034757148458806017>

INVITATION TO THE PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 12 June 2018, from 5.45pm to 7.30pm

Centre for Sustainability, 563 Castle Street, Dunedin

Key developments relating to iCAN Aotearoa New Zealand's work will be covered during the AGM. Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/467336397036594>

CWS OPERATION REFUGEE - FUNDRAISING FOR SYRIA

Sonia Groes-Petrie writes: "I'm taking part in the CWS Operation Refugee challenge from **16-20 June** to raise funds to support families who have fled Syria's bitter seven-year war. CWS works with partners in Lebanon and Jordan to provide food, medical care, education and skills training. If you would like to support me I have a fundraising page: <https://cwsoperationrefugee2018.everydayhero.com/nz/sonia> or have a chat to me after church. Thank you very much for your support!

OPERATION REFUGEE

We are looking for people willing to do something practical for refugees **16-20 June**. You choose to make your meals from the Refugee Food Box for 5 days – or 2 if you are at school - or sponsor someone else. Families who fled Syria's bitter seven-year war need support; children need food, healthcare, schooling. Mothers need skilled training to set up small businesses – saving their children from work or an early marriage.

More info: <https://www.cwsoperationrefugee.nz/> **Please contact Susan or Margaret Rushbrook if interested in participating or sponsoring someone else. Sonia Groes Petrie has signed up. She'd love sponsors and someone to do the week with her.**

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

Worship Leader	Rev Barrie Keenan
Welcoming	Frank and Nola Hanson
Sound	Peter Cowley
Offering	Norman and Linda Wilkins
Coffee/tea	Laura and Melissa Van Echten, Pam Fuller
Time with the Children	Ellen Murray
Readings	Valerie Rhodes
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Musician	Vivien Chiu
Rainbow Room Helper	Rosemary Lawrence

On duty 3 June 2018

Welcoming	Brian and Lynette Burrell
Sound	Bronwyn White
Offering	Margaret Pannett, Paul Satherley
Coffee/tea (Congregational Brunch)	Frank Cook, Kath Kerr, Sue Hirst, Roger Jones
Time with the Children	Jennifer Bush-Daumec
Readings	John Morgan
Prayers of the People	Cameron Smart
Communion	Cameron Smart, Ann Barrie, Vhari McWha, Trish McBride
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Fionnaigh McKenzie

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 27 May 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Barrie Keenan. Exploring the Faith study group this week will proceed on a DIY basis! Conference Room 3.

Wednesday 30 May Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 30 May 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Students of the NZSM Guitar programme

Thursday 31 May 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Sunday 3 June 10am Sunday Gathering. (#1 in the 4-reflection Compassion series) led by Susan Jones with Communion followed by Congregational Brunch in the hall.

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	Lynne Dovey (acting)
Pastoral Convenors	Linda Wilkins and Maxine Cunningham Lois Robertson, Brian Burrell
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
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