

# ORDER OF SERVICE

29 July 2018

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## 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost



How interesting is your God?

Lesser known Biblical portrayals of God

## 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 have come to this place of peace

***May its quiet heal our spirits;***

We have come to this place of memory

***May its history warm our souls;***

We have come to this place of prophecy and power

***May its vision change our hearts.***

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### 'Bring many names'

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Music Carlton R Young © 1994 Hope Publishing Co.

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Bring many names, beautiful and good,  
celebrate, in parable and story,

holiness in glory,  
living, loving God.

Hail and Hosanna!

bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day,  
planning all the wonders of creation,

setting each equation,  
gen-i-us at play:

Hail and Hosanna,

strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child,  
Feeling all the strains of human living,  
    caring and forgiving,  
    till we're reconciled:  
Hail and Hosanna,  
warm father God!

Old, aching God, grey with endless care,  
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,  
    glad of good surprises,  
    wiser than despair:  
Hail and Hosanna,  
old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move,  
seeing all, and fretting at our blindness,  
    crying out for justice,  
    giving all you have:  
Hail and Hosanna,  
young, growing God!

Great, living God, never fully known,  
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,  
    closer yet than breathing,  
    everlasting home:  
Hail and Hosanna,  
great, living God!

## **WELCOME**

Kia ora tatou.

*Kia ora.*

## **PRAYER**

## **JESUS PRAYER**

*Jim Cotter paraphrase on card*

## **LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE**

## **TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**Patricia Booth**

## **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!*

## **THE WORD IN TEXTS**

**John Morgan**

**Hebrew Bible**

**Deuteronomy 32:11-12; Hosea 13:4-8**

**Gospel**

**Luke 15:1-10**

**Contemporary reading**

*from The Divine Feminine:*

*the Biblical Imagery of God as Female*

by Virginia Ramey Mollenkott, publisher Crossroad New York 1984,  
quoting Rev Kathryn Piccard "Bible Images of God" (1977)

I like Kathryn Ann Piccard's emphasis on using the full spectrum of Biblical images of God - human, non-human, material and non-material.

If we use only material analogies (God as rock, water and so forth) we are underemphasising the transcendent nature of God; we need also such nonmaterial images of God as love, word, spirit, verb, or light.

If we use only human images of God (male or female) then anthropomorphism can be overdone and chauvinistic abuse of the natural environment can result.

If we use role images (God as Father, or Husband, or Mother, for instance) to deify and/or justify sex role stereotypes, then a "sin of sexism occurs".

It is all too easy to divert ourselves away from worshipping God to worshipping one particular image of God: and that is idolatry. The best way to heal ourselves of the idolatry we have fallen into is to utilise the full range of biblical imagery for God.

## **RESPONSE**

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

**REFLECTION**

**"How interesting is your God?"**

**Patricia Booth**

## HYMN

## FFS 50 'Nothing is lost on the breath of God'

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Nothing is lost on the breath of God,  
nothing is lost for ever;  
God's breath is love, and that love will remain,  
holding the world for ever.  
No feather too light, no hair too fine,  
no flower too brief in its glory;  
no drop in the ocean, no dust in the air,  
but is counted and told in God's story.

Nothing is lost to the eyes of God,  
nothing is lost for ever;  
God sees with love and that love will remain,  
holding the world for ever.  
No journey too far, no distance too great,  
no valley of darkness too blinding;  
no creature too humble, no child too small  
for God to be seeking and finding.

Nothing is lost to the heart of God,  
nothing is lost for ever;  
God's heart is love, and that love will remain,  
holding the world for ever.  
No impulse of love, no office of care,  
no moment of life in its fulness;  
no beginning too late, no ending too soon,  
but is gathered and known in God's goodness.

### OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

***We give thanks to God for our life  
and the courage we are given to live it.  
Let our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity.  
Let our faith be expressed in just living.  
Let our hope for the future find full expression  
In our daily attitude of mind.  
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

Sue McRae

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Guinea and the All Africa Conference of Churches. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Hamish Walker (Clutha-Southland electorate) and Louisa Wall (Manurewa electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Plimmerton Presbyterian Church.

## PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

*on card*

## HYMN

### AA 114 'Out of such sun and air'

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Out of such sun and air  
what Christ may come,  
shining with new and lovely light  
on our dim and shrouded lives;  
stirring our sleepiness with dreams,  
visions of life beyond compare.  
Out of this sun and air  
come, Christ, however you will come.

Out of such cloud and mist  
what Christ may come,  
blurring the clear and simple lines  
of our settled scheme of things;  
calling on faith and hope and trust,  
daring to danger, trial and risk.  
Out of this cloud and mist  
come, Christ, however you come.

Out of such sudden storm  
what Christ may come,  
sweeping across the startled sky  
of our calm and peaceful ways;  
driving with tempest winds of change,  
testing with tumult and reform.  
Out of this sudden storm  
come, Christ, however you will come.

## BLESSING

If here, you have found freedom,  
take it with you into the world.

If you have found comfort,  
go and share it with others.

If you have dreamed dreams,  
help one another, that they may become true!

If you have known love,  
give some back to a bruised and hurting world.

## SUNG AMEN

## THANK YOU

**Bruce Corkill**

Our Musician today

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acknowledged. The offering prayer is by Susan Jones. The Gathering and Blessing for today are based on  
sources from "Singing the Living Tradition" (the Unitarian Universalist Association). These words can be  
used in other worship and small group situations without seeking permission. Please acknowledge the  
source.

*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.



## AUDIO REFLECTIONS

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

<http://www.standrews.org.nz/category/sunday-gathering>

## 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***

### **AUGUST – BEING CHRISTIAN**

August 5 – Peace Sunday Gathering led by Fiona McDougal, Paul Barber and Jim Cunningham with contributions from Russell Feist and Sue McRae.

During the rest of August the Gatherings are led by Susan:

August 12 Being Christian - Truth, Talk and Anger

August 19 Being Christian – Seize the Day

August 26 Being Christian – Suit up.

### **BOOK LAUNCH - WITNESS TO CHANGE**

*Reflections on Reaching 100* by Lloyd Geering

Steele Roberts Aotearoa Publishers, 2018

Friday **August 17<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm in Conference Rooms 1 & 2, St Andrew's on the Terrace.

This book starts with the address Lloyd gave at the luncheon to celebrate his 100th birthday and then proceeds to narrate the many changes he has witnessed during his lifetime. This is followed by a collection of addresses and sermons in which he discusses the changes that took place in Christian thought and practice during the 20th century, as a result of which his own thinking also underwent a radical change. His book concludes with a sketch of the life of 'God' from conception to death.

Guest Speaker: Mary Harray.

### **Creation: Ecology, Theology, Revolution**

#### **Common Ground 2018 Conference**

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

#### **REGISTER NOW!**

Thank you to all who've offered to help—but don't forget to register.

#### **Guest Speakers**

Prof **Martin Manning**: *One Earth, One Future, One People*

Dr **Emily Colgan**: *A Place to Call Home? Reading the Bible from the Perspective of Earth*

Hon **Grant Robertson** MP: *People, environment, economy—the triple bottom line*

**Matt Matāmua** (Te Kakano: Presbyterian Māori Pastorate)—*Wellbeing for tangata whenua*

#### **Workshops**

*Creating down to earth prayers*—Bronwyn White

*Earthed! Progressive Funerals*—Rev Dr Jim Cunningham

*Full immersion: Jungian slow release from the Christian ties that bind*—Sande Ramage

+ *Labyrinth* and guided local walks

#### **Lively panel discussion:** *How we “do” Progressive Christianity*

Sign up for updates & registration at [www.progressivechristianityaotearoa.com](http://www.progressivechristianityaotearoa.com)

Any questions? Please contact working group secretary Bronwyn White at

[progressivechristianitynz@gmail.com](mailto:progressivechristianitynz@gmail.com)





## ROSTERS FOR SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER

A reminder for those who help on our Sunday rosters that we will be putting together a new roster for the period from August to September to shortly. If you have any dates during this period that you know you will be away please notify the office by 7 August - [office@standrews.org.nz](mailto:office@standrews.org.nz). Thank you.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY IN EMERGENCY

Increasingly defibrillators are available if you are sure someone has had a heart attack. Of course, the first thing to do is to call 111 for an ambulance! If a defibrillator is needed, during working week hours go over the road to the Ministry of Primary Industries in Pastoral House and the ground floor receptionist will assist you. Outside working hours, Bolton Hotel in Bolton St are happy for us to request their defibrillator. If you are not qualified in first aid, please follow the directions of, firstly, any medical doctor present, or trained nurse or trained first aider.

## *WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES*

### MUSIC FUTURES

Music Futures is delighted to be offering its annual 'The Sound of Wellington Youth Music' concert here at St Andrew's on The Terrace on Sunday **29 July** at 3 pm (today). Door sales only: adult \$15 and students \$5. We have a great line-up of talented young people again this year. Do join us for this delightful concert.

**The Sound of Wellington Youth Music**


**3pm Sunday 29 July, 2018**  
**St Andrew's on The Terrace**

**Featuring**

Wellington Young Voices  
Timeless Trio - violin, clarinet and piano  
Kapiti College - 7 cellos and voice  
NZSM Guests: Wind Trio – flute, clarinet and  
bassoon  
...and more

**Tickets:    Adults \$15       Students \$5**  
**Door sales only**

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## **12<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL INTERFAITH FORUM**

28 July – Youth Forum. National Library, Thorndon.

29 July – National Forum Day 1. National Library, Thorndon.

30 July – National Forum Day 2. Parliament.

Online registration: <https://merefiore.typeform.com/to/SvCeD8>

Or email [wtgninterfaithcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:wtgninterfaithcouncil@gmail.com) for link or hard copy or go to facebook for updates <https://www.facebook.com/Wellington-Interfaith> (Info at back of the church).

## **DCM BOOKFAIR**

DCM's 23rd annual, fundraising Bookfair will be held on Saturday **4 August 2018** at Shed 6, Queen's Wharf, from 8am-6pm. If you're able to volunteer to either help set up on the Friday 3 August or at the fair itself on Saturday 4 August, please let them know your name and phone number and the shift you can do.

Facebook event link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/915426378628750/>

## **MS SOCIETY COLLECTION**

The MS Society's collection day in Wellington is Wednesday **August 29th**. It is to fund the field workers for greater Wellington/Wairarapa/Kapiti.

Jenny Simpson is arranging the collection at Thorndon and Chaffers St New World, and would be really grateful if anyone could collect for 1-2 hours sometime at either site.

Please call 3899426 or email [simpsath@xtra.co.nz](mailto:simpsath@xtra.co.nz).

## **RAINBOW WELLINGTON**

Save the date! The RW Spring dinner is on Tuesday **18 September 2018** 6.30-9pm at Mediterranean Foods. More details to come in August.

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### **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	Sandra and Tony Kirby
Sound	Peter Cowley
Offering	Graham Howell, Norman Wilkins
Coffee/tea	Caroline Glass, Laura and Melissa Van Echten
Time with the Children	Patricia Booth
Readings	John Morgan
Prayers of the People	Sue McRae
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Rainbow Room Helper	Rosemary Lawrence

#### **On Sunday 5 August**

Welcoming	Frank and Nola Hanson
Sound	Frank Cook
Offering	Jon Schrader, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Andrew Matthews, Linda Wilkins, Wendy Matthews
Time with the Children	Cameron Smart
Readings	Bronwyn White
Prayers of the People	Paul Barber
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Ross Scott

#### **This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's**

**Sunday 29 July 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Patricia Booth

**Tuesday 31 July** Centering Prayer in the Centre

**Wednesday 1 August** Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

**Wednesday 1 August 12.15pm** Lunchtime Concert - Timeless Trio and Friends – Young Wellington chamber musicians

**Sunday 5 August 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Fiona McDougal followed by Congregational conversation

# 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

<b>Minister</b>	Susan Jones
<b>Parish Council Convenor</b>	Lynne Dovey
<b>Parish Council Clerk</b>	Pam Fuller (temp)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Barber
<b>Facilities Management Group</b>	Lynne Dovey (acting)
<b>Pastoral Convenors</b>	Linda Wilkins and Maxine Cunningham Lois Robertson, Brian Burrell
<b>Church Music Coordinator</b>	Vivien Chiu (on leave)
<b>Theologian in Residence</b>	Lloyd Geering
<b>Presbytery Representative</b>	Lois Robertson
<b>Concert Coordinator</b>	Marjan van Waardenberg
<b>Rainbow Room Coordinator</b>	Jules Collinson
<b>Centre Manager</b>	Laetitia Brunell
<b>Office Administrator</b>	Jillene Everett
<b>Custodian, SATRS Administrator</b>	Peter Cowley
<b>Facilities Assistant</b>	Hamish Dick and Elissa Lim
<b>Centre Assistant</b>	Hilary Penwarden
<b>Roster Coordinator</b>	Rosemary Lawrence

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