



ORDER OF SERVICE

14 October 2018

Reflecting on General Assembly 2018 Pentecost 21



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

Whatever the language, Love is the word which binds us to each other

Whatever language we know, Love is the context in which we gather

However we name it, Love holds us together

However we may seek to hide, Love searches until we are found

Love conquers all

And the truth will set us free

So may it be, *AMEN*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Celebrate the Life we're given'

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Celebrate the Life we're given

Grace on grace, where love abounds

Celebrate the world around us

Blue and green, where birdsong sounds

Celebrate sun's rise and setting

'cross the harbour, over hills

Everything reflects its making

Beauty, love, joy; each heart fills.

We choose to live lives of meaning
even when the sky turns grey.

We choose to continue journeying

Cis and trans, bi, straight and gay.

We choose wrestling doubt or danger,

Trials may shadow, haunt our way.

But we know that we're companioned,

Love walks with us, every day.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

Litany used at the 2018 Presbyterian General Assembly
prepared by Rev Dr Kerry Enright based on Ephesians 2:13 -3: 2

Great God of all, when the British troops crossed the Mangatawhiri River
to subdue the Waikato iwi, our nation was divided in two.

Christ, forgive and unite.

When the colonial government confiscated the land of tangata whenua
including those whose guardianship it had promised to respect, our nation
was divided in two.

Christ, forgive and unite.

When the police arrested Rua Kenana and government troops invaded the peace-making community of Parihaka, our nation was divided in two.

Christ, forgive and unite.

When the homes of Pacific peoples were raided at dawn from the 1970s to the 1980s, our nation was divided in two.

Christ, forgive and unite.

When the government imposed a poll tax on Chinese arriving in New Zealand, discouraging settlement, our nation was divided in two.

Christ, forgive and unite.

When women are not paid equally or treated justly or their lives made safe or their gifts valued, our nation is divided in two.

Christ, forgive and unite.

When the government reduced benefits in 1991, the gap between rich and poor widened overnight and remains today, our nation divided in two.

Christ, forgive and unite.

When we fail to overcome child poverty and reduce imprisonment rates and improve the educational outcomes for all people, our nation is divided.

Christ, forgive and unite.

When our church reflects the divisions of our nation, our church is divided.

Christ, forgive and unite.

Silence ...

“That Christ might create in himself one new humanity ... we pray, come Lord Jesus, come, come soon, come now, come here, flood our hearts and spirits with love and compassion. ***Amen***”

JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sue McRae

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!

Hebrew Bible**Genesis 32: 22-32****Gospel****Luke 5: 1-11****Contemporary reading****From Spirituality Today: Reclaiming the Buried Life**

by David Tacey, La Trobe University, addressing

National Council of Priests of Australia, Parramatta NSW July 14th 2010

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2011/09/spirituality-today-reclaiming-the-buried-life-david-treacy/>

These are spiritual dark ages, and a new style of religion has to be found. The task of religion is far more difficult today: it has to lead people within themselves, into their heart lives, to find that part of them that is capable of developing faith. The head or intellect has pushed faith away, with its belief that it can get on well without it. The role of religion in dark times is to draw faith out from people, and not instil it into them, from above. This involves us in the art or science of spiritual education, noting that 'education' derives from the Latin *educare*, meaning to lead out or draw forth. This is how religion needs to be conducted today, if it is to make sense and to gain existential purchase on people's lives. The light of the divine is lost in the darkness of the human interior, and we have to be prepared to go in there, make contact with it, and lead it out. Religion that operates in the old-style, imposing itself from above, will no longer work, and if we persist in that style, the religious traditions are doomed. Opening up to the interior person is the future of religion and the tradition that can achieve this first is the one that will be assured of a strong and noble future. Reappropriating the mystical traditions, monastic techniques and styles, and pathways of interiority and contemplation, is the way ahead.

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018**Lynne Dovey****HYMN****AA128 'Tama ngakau marie'**

Traditional Maori hymn

Tama ngakau marie,
Tama a t'Atua,
Tenei tonu matou,
Arohaina mai

*Son of a peaceful heart,
Son of God,
here we are,
Love us.*

Murua ra nga hara.
Wetekina mai,
Enei here kino,
Whakararu nei.

*Take away our sins.
Undo these evil ties,
which bind us.*

Takahia ki raro,
Tau e kino ai;
Kei pa kaha tonu,
Ko nga mahi he.

*Trample under foot
whatever is evil
lest the power remain
of the evil deeds.*

Homai he aroha,
Mou i mate nei.
Tenei ra, e Ihu,
Takina e koe.

*give us love,
for you who died
this day, Jesus,
You lead us.*

Tenei arahina,
a tutuki noa:
puta I te pouri,
whiwhi hari nui.

*This is the pathway
to the end through
the darkness to receive
great joy.*

Tama ngakau marie,
Tama a t'Atua,
Tenei tonu matou,
Arohaina mai

*Son of a peaceful heart,
Son of God,
here we are,
Love us.*

REFLECTION ON REFLECTIONS ON GA2018

Susan Jones

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR SILENT CONTEMPLATION

Susan Jones

In a church where power and domination 'over' seem to be winning

We affirm 'left-handed' power, the quiet and the creative

In a church where exclusivist, siege mentality seems to be dominant

We affirm the lifting of the drawbridge to invite others in

In a church which seems more like a club than a group of disciples

We affirm opening up the 'club' to everyone

In a church where only some read and study and learn more

We affirm those who reach for wisdom and enlightenment

In a church which defines itself only in terms of heterosexuality

We affirm all orientations and genders are loved and included here

In a church which resists the Feminine and risks losing its soul

***We affirm that
all men and women are equally female and male
and we are all called to be whole as the divine is whole.***

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

So many tasks needing to be done, so many people are needing to be fed.

These offerings of food and money are our contributions to doing those tasks and feeding people. We give them in faith and gratitude.

May these gifts achieve what they have been given to do.

May blessings follow in their wake

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

Sandra Kirby

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Israel and Jewish people throughout the world. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Simon Bridges (Tauranga electorate) and Simeon Brown (Pakuranga electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and members of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa NZ (PWANZ) (formerly APW).

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

FFS 67 'We are many, we are one'

Music and Words: © 1998 Colin Gibson

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.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Bruce Corkill
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 Qy, 02-0534-0004022-02

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

OCTOBER

For the remainder of October the Gatherings will be led by Susan Jones

Sunday 14 October includes reports on General Assembly, then Community brunch.

Sunday 21 October Gathering followed by Social Justice Education Group.

Sunday 28 October Gathering followed by the Exploring Faith study group with a new DVD series "Victory and peace or Justice and peace?" featuring John Dominic Crossan.

NOVEMBER

November begins with Peace Week (see separate flier). November also includes:

Sunday 4 November, the Gathering will be led by Rev Norman Wilkins

Sunday 11 November, the Gathering will be led by Rev Dr Jim Cunningham

Sunday 18 November Transgender Day of Remembrance, led by Susan Jones followed by Annual General Meeting.

Sunday 25 November St Andrew's Day, led by Susan Jones.

DECEMBER

Here's a general outline of Advent and Christmas to put on your fridge!

Sunday 2 December 10am First Sunday in Advent led by the Parish Council.

Communion includes commissioning Parish Councillors and welcoming of newcomers.

Sunday 9 December 10am Second Sunday in Advent. Rainbow Room.

Sunday 16 December 10am Third Sunday in Advent, Carols, St Andrew's Singers.

Wednesday 19 December 12.15pm Lunchtime singalong Carol Service "Carols Old and New", led by Susan Jones with Bruce Cash, organist.

Sunday 23 December 10am Fourth Sunday in Advent

Monday 24 December 7.30pm Christmas Eve Gathering with Communion

Tuesday 25 December 10am Christmas Day Gathering

Sunday 30 December 10am Sunday Gathering.

FAITH COMMUNITIES UNITED IN LOVE PRIDE 2019

1:00pm **Saturday 27 Oct 2018**. Conference Room 3 (St Andrew's) to plan:

- Ilga Interfaith Pre-Conference
- Interfaith Spiritual Gathering during the above conference

- Creation of sacred spaces during Ilga for LGBTIQ people of Faith and Spirituality
- Harvest Café with focus for LGBTIQ people of Faith and Spirituality.
- Out in the Park Stall and Wellington International Pride Parade Group.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We will hold the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 18 November 2018 at 11:30 following tea and coffee after the service. We are seeking nominations to fill two positions on Parish Council. Please let Lynne or Susan know if you would like to put your name forward or if you know someone else who would be prepared to serve on Parish Council. Nominees need to be either associate members or members. The term is for three years with the possibility of extending for another three years. We plan to have the draft Annual Report available at least one week before the AGM.

NEWS FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Daily reports, images, videos and press releases are available on this link.

<https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/about-us/general-assembly/general-assembly-2018/ga18-take-home-information>.

A summary of the decisions taken can be found at:

<https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/sites/default/files/ga18/Word%20version%20of%20GA18%20Summary%20of%20Decisions.pdf>

FROM PETER COWLEY

I'm on my way to Gisborne now, thank you for all your support. Au revoir.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

WELFARE EXPERT ADVISORY GROUP PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Welfare Expert Advisory Group is looking for feedback and ideas on the future of the welfare system. On **18 October**, Porirua people, beneficiaries included, have a chance to talk with the above advisory group in a "community forum" at Mungavin Main Hall, 27a Mungavin Avenue, 9:30-11:30am. That evening, **Lower Hutt** Valley folk have their chance, 6:00-8:00pm at Naenae Indoor Cricket Nets. **Wellingtonians** have a "roundtable" on **Friday 19th**, 9:00am-1:00pm in room RHMZ02 of Rutherford House on the Pipitea Campus of the University of Wellington. WEAG has a website where those with capability can make on-line submissions. www.weag.govt.nz. If you have thoughts about our welfare system, make your submission now or give Graham Howell or Susan ideas of what you want included.

INDONESIA EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI APPEALS

As you will no doubt know, a magnitude 7.5 earthquake and a five-and-a-half metre tsunami wreaked havoc destroying lives, homes and livelihoods. More than 1.5 million people have been affected. 1,407 people have lost their lives and 70,821 displaced. 65,733 houses have been damaged. These figures are expected to rise. Links to appeals: <https://www.tearfund.org.nz>, <https://www.cws.org.nz/>

BOOK LAUNCH

Veil Over The Light – Selected Spiritual writings by Joy Cowley

Saturday 27 October 2018 at 4pm at St Joseph's Church, 156 Brougham Street, Mt Victoria. Parking available via 32 Ellice Street. RRP of Joy's book is \$29.99. It will be available at \$25 at the book launch. If you can't make the launch, head for Unity Books, Willis Street. Also available online from christiansupplies.co.nz.

'PEACE, PEOPLES AND PLANET': INVITATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO 2018 NATIONAL PEACE WORKSHOPS

Link to share: <https://www.facebook.com/events/273862176558630>

'Peace, peoples and planet' is the theme of the 2018 National Peace Workshops held in Wellington over the weekend before Parihaka Day and Armistice Day, 2 to 4 November.

Plans for the Peace Workshops include: presentations on demilitarisation, decolonisation and climate justice here in Aotearoa and in the Pacific; the launch of the new Disarmament Hub and yDisarm, the by youth for youth disarmament project; workshops; the Peace Pavilion, with information and displays on a range of peace related issues; the return of Poets for Peace; peace art activities for all abilities and ages; music; laughter and learning ... and more. **Invitation to contribute:** if you or your group would like to offer a presentation, workshop, information or a display for the Peace Pavilion, or anything else, please send an outline of what you would like to contribute to Peace Movement Aotearoa, email icanz@xtra.co.nz as soon as possible.

ASSANGE PETITION FOR ASYLUM HANDOVER & ONGOING CONCERN PRESS

FREEDOM Press release about whether Julian Assange should receive asylum in New Zealand. <http://www.standrews.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/FreeAssangeNZSponsoringMPOhariu.pdf>

LEONARD COHEN - A COMMEMORATIVE CONCERT

3 November 4:30pm, St Andrews on the Terrace, Wellington. ww.imperfectoffering.nz.

DCM FOODBANK APPEAL

The next foodbank appeal is **Saturday 17 November**, they need:

- Instant coffee, sugar, milk. This is specifically for Te Hāpai, a place for those who have been sleeping rough where we offer hospitality and have staff on hand for advice and korero. Being able to offer a nice cuppa is a great way for our staff to work alongside taumai, but we're out of supplies at the moment!
- Stews and ready meals
- Instant noodles
- Tinned fish
- Toilet paper and toiletries

RAINBOW WELLINGTON

Christmas Function- Saturday, 1 December 2018.

Phu Thal Lana (Thai restaurant), cnr Tory & Vivian Streets. Another great banquet. 6.30PM for pre-dinner drinks, meal begins soon after 7.00PM. BYO wine (no corkage fee) and fully licensed. Cost: \$40 for financial members, Non-Members \$50

PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA

NZ disarmament statements at UNGA73 First Committee

<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/posts/1897363493644344>

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	David and Pauline Patchett
Sound	Jennifer Bush-Daumec
Offering	Joan Tyler, Jon Schrader
Coffee/tea/Community lunch in the hall	Barrie and Jenn Keenan, Margaret and John Harper
Time with the Children	Sue McRae
Readings	Valerie Rhodes
Prayers of the People	Sandra Kirby
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Rainbow Room Helper	Graham Howell

On duty Sunday 21 October

Welcoming	Brian and Lynette Burrell
Sound	Frank Cook
Offering	Jenn Keenan, Norman Wilkins
Coffee/tea	Graham Howell, James Cone, Norman Wilkins
Time with the Children	Jennifer Bush-Daumec
Readings	Sandra Kirby
Prayers of the People	Linda Wilkins
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Rainbow Room Helper	Graham Howell

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 14 October 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones including General Assembly report, followed by Community Lunch

Tuesday 16 October 12.45pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Wednesday 17 October Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 17 October 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Viola students of the NZSM

Labour Weekend, Sunday 21 October 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones followed by Social Justice Education Group.

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 & Finance Management Group	Sandra Kirby
Pastoral Convenors	Linda Wilkins, Maxine Cunningham and Brian Burrell
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Social Justice Co-ordinator	Margaret Rushbrook
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jules Collinson
Centre Manager	Laetitia Brunell
Office Administrator	Jillene Everett
Facilities Assistants	Hamish Dick and Elissa Lim

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