



ORDER OF SERVICE

13 January 2019

Epiphany 1



Baptism, a New dawn

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

As we settle into this sacred place,
put away the pressures of the world that ask us
to perform,
to take up masks,
to put on brave fronts.
Silence the voices that ask you to be perfect.
This is a community of compassion and welcoming.

(EA Hewitt/adapt)

***We bring all that we are and all that we yet can be,
to this safe and sacred place.***

So let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Birth Of A Boy-child”

Words by Andrew Pratt © Stainer & Bell Ltd

Tune: Mueller by James R Murray (PD)

The birth of a boy-child, the growth of a man:
his mother's enigma; a part of God's plan?
Uncertain, now standing a part of the crowd;
the still of the water foreshadows a shroud.

The death of an old life, the birth of a new,
as values are challenged, past choices askew.
Fierce currents of feeling, encounters of love,
a man by a river, a voice and a dove.

That voice stills the crowd at the slow river's rim:
'My son, my beloved, now listen to him.'
The birth of a boy-child, the growth of a man:
his mother's enigma; a part of God's plan?

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

Let us now settle into silence and stillness

Ross Scott

(Silence)

Let us centre our minds and our hearts.

We are one with the universe.

We are one with the sun and the stars.

We are one with the land and the seas.

We are one with the One who is mystery...

(Silence)

We are one with the plants of the sea and land

We are one with the crops of the fields and fruit of the orchards

We are one with the Forna of the sea and land

We are one with the animals of our farms and the microbes of our bodies

We are one with the One who is mystery...

(Silence)

We are one with people of different nations

We are one with people of different race

We are one with people who hold different beliefs

We are one with people of different and the same gender, sexuality and identity.

We are one with the One who is mystery...

(Silence)

We are one with ourselves.

We are one with the One who is mystery...

(Silence)

JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

BLESSING THE CHILDREN *(All stand)*

The children may return to sit with family or stay at the front of the church and use the activity bags.

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

Genesis 3:8-13

Gospel

Luke 3:15-22

Contemporary reading

"The Fall"

pp 12 by Steven Tayler

If aliens beings have been observing the course of human history over the last few thousand years they might well have reached the conclusion that human beings are the products of a scientific experiment which went horribly wrong. Perhaps, they might hypothesises, other Aliens chose the earth as the site for an experiment to try and create a perfect being with amazing powers of intelligence and ingenuity. And create this being they did - but perhaps they didn't get the balance of chemicals exactly right, or maybe some of the laboratory equipment broke down half way through because, although the creature did possess amazing intelligence and ingenuity, it also turned out to be a kind of monster, with defects which are just as great, if not greater than it's abilities.

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

"Fragments of our past"

Ross Scott

HYMN

“Where Does Compassion Start?”

Words © 2009 Shirley Erena Murray

Tune: Love Unknown by John Ireland WOV 257 (i)

(A response to the 'Charter for Compassion')

Where does compassion start?
How does compassion grow?
Her seed is at the heart
of every faith we know:
compassion honours others' place,
dethroning self with willing grace.

How does compassion thrive
in worlds of greed and grief?
Her goodness stays alive
through those of strong belief:
compassion, luminous and clear,
outshining wastes of war and fear.

Where is compassion's role
in cultures, or in creeds?
At centre, with the soul
who feels another's needs:
compassion brings the touch of friend,
a bandage that will bind and mend.

Dynamic is the power
that heals, restores and gives,
connecting at the core
with everyone who lives,
transcending culture, colour, race,
compassion builds the house of peace.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Lloyd Geering/gc

Let us take time to stand in awe of this self-evolving universe.
Let us marvel at the living eco-sphere of this planet.

Women: *Let us set a supreme value on all forms of life.*

Men: *Let us develop a lifestyle that preserves the balance
of the planetary eco-system.*

- All:** *Let us refrain from all activities that endanger the future of any species.*
Let us devote ourselves to maximizing the future of all living creatures.
Let us set the needs of the coming global society before those of ourselves, our tribe, society, or nation.
- Women:** *Let us learn to value the human relationships that bind us together into social groups.*
- Men:** *Let us learn to appreciate the total cultural legacy we have received from the past.*
- All:** *Let us accept in a self-sacrificing fashion the responsibility now laid upon us all for the future of our species and of all planetary life. .*

OFFERING PRAYER

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

Jennifer Bush

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Liberia and Sierra Leone and the Liberian Council of Churches and the Council of Churches in Sierra Leone. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Chris Hipkins (Rimukaka electorate) and Nikki Kaye (Auckland Central Electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Gisborne Presbyterian Parish.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

“Amazing Love”

Words © Margaret Rolfe, Uniting Church in Australia
Tune: Amazing Grace WOV 56

Amazing Love that Jesus told,
Two thousand years ago,
A story new, a story old,
A love we all can know.

He spoke to crowds in Palestine,
He speaks to us today,
He tells us all of love divine,
To us he shows the way.

The realm of God is one of love,
Of justice and of peace.
It's not about a realm above -
Through love this world release.

What we want done to us, can be
The rule by which we live;
To follow it will make us free
To share, to love, to give.

The story comes to challenge us,
It's not the easy road,
For us to love, as Jesus loved,
To bear another's load.

The realm of God is here with us
When love and peace we share,
Although we fail, we know God's grace,
It's love that helps us there.

Amazing love that Jesus told,
Two thousand years ago,
A story new, a story old,
A love for all to know.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

David Dobson

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

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Sunday Gathering 10am, 13 January 2019: Rev Ross Scott

Sunday Gathering 10am, 20 January 2019: Rev Ken Irwin

Sunday Gathering 10am, 27 January 2019: Rev Dr Jim Cunningham

Sunday Gatherings in February will be led by Rev Dr Susan Jones

HOLIDAY PASTORAL SUPPORT

Rev. Norman Wilkins (04 970 1010) can be contacted until January 21 2019. After January 21 please phone the office in the first instance.

AFTER CHURCH EVENTS

The usual brunch, conversational conversation, social justice group and study groups will resume in February with a congregational conversation after the Sunday Gathering on Sunday 3 February 2019

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

RAINBOW WELLINGTON

First RW Drinks for 2019 Friday 25 January 2019 details out closer to the time.

Lunch in the Wairarapa, Sunday 17 February 2019 *(note changed date)*

This will be a pot-luck lunch at Malcolm's country estate near Greytown. We are combining with WaiGuys for this event.

NOTES

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	Gillian and Russell Feist
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Offering	Barrie Keenan, Graham Howell
Coffee/tea	Linda and Norman Wilkins, Richard Owen
Readings	John Morgan
Prayers of the People	Jennifer Bush
Musician	David Dobson
Rainbow Room Helper	Lois Robertson

On duty Sunday 20 January

Welcoming	Sandra and Tony Kirby
Sound	Jennifer Bush
Offering	James Cone, Paul Satherley
Coffee/tea	Catriona Cairns, Gillian Feist, Caroline Glass
Readings	Heather Macfarlane
Prayers of the People	Bronwyn White
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Graham Howell

Sunday 13 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Ross Scott

Wednesday 16 January Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Sunday 20 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Ken Irwin

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, Maxine Cunningham, Brian Burrell and Pat Booth
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
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jules Collinson
Centre Manager	Laetitia Brunell
Office Administrator	Jillene Everett
Facilities Assistants	TBA
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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