

ORDER OF SERVICE

3 June 2018

2nd Sunday in Pentecost

Hebrew - *racham*

- Derived from Hebrew word meaning: to love, to love deeply, have mercy, be compassionate, have tender affection, and have compassion.
- Translated
 - *Mercy* 30 times
 - *Compassion* 4 times
 - **Womb** 4 times



First of a series of four reflections on
The Compassion Charter:
(1) 'Compassion from the Womb of Life'

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

True compassion rises from our very depths

It is in the wrenching of the guts

It springs from the labouring womb

It is born of internal struggle

In which true compassion births mercy

As Jesus did, may we too be moved in our inner selves

And show divine compassion

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'El Shaddai Will Come to Help us'

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El Shaddai will come to help us, hearing every painful plea;
though the world around us rages, She will still our comfort be.
Holding all in loving care, She will every burden bear.

Through the midst of pain and sorrow, El Shaddai will nurture all;
She will come through swelling tempests, helping when we faint and fall.
Blessing from her womb and breasts bring all weary ones to rest.

El Shaddai with deep compassion will forever with us stay;
Giving guidance through each challenge, She will show the healing way.
Helping all our fears release, She will lead to hope and peace.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER and JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Jennifer Bush-Daumec

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!

LIFE MOMENT

Frances Porter

THE WORD IN TEXTS

John Morgan

Hebrew Bible

Deuteronomy 24: 17-22

Gospel

Matthew 9: 35-38

Contemporary reading

First stanza of *The Charter of Compassion*

The principle of compassion lies at the heart of all religious, ethical and spiritual traditions, calling us always to treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves. Compassion impels us to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures, to dethrone ourselves from the centre of our world and put another there, and to honour the inviolable sanctity of every single human being, treating everybody, without exception, with absolute justice, equity and respect.

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

'Compassion from the Womb of Life'

Susan Jones

OFFERING HYMN

'Womb of all creation flowing'

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Offerings for the work here and beyond this church and food for the foodbank will be received as we remain seated to sing this hymn

Womb of all creation flowing with your blessings everywhere,
Bring to birth in us deep caring that your fullness all may share.
Fill us with your gentle power that new ventures we may dare

Holy Darkness deep within us, nurture our creative seeds;
Bring our dreams to glorious flower as your peace our spirits feed.
In your centre we find wholeness as your grace fills all our needs

Loving Womb, your sacred darkness brings forth treasures night and day,
Nourishing our deepest longing, casting all our fears away.
May we join your holy labour, giving Earth new hope, we pray

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AS OFFERING PRAYER *Please stand*

***We believe Compassion is the essence of what we call God;
the deep internal urge***

to care for all

to show mercy to those who need it

to show love whether the recipient deserves it or not;

***the deep internal force which brings forth
new relationship***

new covenants of truth and justice

new life in all its forms.

***We believe that as God acts so should we,
showing compassion even***

to those we do not like

to those whom we may fear

and those who may hate and revile us.

***We believe Compassion is needed for a world which is just and true,
a deeply held feeling shown in acts of mercy and kindness***

*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

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Fiji and the Christian World Service partner, the Ecumenical Centre for Research, Education and Advocacy in Fiji which aims to increase community awareness and action on economic justice, social issues and conflict resolution. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Carmel Sepuloni (Kelson electorate) and David Seymour (Epsom electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Khandallah Presbyterian Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's table.

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 to participate in the communion. This is God's meal for all people.

COMMUNION HYMN

'Here O my God I see you face to face'

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Tune St Agnes CH 4 664

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1. Here, O my God, I see you face to face;
here would we touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace
and all my weariness upon you lean.
2. Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with you the royal wine of heav'n;
here would we lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

COMMUNION LITURGY

on card

Communion is served by intinction. You are invited to come to the front of the church and receive the bread, or a gluten-free cracker, taking a piece large enough to dip into the wine (silver cup) or grape juice (pottery cup). Eat the bread dipped in wine or juice.

In the centre one of the servers has a completely gluten free option of crackers and juice and wine. Please only use this if you need to be gluten free.

Or, remain in your seat to be served if mobility is difficult. If you don't wish to receive communion, please remain in your seat – we're glad you are here with us.

CLOSING PRAYERS

HYMN

'Too soon we rise'

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Tune St Agnes CH 4 664

1. Too soon we rise, the symbols disappear;
the feast, though not the love, is past and done;
gone are the bread and wine, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still my Shield and Sun.
2. As we move out, the world calls to our hearts
Many are grieving, deep in dark despair;
Compassion moves within, eyes start to smart,
May we be brave and show Love's always near.

BLESSING and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

"Minuet I II III" from "Music for the Royal Fireworks"

by G.F Handel (1685-1759)

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

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 the Charter for Compassion inspired by Karen Armstrong.

3 June 'Compassion from the womb of life' with Communion and followed by Community brunch in the Hall. Please bring food which can be eaten in the fingers.

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 – SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION GROUP

This group will meet after the Gathering **on the second Sunday, June 10th**. Sonia Groes Petrie will talk about Water.

SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS – GENDER IDENTITY NIGHT

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.

Please click on 'interested' on the facebook link even if you can't come as this sends the information to all on your contact list. Flyers at the back of the church.

Facebook event link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/467841797010115/>

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

On Sunday June 17th a Special General Meeting of congregational members will be held. Proposed business includes approval of the 2018/9 budget, Parish Council nominations brought to the meeting 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 at 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.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLEASE BE AWARE

The health and safety of everyone in our community is important. It is good that lots of people remain after the Gathering for morning tea. Here we have a lively mixture of hot drinks, elderly people, children and a number of people in a small space. Please watch for children. We have supplied areas to sit and enjoy your conversation. Please feel free to move chairs in the last couple of rows to make more room. "All" are welcome, let's keep 'all' safe! Susan

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

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>

International treaty examination of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons: Key points for submissions – information in this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/peace-movement-aotearoa/nuclear-ban-treaty-key-points-for-submissions/1711913112189384>

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!

INVITATION TO CHARITIES SERVICES LUNCHTIME WEBINAR SERIES 2018

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>

PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA

Securing our common future: an agenda for disarmament has been launched.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/peace-movement-aotearoa/securing-our-common-future-an-agenda-for-disarmament/1706986012682094>

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGION

Semester 2 papers for the Department of Theology and Religion, University of Otago are available at: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/news/otago685430.html>.

The second semester starts on 09 July and new enrolments are due by 25 June.

To enrol go to www.otago.ac.nz. Enquires to theology@otago.ac.nz or phone 03 479 8901.

UNDERSTANDING AND TREATING SELF-INJURIOUS BEHAVIOURS

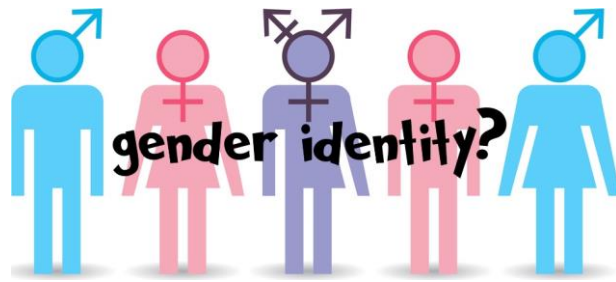
A Workshop held by Grow Ltd. with Dr Wendy Lader – Tuesday **26th June 2018**.

<http://www.grow.co.nz/page/understanding-and-treating-self-harm/>

St Andrew's on The Terrace



Gender Identity Night



This evening is open to the Wellington community to assist us all in learning about gender identity .

Greater understanding is needed as more people reveal varied responses to our society's binary choice of only male and female.

The gender identity continuum has people in many different places on that line.

Tuesday 12 June 2018
5.30-7.00pm
refreshments served

St Andrew's on The Terrace
30, The Terrace
Wellington Central
Wellington
Phone: 04 472 9211
reservations@standrews.org.nz
www.standrews.org.nz

DCM BOOKFAIR

DCM are looking forward to another great Bookfair on Saturday **4 August**, Shed 6, 8am-6pm. Book donations will be appreciated and these can be left in the donation bin in the foyer. Facebook event link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/915426378628750/>

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	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

On duty 10 June 2018

Welcoming	Fiona McDougal, Pam Fuller
Sound	Peter Cowley
Offering	Joan Tyler, Pauline Woolley
Coffee/tea	Jon Scraider, Katrina Harper, Mike Wespel-Rose
Time with the Children	Sue McRae
Readings	Patricia Booth
Prayers of the People	Sandra Kirby
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Rainbow Room Helper	Roger Jones

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 3 June 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones followed by followed by Congregational Brunch in the hall.

Wednesday 6 June Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 6 June 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – String students of the NZSM

Thursday 7 June 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Sunday 10 June 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones. Social Justice Education Group; Sonia Groes Petrie talking on Water.

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
Presbytery Representative	Colma Froggatt
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jules Collinson
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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