



# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

17 February 2019

# **Epiphany 6**



"Hope – assurance everything will be alright?"

#### 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 wondered about love, reflected on faith *and now we think about hope.*Is hope wishful thinking, or determined and active?

**Does hope spring from within us or come to us from without?** Is hope only about the good and the beautiful?

Or can it carry us through dark days and dull moments? May hope be our song on the journey of life.

#### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

'Celebrate the Life we're given'

Music: WOV 577 Austria Words: © 2015 Susan Jones

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 AND LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

#### LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

#### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### **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

**Lois Robertson** 

Hebrew Bible Jeremiah 17: 7-8

Gospel Luke 6: 17-23

# **Contemporary reading**

from "Christian Hope"

https://www.taize.fr/en\_article343.html Letter from Taizé: 2003/3

Last updated: 27 July 2004

Another text of Saint Paul's is even clearer. "Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). Far from being a simple wish for the future with no guarantee that it will come about, Christian hope is the presence of divine love in person, the Holy Spirit, a current of life that carries us to the ocean of the fullness of communion.

# How can we root our lives in Christian hope?

Biblical and Christian hope does not mean living in the clouds, dreaming of a better life. It is not merely a projection of what we would like to be or do. It leads us to discover seeds of a new world already present today, because of the identity of our God, because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This hope is, in addition, a source of energy to live differently, not

according to the values of a society based on the thirst for possession and competition.

In the Bible, the divine promise does not ask us to sit down and wait passively for it to come about, as if by magic. Before speaking to Abraham about the fullness of life offered to him, God says, "Leave your country and your home for the land I will show you" (Genesis 12:1). To enter into God's promise, Abraham is called to make of his life a pilgrimage, to undergo a new beginning.

#### **RESPONSE**

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

**REFLECTION** 'Hope – assurance everything will be alright?'

**Susan Jones** 

**HYMN** 

FFS 41 'Let my spirit always sing'

Words: © 1996 Shirley Murray Music by Rusty Edwards © 1996 Hope Publishing Company

Let my spirit always sing, though my heart be wintering, though the season of despair gave no sign that you are there, God to whom my days belong, let there always be a song.

Though my body be confined, let your word engage my mind, let the inner eye discern how much more there is to learn, see a world becoming whole through the window of the soul.

Let your wisdom grace my years, choose my words and chase my fears, give me wit to welcome change, to accept, and not estrange, let my joy be full and deep in the knowledge that I keep.

Let my spirit always sing,
to your Spirit answering,
through the silence, through the pain
know my hope is not in vain,
like a feather on your breath
trust your love, through life and death.

#### **OFFERING PRAYER** ( *Affirmation said together*)

from Liturgies for the Journey of Life by Dorothy McRae McMahon, SPCK, London, 2000

The people of God have a human face we laugh, we weep, we wait in hope. We lift our eyes and stub our toes, we love, and struggle, we fail, we stand and always we stand on trembling ground.

But God is God and Jesus is the Christ and the Spirit will lift up our feet. God is in the centre. God is at our endings. Nothing lies beyond the love of God in Christ

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 <u>briefly</u> from the lectern.

For the benefit of newcomers, please introduce yourself before you begin.

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

#### **HYMN**

Words & Music by Colin Gibson Words & Music © 1996 Hope Publishing Co.

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.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Jenny Simpson** 

#### **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

We think today of the people of Malaysia and Brunei and we pray for understanding between people of different faiths and religions. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Denise Lee, (Maungakiekie electorate) and Iain Lees-Galloway (Palmerston North electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Inglewood United Church.

#### **HYMN**

# 'We shall go out with hope of resurrection'

Words by June Boyce-Tillman © 1993 Stainer & Bell Ltd. Music: CH4 729 Londonderry Air

We shall go out with hope of resurrection; we shall go out, from strength to strength go on; we shall go out and tell our stories boldly; tales of a love that will not let us go.

We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted; we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed; we'll weave a cloth of all the world united within the vision of new life who sets us free.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken; we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed; we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer, expressive love alive in every heart.

We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping, raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief, we'll leap and dance the resurrection story including all within the circles of our love.

#### **BLESSING**

**SUNG AMEN** 

**POSTLUDE** 

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

#### 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.

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.

#### **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 17 'Hope – assurance everything will be alright?"

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,

Refreshments to follow the 45-60 minute ritual for those who wish to stay.

(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** The March-May rosters have been sent out. Copies are available at the back of the church.

#### "ZERO HOUR FOR CLIMATE"

We have an invitation from Generation Zero to join the event "Zero Hour for Climate" this **Tuesday**, **19 February at 12 noon** on Parliament Lawn. It would be great if there were St Andrew's people who wanted to come along. Contact Sonia (soniapetrie@gmail.com or ph 027-405-1302) if you would like to be part of the group or just turn up on the day.

Background: How long do we have to wait for action on climate change? It is now Zero Hour. Join us on Parliament Lawn to show that we will not wait any longer.

Nearly three years after the campaign for a Zero Carbon Act started, we still haven't seen the draft law (even though we (Gen Zero) already wrote the blueprint!). Our politicians have been negotiating about what it should look like for months, and still may not even agree! This means that they'll continue to treat climate change like a political hot potato. We will not stand for it.

Come one, come all, and show those politicians what people power looks like. Bring signs and bring the noise. This is Zero Hour.

#### MINDFULNESS, MEDITATION AND BUILDING COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITIES

SATRS autumn events will start with a four-week course providing practical meditation instructions as well as opportunities to discuss what meditation and mindfulness mean to us and how we can use them in our lives.

We will also have a chance to explore how to make a path for the modern world that is at once secular and yet filled with spirit and, hopefully, the acquisition of wisdom and how could mindfulness meditation help align people from both faith and secular traditions to build greater mutuality and understanding so that diverse communities can work together?

Dates: Sundays 5.30 - 7.00 pm on Sunday March 24 & 31 and April 7 & 14

Where: Conference Rooms 1 & 2, 2nd Floor, St Andrew's Centre, behind the church at 30 The Terrace. Cost; \$40.00 for the course or \$15.00 per session.

The course covers a sequential programme and committing to all four weeks is the best approach but if not, people can attend and pay for individual sessions separately.

Led by Jan Rivers, SATRS board member and part-time meditation teacher.

Registration: <u>admin@satrs.org.nz</u>. Payment – online banking to: Bank account 38 012 0627 755 700. For more information email: admin@satrs.org,nz

### **SAVE THE DATES: 2019 ORGAN FUNDRAISING CONCERTS**

Saturday 27 April at 7:30 pm, Friday 24 May and 7 June at 6:30 pm.

Top musicians from the New Zealand School of Music, Victoria University will perform to help us raise funds to refurbish the organ.

More details to follow shortly.

#### LOST PROPERTY

Green backpack lost in St. Andrews, Wednesday 7 February. If found please contact Margaret Pannett ph 384 8832, with thanks.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

We have reduced the number of chairs stored in the foyer and the back of the church to increase the space available for morning tea and to reduce risk. We are planning to have only 20 chairs at the back of the church and 40 in the foyer. These need to be stacked only 5 chairs high to be safe. Please do not carry more than 2 chairs at a time. Chairs do move around a lot in this place! If you can tidy them away when you see them out of place, that would be helpful. Only shift chairs if your body can stand the strain! Thank you! Susan

#### WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

## PETITION: TEACH NZ HISTORY IN SCHOOLS AS A CORE SUBJECT

Link: https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/posts/2062709797109712 Following on from our numerous posts about the refusal to include the history of this country in the education curriculum (eg, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovement">https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovement</a> Aotearoa/posts/1979248348789191):

You can sign the petition at

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/petitions/document/PET 83795/petition-of-graeme-ball-on-behalf-of-the-new-zealand-history

#### ARTS + CLIMATE INNOVATION: DRY WATERS

You are warmly invited to a FREE Public Talk.

Friday 22nd February 2019, 6 - 7pm (Refreshments from 5.30pm)

Goethe-Institut (Level 6, Goethe-Institut-Haus, 150 Cuba St., entrance Garrett St.,

Te Aro, Wellington 6011). With panel:

Isabel Aguirre - Curator No Boundaries e.V.

Dr. Sam Trubridge - Artist and Director of Performance Arcade

Dr. Craig Stevens – Expert Marine Scientist (NIWA)

Sarah Meads - Founder of Track Zero

Daniel 'El Congo' Allen – Musician, Composer and Curator (Dry Waters)

Maraea Rakuraku - Writer and Performer (Dry Waters)

Learn the very latest climate science. Be inspired by cross-cultural art in response to climate change and oceans. Hear from New Zealand and international artists who have come together to co-create the new project 'Dry Waters'. Join the conversation. Explore how the arts can inspire climate action – the biggest cultural challenge of our time.

RSVP: by Tuesday 19th February 2019 to Sophie.Heggemann.extern@goethe.de

P.S.: The final result of the collaborative project Dry Waters, can be viewed at the Performance Arcade 2019, Wellington Waterfront, Sunday 24th February, 6pm

#### 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

# Saturday March 9 Harvest Café will happen in St Andrew's Church Hall 6-10pm.

Koha entry. Provides an intergenerational, alcohol-free space suitable for all rainbow people and allies from high school to old age. Children also welcome. Help is needed with loan of a 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 if you can help on minister@standrews.org.nz.

The Harvest Café also happens Saturday 23rd March 6-10pm Salvation Army, Petone.

# Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March - Four winds – an interfaith spiritual gathering Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 6.30pm.

An open invitation to a relaxed Spirituality & Faith gathering for Rainbow communities and allies. This is an opportunity for people of all faiths and none to gather in a safe and prayerful environment.

**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 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.

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Thanks to this week's volunteers	
Welcoming	Heather Macfarlane, Valerie Rhodes
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	Joan Tyler, 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

On duty 24 February	
Welcoming	David and Pauline Patchett
Sound	Carmen Goldsmith
Offering	Norman Wilkins, Sonia Groes-Petrie
Coffee/tea	Barrie and Jenn Keenan, Catriona Cairns
Time with the Children	Sue McRae
Readings	Bronwyn White
Prayers of the People	Linda Wilkins
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Rainbow Room Helper	Rosemary Lawrence

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

Sunday 17 February 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones

followed by Exploring Faith study group at 11.45- 1.00pm.

Tuesday 19 February 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

**Wednesday 20 February** Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

**Wednesday 20 February 12.15pm** Lunchtime Concert – Robbie Ellis – Singing songs from the piano.

Sunday 24 February 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones

followed by the Social Justice Education group meeting in Conference Room 3, 11.45-1.00pm.

# 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
<b>Facilities Assistants</b>	Susana-Christie Malaki and Nick Lee
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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