



ORDER OF SERVICE

2 September 2018

Pentecost 15

1st Sunday in the Season of Creation



Sky Sunday

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

Everyone on this earth is covered by the sky

All humankind lives their life covered by the same canopy

The rain falls on just and unjust

The sun shines on all colours and shades of people

We are sisters and brothers and kin living together

on this sky-surrounded home

We are family, we are one.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

FFS 67 'We are many, we are one'

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We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me,
as the fingers of a hand,
as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon the loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

We will join creation's song,
make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir,
as the flames within a fire,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow,
as the colours of a bow,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

adapted from the Season of Creation website

We look into the skies

and celebrate the wonders of the world which surround us.

We see anew the evening sky,

May we hear the Spirit in the wind,

May we see mercy in falling rain.

May we learn to hear the good news from the sky

As it celebrates the glory of the power that is Love.

May we rejoice as the dawn reveals

mysteries of the skies above and Earth below.

So may it be.

Amen.

JESUS' PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase *on card*

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Susan Jones

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!

PIANO SOLO

'Clair de Lune'

composed by Claude Debussy played by Peter Franklin



THE WORD IN TEXTS

Roger Jones

Hebrew Bible

Psalm 19.1-6

Gospel

Mark 15.33-39

Contemporary reading

Spiritual Touchstones

by [Alexander Garoutte](#) on [5 Sep 2016](#)

from a series of blogs on *Journeying on the Camino de Santiago*

I slipped out of the top bunk of the creaky bed...carefully navigated my way to the bathroom through the maze of other pilgrims sleeping on mattresses on the floor of this attic... they would not enjoy being awoken at 3am....I noticed that the skylight window was open. As I looked out, I saw, for the first time in my life, the Milky Way streaking across the night sky. It was more glorious than any picture I had ever seen. More beautiful than anything I could have imagined.

For many years I have dreamed of seeing the Milky Way.... But I have always lived in bigger cities where the Milky Way is imperceptible because of ambient light. The night sky filled with stars has always represented to me my own smallness, my own dependence on God, and my own connection to the universe. These are all things I had felt I was losing in the last couple of years before walking the Camino. And here I was, visiting the bathroom in a small albergue in Foncebadón, reminded of all that I was searching for.

For me, the night sky is a source of real spiritual connection. I have many memories of looking up at the dark sky... In those moments, more than in any other, I was sure ... that there was something more to this world than what we could see with our own eyes.

Somewhere along the way, living in all these different urban environments, I had forgotten how much the spirituality of the night sky meant to me. **I forgot that when I looked up at a black sky filled with light cast off from stars trillions of miles away that I could remember who I am in a way that is both profound and unique.**

The irony of this mystical experience in the attic bathroom in the tiniest of mountain towns in Spain was that I never really needed to walk the Camino to see the Milky Way, or even to remember my connection to the stars of the night sky. I can drive out of Boston a bit to find this source of deep connection. And I'm left asking, "Why don't I do that? Why don't I take care of my spiritual self by going and finding the ways and places that connect me to my God?" I haven't looked up at the sky or sat along the open ocean shore enough in recent months at home in Boston. But if I'm committed to spiritual health (and I should be), then I really must incorporate these "spiritual touchstones" into my life with greater intentionality. These are things I can always go back to, which have meaning and remind me of my own spiritual journey...

What are those "spiritual touchstones" for you? What are the places, interactions, and environments that remind you of God's love and care for you? Who are the people that bring out your belovedness? How well do you integrate those individuals, spaces, and experiences into your spiritual life? How might you bring your own "Camino mountaintop" experience into your daily life?

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION ON IMAGES OF THE SKY IN MANY MOODS

pictures supplied by members of the congregation

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

For all who live below the skies

For all who feel defeated and worn, hungry and homeless

For all who need to hear good news with fresh meaning

We ask justice, compassion and peace

as we dedicate these gifts to alleviate want in this world.

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, 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

Jenny Simpson

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Iceland, Greenland, the Faroe Islands and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Lawrence Yule (Tukituki electorate) and Amy Adams (Selwyn electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Tawa Union 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 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

FFS 17 'For everyone born a place at the table'

Music: Colin Gibson, Words: © 1998 Shirley Erena Murray © 1998 Hope Publishing

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,

and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For gay and for straight, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

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.

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.

HYMN

'In our world we find delight'

Music: ©2016 Vivien Chiu, Words: © 2016-2018 Susan Jones

In our world we find delight
For creation, day and night
Brings us solace, joy;
Spirit grows, refreshes, gleams
as the earth fuels richer dreams
just by being here;
*May this beauty never end
May this solace always be here
May the human race take notice
And show divine compassion.*

Skies stretch over all our lives,
Prides of lion to bees in hives
All bask in the sun
Clouds race through as gale winds blow
Cirrus high and stratus low
Skies are bright or glum

*May the air be always fragrant
And its clarity untainted;
May the human race take notice
And show divine compassion*

Looking into starry skies
Galaxies defeat our eyes
Distant stardust glows;
Spinning planets circle suns
Stars are born, supernovae stun
Cosmos is our 'hood;

*May this beauty never end
May this universe remain here
May the human race take notice
And show divine compassion*

It's a mystery who made this -
evolution, hand-made care -
multiple ideas.
But it's not a mystery who
Needs to care for green and blue -
We have all been charged

*To make sure this never ends
That this beauty does remain here
That the human race takes notice
And shows divine compassion*

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Grand March from "Aida"

by Giuseppe Verdi (1813 – 1901)

Thank you to Peter Franklin

our musician today

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AUDIO REFLECTIONS

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

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

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 Quay, 02-0534-0004022-02

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

SEPTEMBER – ENJOY CREATION MONTH WITH US

Sunday 9 September – 'Planet Earth' – Progressive Christianity Conference Gathering led by Susan Jones. Morning tea follows in the Hall, please bring a plate for our guests.

Sunday 16 September – 'Mountains' – Harp solo.

Gathering led by Susan Jones, followed by Social Justice Education Group

Sunday 23 September – 'Humanity' led by Fiona McDougal with friends. Exploring the Faith Study postponed.

Sunday 30 September – 'Following in Francis' footsteps.' Gathering led by Susan Jones, followed by Exploring the Faith study group

SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday September 11th at 6.15pm in Conference Rooms 1 & 2. Topic "Who Owns the Land - how Māori and Pākehā see the land differently" Russell Feist shares his journey of 50 years working with Ngāti Tūwharetoa on their land and water claims. Charge for dinner \$10 pp. RSVP via the blue folder at the back of the church.

Creation: Ecology, Theology, Revolution: Common Ground 2018 Conference

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

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE REGISTERED. REGISTRATIONS NOW CLOSED.

CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY

"Just a reminder that we have a congregational library which lives in the rolling cupboard at the back of the church opposite the sound desk.

It is loosely organised by Dawn and myself. It is based on an honesty system- when you take a book you enter your name, the book name and your phone number in the yellow issue book. When you return the book you cross your name and entry out.

For me books have been deeply life-enhancing and bring me much pleasure. It is a joy I have always shared with my now-departed mum. We have a great selection of books in the library for the enrichment and refreshment of your spirit. I encourage you to browse and borrow."

Mike Wespel-Rose

HEALTH AND SAFETY CAN YOU HELP?

In our Health and Safety planning it would be good to know if we have medically trained personnel in our congregation, or trained first aiders, happy to be called on if needed during Sunday Gatherings and other church events. We would be discreet about such a list, but if Susan or other leaders of church event know who is qualified they can more rapidly turn to those people first. Of course in a city like Wellington we would very quickly ask for ambulance aid, but it is good to know who is trained in what to do initially. Please let Pam Fuller know if you are one of these people. Susan

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

DCM FOODBANK

The foodbank have run short of the following: Baked beans, Spaghetti, Rice, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned fish, Meals (e.g. stews), Instant noodles, Toilet paper.

CHILD POVERTY ACTION GROUP SUMMIT 2018

Rethinking the Welfare system for the 21st Century.

The CPAG's 2018 Summit is on the **12th of September** in Wellington. Link to register: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07efgyi00r04f20585&oseq=&c=&ch=>

RAINBOW WELLINGTON

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

WALK A MILE

This short film is written by Judith Cowley and the 'walk a mile Boosted' campaign is now fully subscribed. Thank you everyone. Any extra money will help enhance the soundtrack of the movie. You can donate here!

<https://www.boosted.org.nz/projects/walk-a-mile-film>

Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/Walk-A-Mile-Film-582244875459075/>

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	Ann Barrie, Pam Fuller
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	John Morgan, Mike Wespel-Rose
Coffee/tea	Catriona Cairns Fuller, Frank Cook, Lois Robertson
Time with the Children	Susan Jones
Readings	Roger Jones
Prayers of the People	Jenny Simpson
Communion	Linda Wilkins, Norman Wilkins, Kath Kerr, Sue McRae
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Molly Seah

On duty Sunday 9 September 2018

Welcoming	Sandra and Tony Kirby
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Offering	James Cone, Norman Wilkins
Coffee/tea	Caroline Glass, Jon Schrader, Roger Jones, Sue Hirst
Time with the Children	Graham Howell
Readings	Jim Cunningham
Prayers of the People	Bronwyn White
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Ross Scott

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 2 September 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones with Communion, followed by Special General Meeting

Tuesday 4 September 12.45pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Wednesday 5 September Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 5 September 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Rebecca Steel (flute) and Diedre Irons (piano). Music for flute and piano by Bach, Debussy and Reinecke

Sunday 9 September 10am Progressive Christianity Conference Gathering led by Susan Jones
Followed by morning tea in the hall, please bring a generous plate.

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
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Sandra Kirby
Pastoral Convenors	Linda Wilkins and Maxine Cunningham Brian Burrell
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jules Collinson
Centre Manager	Laetitia Brunell
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