



ORDER OF SERVICE

10 February 2019

Epiphany 5



Faith – Belief - Trust - which?

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 struggle to know what to believe

We question what it is to walk the path of life

As we struggle to know who and what to trust

We question what it is to follow the spiritual journey

As we struggle to know in who or what to have faith

We question where we will take the next footstep

Our hymns today follow the church's thinking on belief and faith through the centuries. You may not now agree with some of the words even though you may have happily sung them in the past. You are invited however to sing them today and in doing so to 'get into the skin' of those who first sang them with fervour and sincerity.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A song of praise from the 17th century

Now thank we all our God

Words: Martin Rinkart 1586-1649 tr Catherine Winkworth 1827-28 alt

Music: WOV 14 Nun Danket form by Johann Cruger 1598-1662

Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices;
Who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
hath blest us on our way,
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Holy Ghost,
one Lord in highest heaven:
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER and JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Dawn Cowdry

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

Wendy Matthews

Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 6: 1-8

HYMN

A Victorian hymn of praise after Isaiah 6

WOV 65(i) 'Holy, holy, holy'

Words Reginald Huber 1783-1826 alt
Music NICEA John Bacchus Dykes 1823-76

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty,
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
'though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

WORD IN TEXTS (cont)

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

Contemporary reading

by Brian D. McLaren,

from *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion Is Seeking a Better Way to Be Christian* (Convergent: 2016), 2-3.

For centuries Christianity has been presented as a system of beliefs. That system of beliefs has supported a wide range of unintended consequences, from colonialism to environmental destruction, subordination of women to stigmatization of LGBT people, anti-Semitism to Islamophobia, clergy paedophilia to white privilege. What would it mean for Christians to rediscover their faith not as a problematic system of beliefs, but as a just and generous way of life, rooted in contemplation and expressed in compassion, that makes amends for its mistakes and is dedicated to beloved community for all? Could Christians migrate from defining their faith as a system of beliefs to expressing it as a loving way of life?

For centuries, Christians have presented God as a Supreme Being who showers blessings upon insiders who share certain beliefs and proper institutional affiliation, but who punishes outsiders with eternal conscious

torment. Yet Jesus revealed God as one who “eats with sinners,” welcomes outsiders in, and forgives even while being rejected, tortured, and killed. . . . He preached that God was to be found in self-giving service rather than self-asserting domination. . . . What would it mean for Christians to understand, experience, and embody God as the loving, healing, reconciling Spirit in whom all creatures live, move, and have their being?

For centuries, Christianity has presented itself as an “organized religion”—a change-averse institution . . . that protects and promotes a timeless system of beliefs that were handed down fully formed in the past. Yet Christianity’s actual history is a story of change and adaptation. . . . What might happen if we understood the core Christian ethos as creative, constructive, and forward-leaning—as an “organizing religion” that challenges all institutions (including its own) to learn, grow, and mature toward a deepening, enduring vision of reconciliation with God, self, neighbour, enemy, and creation?

RESPONSE

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

HYMN FOR REFLECTION

FFS 10 (i) ‘Come and find the quiet centre’

A reflective hymn from the 20th century

Music Gaelic trad. Arr. John Bell
Words ©1992 Shirley Erena Murray

Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

REFLECTION

‘ Faith - Belief - Trust – which?’

Susan Jones

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH for the 21st century

adapted from the 8 points of Progressive Christianity by Susan Jones 2015

I wish for greater consciousness
through searching within for awareness;
I believe questions are more helpful than absolutes
and diverse sources of wisdom are available to us.
Knowing the true expression of what I believe
is how I behave towards others,
I value community which includes
all types and styles of faith, belief and people;
Seeking the grace of progress in my spiritual walk,
I commit, as I am able, to a path of life-long learning,
compassion, and selfless love.

Seeking understanding and experience of
the Sacred and the Unity of all life,
I will follow, as I am able, the spiritual practices
involved in following the Jesus Way.

Seeking peace and justice among all people
and the integrity of our Earth,
I will work, as I am able, where there is damage and brokenness,
for restoration and reconciliation.

OFFERING PRAYER

*We stand in silence and make the offering prayer we wish to,
within the quiet of our own hearts.*

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.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Malawi and the Malawi Council of Churches. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Shane Jones and Anahila Kanongata'a-Suisuiki list MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hunterville.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN -

21st century words to a traditional tune

'The church needs a foundation'

Music WOV 385 Aurelia Words: © 2015 & 2019 Susan Jones

The church needs a foundation
though not of brick or stone
for buildings are but shelter
from rain or hailstorm.

They symbolise commitment
they resonate with praise
but people form the true church
in these postmodern days.

Through Christendom's great worship
the rafters have been wrung;
We've gazed at stained glass windows,
made sure the brass has shone.
We've consecrated, maintained,
we've renovated but
religion's modern rituals
are those postmoderns cut.

God's commonwealth of spirit
is not built out of wood
but by our follow'ng Jesus
with praxis that is good.
Postmodern 'church' emerges
in fresh expressions, new,
with talk and acts of justice,
compassion which is true.

We find in such a 'building'
that all are welcome here;
men, wisdom brought by women,
the sound of children, hear!
All sexual orientations,
rainbow identities;
We nurture Peace and Justice,
and Earth, each week we meet.

In our time we now follow
Jesus upon the Way,
on terms for us authentic,
and honest for this day.
We see our 'church' re-forming,
the Spirit helps it grow;
We see anew a future
where trust and faith may flow.

BLESSING

Others on the spiritual path have believed differently in different times;

***Our task is to learn what we can trust
as our source, direction and goal;
sharing with others what may be helpful for them.***

Blessed be all who journey,
all who seek, all who question;
May all find that
Love surrounds us every moment of every day

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Vivien Chiu

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>

Wellington City Council now charges for weekend parking on the street. As well as that, there is a two hour parking limit. If you have parked on the street initially and are staying for an after-church activity, it may be possible to move your car into the St Andrew's/Braemar car park but please be careful that you do not block anyone in.

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

FEBRUARY AND MARCH THEMES AT ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

All Sunday Gatherings are led by Susan Jones during this period.

- February 3 Our theme was: **Love** in Waitangi week
February 10 **'Faith-Belief-Trust-Which?'** Community lunch follows
February 17 **'Hope - unrealistic?'**
February 24 Theme: **'Church, now and in the future'** – celebrating 179 years since John Macfarlane's sermon on Petone Beach, 22 Feb 1840.
March 3 Communion: Introduction of Don Borrie Memorial Scholarship to facilitate communication with North Korea.
(Lent March 6-April 20; Stations of the Cross will be put up in the Church during Lent)
Wed March 6 Ash Wednesday, Gathering in Conference rooms 1 & 2, 7:00pm
(Pride Festival: Gatherings on March 10,17,24 advertised in the Festival programme)
March 10 Lent One **'Rainbow God'** Congregational conversation follows
March 17 Lent Two **'Bible Reinterpreted'**
March 24 Lent Three **'Being Human, Rainbow, and Christian'**

ROSTERS FOR MARCH-MAY

A reminder for those who help on our Sunday rosters that we will be putting together a new roster for the period March to May to shortly. If you have any dates during this period that you know you will be away please notify the office as soon as possible - office@standrews.org.nz. Thank you.

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

Lunch in the Wairarapa, Sunday 17 February 2019

Rainbow Wellington are combining with Waiguys for a potluck Lunch at Malcolm's country estate near Greytown. The event should proceed wet or fine. What to bring:

- A main, salad or dessert to share with others. There are barbecues, so you can cook meat if you wish.
- Swimwear and Towel as if it is hot we can swim in the river
- Sunscreen and something to drink

How to get there:

- By Train. There is a train departing Wellington at 9.55am arriving Woodside at 11.03am, return is 5.17pm from Woodside arriving Wellington 6.25pm (if you have a Goldcard , you can use it on this service).
- Tell us at Rainbowwellingtonevents@gmail.com if you are coming by train and we will arrange for you to be picked up and driven 5 minutes up the road to Malcolm's.
- By Car. Address 230 Waiohine Valley Road, Greytown, see GPS link on RW website or entering Greytown from the South turn left at the Challenge Service Station, follow road for about 5km, cross railway line. About 150m from the line, turn right at the T intersection, and follow unsealed road for another 2km. In middle of pine plantation on your right is driveway to Malcolm's. There'll be a rainbow flag at the entrance.

Let them know if you are coming. For seating purposes, it would be helpful to drop them an email: Rainbowwellingtonevents@gmail.com to let us know if you are coming.

WELLINGTON RAINBOW DRINKS

Friday 8th March, 5 - 7 pm at Fat Angel, Dixon Street. NB: March event after opening of Pride Festival, 4pm. No bookings. Pay for own drinks. Bring your friends.

WELLINGTON PRIDE FESTIVAL AND ST ANDREWS ON THE TERRACE

Saturday March 9 Harvest Café will happen in St Andrew's Church Hall 6-10pm. It aims to be free of cost and free of alcohol to provide an intergenerational space suitable for all rainbow people and their supporters from high school to old age. Help is needed with supply of fairy lights/Christmas tree lights, perhaps bean bags, attractive floor mats, standard lamps, posters, rainbow paraphernalia (please name yours). Also, home baking suitable for a café. Help needed: decorating the Hall Saturday afternoon; serving food and drinks on the night; performers for the programme; donations of money to assist in providing a coffee cart. Please contact Susan on minister@standrews.org.nz if you can help.

ILGA (INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANS AND INTERSEX ASSOCIATION) conference March 18-22

During this conference the Rainbow Room will be available as a chill-out room for any conference delegates or workers who need a respite. Please be alert to anyone looking lost.

FESTIVAL SINGERS' Open Rehearsal 7-9pm Monday 18 Feb 2019

Singers are invited to Festival Singer's Open Rehearsal 7-9pm Monday 18 Feb 2019 at Newlands Christian Assembly, 126 Newlands Road, Newlands, Wellington.

For more information please visit the choir's website: festivalsingers.wordpress.com or contact the Secretary Philip Garside ph. 475 8844; email: books@pgpl.co.nz

DCM FOODBANK

Thanks to all who have generously supported the foodbank over Christmas/January. Needs are still high – all donations gratefully accepted.

DCM BOOKFAIR

This year's Bookfair will be held on Saturday 17 August at Shed 6. Books can be dropped off to DCM, 2 Luke's Lane, any week day. If you'd be interested and willing to help with sorting this year please contact Joan Tyler at joanmctyler@gmail.com.

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, Norman Wilkins
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	Graham Howell, James Cone
Coffee/tea	Jim and Maxine Cunningham, Pam Fuller, Catriona Cairns
Time with the Children	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Wendy Matthews
Prayers of the People	Lois Robertson
Musician	Vivien Chiu
Rainbow Room Helper	Sonia Groes-Petrie
On duty Sunday 17 February	
Welcoming	Jim Cunningham, Valerie Rhodes
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	John Morgan, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Frank Cook, Graham Howell, Janet Horncy
Time with the Children	Patricia Booth
Readings	Lois Robertson
Prayers of the People	Jenny Simpson
Musician	David Dobson
Rainbow Room Helper	Pam Fuller

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 10 February 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones then Community brunch in hall.
Tuesday 12 February 12.45pm Centering Prayer in the Centre
Wednesday 13 February Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre
Wednesday 13 February 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Catherine Geels (piano). A Journey on Love – works by Beethoven, Schumann, Wieck, Chopin, Debussy, Bonis, Chaminade, Levie and Devresse.
Sunday 17 February 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones then Exploring Faith study 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 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
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Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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