

ORDER OF SERVICE

24 March 2019

Lent 3

Pride 3



'Being Human, Rainbow, and Christian'

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 celebrate our many identities, all human beings, colouring the planet;
Multicoloured, multi-orientated, multi-generational.

***We seek the truth for today
so we can be one company of pilgrims together
in love and trust and solidarity of faith.***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Celebrate the Life we're given'

Words © 2015 Susan Jones Music: WOV 577 Austria

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.

Just as rainbows shine through rainfall,
Love refracts our darkest day;
We are birthed from one great light Source
Red, through green, to purple's ray.
Just as colour comes from one energy
We're made in one image too;
All one family, all one Spirit
All are loved, including you.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Cotter version on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM 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!

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Bronwyn White

Hebrew Bible

Genesis 2

selected verses between v4 and v22

Epistle

Galatians 3: 23-29

Contemporary reading

Matthew Vines

from 'The Gay Debate: The Bible and Homosexuality' transcript of a talk on video on Matthew's website:
<http://www.matthewvines.com/transcript/>

In Matthew 7, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus warns against false teachers, and he offers a principle that can be used to test good teaching from bad teaching. By their fruit, you will recognize them, he says. Every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Good teachings, according to Jesus, have good consequences. That doesn't mean that following Christian teaching will or should be easy, and in fact, many of Jesus's commands are not easy at all – turning the other cheek, loving your enemies, laying down your life for your friends. But those are all profound acts of love that both reflect God's love for us and that powerfully affirm the dignity and worth of human life and of human beings. Good teachings, even

when they are very difficult, are not destructive to human dignity. They don't lead to emotional and spiritual devastation, and to the loss of self-esteem and self-worth. But those have been the consequences for gay people of the traditional teaching on homosexuality. It has not borne good fruit in their lives, and it's caused them incalculable pain and suffering. If we're taking Jesus seriously that bad fruit cannot come from a good tree, then that should cause us to question whether the traditional teaching is correct.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

'O God, We Grieve the Hatred'

Words © 2019 Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. Music: Aurelia WOV 385

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"This hymn was written after the shootings in the mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand and seeks to counter racism and anti-immigration hatred." Ref: www.carolynshymns.com

O God, we grieve the hatred, the ugly, racist fear
that hurts our common living and harms those you hold dear.
For Muslims who were gathered to worship and to pray
soon found their lives were shattered as violence filled their day.

We pray for those now grieving for loved ones who are lost;
we pray for people suffering because of hatred's cost.
For all of us, now frightened by what extremists do,
we pray: O God of mercy! May we find strength in you!

We grieve our lack of courage: we tolerate the wrong
of people who are racist; we simply go along.
We let the fear continue; we're slow to challenge hate.
We say, "It's not our issue," until it is too late.

O God of love and mercy, you teach us how to be
a loving, caring people, a kind community.
May we reach out to neighbours and welcome others here
for love is what is needed to cast out pride and fear.

Biblical Reference: 1 John 4:7-21

REFLECTION

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Susan Jones

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

Our gifts come with love and gratitude and a sense of duty

We pray they will be effective:

***money used well for the continuation of this church's mission,
food used for those who are homeless.***

We pray for the grace to also use well that which we have retained,

so all we have, works for good.

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

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Mozambique and the Presbyterian Church of Mozambique. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament. We name Jo Luxton and Nania Mahuta, List MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the CrossWay, Lansdowne and St James' congregations of Masterton.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

AA 55 'Great and deep the Spirit's purpose'

Words: © 1989 Marnie Barrell. Music © 1989 Colin Gibson

Great and deep
the Spirit's purpose,
hidden now in mystery;
Nature bursts with joyful promise,
ripe with what is yet to be.
In a wealth of rich invention,
still the work of art unfolds -
barely have we seen, and faintly,
what God's great salvation holds.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose
making Jesus seen and heard.
Every age of God's creation
grasps new meanings
from the Word.
Show us, Holy Spirit, show us
your new work begun today;
eyes and ears and hearts are open,
teach us what to do and say.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose
all God's children brought to birth,
freed from hunger, fear and evil
every corner of the earth.
And a million, million voices
speak with joy the Saviour's name;
every face reflects his image,
never any two the same.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Bruce Cash
our musician today

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acknowledged. If Susan Jones is the worship leader any such liturgy will have been written by her. These
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acknowledge the source.



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

MARCH THEMES AT ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

March 10 Lent One 'Rainbow God'

March 17 Lent Two. 'Bible

Reinterpreted'

March 24 Lent Three 'Being Human,
Rainbow, and Christian'

March 31 Lent Four 'Feeling Lost?'

A set of the three Pride Festival reflections from March 10,17 and 24 is available at the back of the church – just leave a koha in the offering plate.

CHRISTCHURCH TRAGEDY – DEVELOPMENTS

- On behalf of the congregation, St Ninian's and Knox Church Christchurch have been offered any help we can give if needed in assisting Christchurch forward.
- A book of condolence has been opened at St Paul's Cathedral and at Parliament. This has been entered on behalf of the congregation : "We are devastated by the suffering inflicted on your people. You are truly "Us". We pray that you will be uplifted by the Love and Peace of God. St. Andrew's on the Terrace Presbyterian Church."
- Greetings have been sent to the Kilbirnie Mosque leaders
- Not only Muslims may feel unsafe right now. Please reach out to anyone you can.
- Ideas for further help you think we can offer should be sent to Susan, minister@standrews.org.nz, Margaret Rushbrook mrushbrook@xtra.co.nz and/or Lynne Dovey, lynnedoveynz@gmail.com.
- Ask to be put on our email list for ongoing updates. office@standrews.org.nz

FROM ACTION STATION: DEAR ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE,

Below is a list of ways that may help channel anger and grief, as well as show solidarity with the Muslim community and the people of Ōtautahi/Christchurch.(edited)

1. Donate to the victims and families

The New Zealand Islamic Information Centre has set up [a crowdfunding campaign on Launchgood](#) (a crowdfunding platform for Muslim people) with all funds raised distributed to victims and families affected for immediate, short-term needs.

The New Zealand Council of Victim Support Groups has also set up [a crowdfunding campaign on Givealittle](#). Victim Support says it will use all donations received to the page to provide support and resources for people affected by the Christchurch shootings and their family members. The high subscription to this is a bright spot in an otherwise very dark time.

2. Listen to the perspectives of Muslim people

As with any group, there are multiple perspectives and experiences within the Muslim community. Muslims are an ethnically diverse demographic from 80 different countries around the world. They've been here since 1860. Widening articles we read, and podcasts we listen to, to include a range of Muslim writers or producers is one way we can begin to understand these different perspectives. These are pieces written in the wake of the Christchurch attack.

- [Christchurch mosque terror attacks a dark day of grief, shock and unspeakable heartbreak](#) by Saziah Bashir, a freelance journalist who writes about social justice, race and gender.

- [For us, life in New Zealand will never be the same](#) by Sohail Din, a student at the University of Auckland, and member of the University of Auckland's Muslim Students' Association.
- [The New Zealand mosques massacre and the denial of Muslim experience](#) by Dr Asim Qureshi, research director CAGE, a UK-based advocacy organisation empowering Muslim communities impacted by the War on Terror. 2017 podcast, essential listening to understand life for a Muslim living in New Zealand today.
- [Public Enemy](#): an award-winning 4-part podcast series from RNZ looking at the growing Muslim communities in the US, Australia and New Zealand, and how elections, counter-terrorism policies, war and xenophobia have changed lives.

3. Condemn racism

This violent attack on Muslim people praying peacefully was based on the gunman's idea that white people are superior to people of colour. This idea is fuelled by renewed rise of neo-Nazis, xenophobia and far-right extremism globally. For the last few years, powerful people with platforms (some politicians, some media commentators, almost all giant tech corporations) have stoked racial division to sell ads, generate headlines and create fear for cheap votes and clicks. This racism and hate was allowed to fester, because we have not been doing enough to condemn casual racism when we see it. Report Islamophobic and xenophobic comments when you see them. Read this guide from Amnesty International on how to [tell someone you love they are being racist](#). This is a [good book](#) for people working through how they might be complicit in white supremacy. You can also check out the NZ Human Rights Commission's toolkit on their [Give Nothing To Racism website](#).

4. Volunteer to teach former refugees and migrants English

[English Language Partners New Zealand](#) has a volunteer teaching programme providing free English lessons to former refugees and migrants. They train in language skills and confidence necessary to integrate and participate fully in Aotearoa.

5. Volunteer for [The Red Cross](#)

Contact local Red Cross, see what they need. Volunteer tasks may include setting up a home for a refugee family, helping with everyday admin; enrolments, budgeting, shopping, and generally welcoming into NZ.

6. Take action to end hate speech

For the last few months, our team has been researching the links between [online hate, online misinformation and the rise in hate crimes](#). It is clear: Extreme words lead to extreme actions. We need to do all we can to stop both. Sign this petition that we're delivering in a couple of weeks if you want our government to crackdown on online hate and misinformation: [I support an end to hate speech and misinformation online](#).

There are many other ways you can take action. Find your local Muslim community support group or mosque and ask how you can help. Some have been pledging to form human chains of protection around mosques so Muslims can worship and pray. Others have offered to accompany Muslims to wherever they need to go if they do not feel safe in public. We will be in touch again soon with other ways you can help as we find them. Sending aroha (love) and kaha (strength) to all at this horrific time. Especially to our Muslim, migrant, and refugee communities, Laura, Madeleine, Eliot, Leroy and Kassie, on behalf of the ActionStation team. **P.S. If you need someone to talk to about grief**

or trauma you may be experiencing, please call or text 1737. Both are free, confidential and available 24/7. With special thanks to The Spinoff who [originally published](#) some of these ways you can help.

PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA CALL FOR ACTION ON GUN CONTROL

Peace Movement Aotearoa has sent notice of their urgent action regarding gun control.

Link to share - on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/notes/peace-movement-aotearoa/urgent-action-semi-automatic-weapons-and-other-gun-control-measures/2116628215051203>

HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE PROCESS THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAGEDY



The 15th March will be a date many of us have etched in our brain for a long time, or possibly forever. Throughout the tears I have shed over this past week there has been such a mixture of emotions in them from such deep sadness and loss, to also such joy in reflecting and witnessing how much of our country are doing their best to stand with those most affected.

I've been blown away by our incredible tamariki who have been finding ways to express their grief in the most beautiful ways. Yesterday a friend of mine shared a video on Facebook of some boys from Rongotai College in Wellington doing one of their haka at the Kilbirnie Mosque in support and right in the middle was one of our boys from Niue St James. Supporting our young people to do these great expressions is one of the greatest things we can do to help them process this terrible tragedy. PYM has very quickly worked to put together a resource to help support. You can find it here:

<http://pym.org.nz/2019/03/16/helping-young-people-process-the-christchurch-tragedy/> Arohanui

HARVEST CAFES ETC., - DEEP THANKS FOR BAKING AND OTHER HELP

MINDFUL PEOPLE BUILD THE FUTURE

Sunday evenings: 5.30 – 7.00 pm March 24 & 31 and April 7 & 14

Conference Rooms 1 & 2, 2nd Floor, St Andrew's Centre, 30, The Terrace.

Cost: \$40.00 for the course or \$15.00 per session. A four-week course providing practical meditation instructions and opportunities to discuss what meditation and mindfulness mean to us and how to use them in our lives.

Registration: admin@satrs.org.nz.

Payment: online banking to: Bank account 38 012 0627 755 700 Or by cheque to SATRS, C/- P O Box 5203, Wellington 6140 For more information email:

admin@satrs.org.nz

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This year we will be revisiting our New Zealand/St Andrew's Stations of the Cross for **Good Friday, 19th April at 10am**. You're invited to contribute your own response to one of the stations in the form of a short meditation and a prayer for others. For more info speak to Fiona or Sonia or contact Fiona at fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com or phone/text 021 253 8911.

"The stations of the cross go back to the earliest centuries of the church. Many people wanted to walk the land where Jesus lived, and trace his path from the Garden of Olives to the hill of Calvary, the garbage dump outside the city, and then at last to tomb in the garden. Yet many couldn't get to Jerusalem. This led to the ritual devotion of walking the Way of the Cross. These invite us to a large Way of the Cross, crisscrossing along the earth's face, crossing borders and nationalities, cultures and languages, economic and social lines. At their truest, they are done in community, walking around the perimeter of the church, or even the neighbourhood or city itself, stopping along the way at sites representing the station of each event in Jesus' journey, so that these events can be remembered and reflected upon. There are moments for silence, for watching, for shared and ritual prayer; and then the community moves on to the next station" Megan McKenna.

A new booklet about the Robert Gauldie Stations of the Cross is at the back of the church.

VOLUNTEERS TO HAND OUT FUNDRAISER FLYERS BEFORE 27 APRIL

Thanks very much to those who have already volunteered to hand out flyers about our fundraising concerts at upcoming events in the city. I need one more person for the Wellington Chamber Orchestra concert on Sunday 7 April at St Andrew's on The Terrace at 2:30 pm. Contact Lynne (0292798120) or Jillene in the office if you can help.

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. Please take a poster and flier and put them up in your community. Invite friends to come to the concerts now.



WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

KORE HIAKAI ZERO HUNGER - HUI INVITATION

The Kore Hiakai Zero Hunger collective is forming: Auckland & Wellington City Missions, Salvation Army Social Policy and Parliamentary Unit and NZ Council of Christian Social Services have joined to begin a wide collective ... committed to systemic change to eliminate food insecurity in A-NZ. We're holding a series of hui to build a collective impact network seeking long term sustainable solutions... One hui is being held in **Wellington 21 March 2019**. You are invited to come; The website is : <https://zerohunger.org.nz/> (includes registration page.) Or you register here: <https://kore-hiakai-zero-hunger-te-whanganui-a-tara.lilregie.com/>

MARY POTTER ANNUAL STREET APPEAL 2019. Friday 17th & Saturday 18th May

If you can help by volunteering at this year's street collection, please register on the website: <https://marypotter.org.nz/events/streetappealvolunteer/>. Collections are in Wellington, Porirua and Kāpiti regions, so choose any location for any number of hours, or let them know if you'd put a team together a run a site for the whole day.

KEEP THE PEACE - NZ

Saturday 18th May you're invited to wear white (not cream), and stand at 12pm on the waterfront rim (starting Oriental Bay) for 1 hour. Choose to stand, or add more options from the facebook page. We want to make a strong peace statement on behalf of A-NZ to the world. Not anti-war, this is pro-peace. We hope for wide media coverage and impact! (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1555225411991662/>).

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	Pat Booth, Tony Kirby
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Offering	John Morgan, Paul Satherley
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Linda and Norman Wilkins
Time with the Children	Susan Jones
Readings	Bronwyn White
Prayers of the People	Jenn Keenan
Musician	Bruce Cash
Rainbow Room Helper	Pam Fuller

On duty 31 March

Welcoming	Margaret Rushbrook, TBA
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	James Cone, Joan Tyler
Coffee/tea	Andrew and Wendy Matthews, Frank Cook
Time with the Children	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Lynette Burrell
Prayers of the People	Bronwyn White
Musician	Vivien Chiu
Rainbow Room Helper	Ellen Murray

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 24 March 10am Sunday Gathering 'Being Human, Rainbow and Christian' led by Susan Jones followed by Social Justice Education Group 11.45 – 1.00pm
Tuesday 26 March 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre
Wednesday 27 March Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre
Wednesday 27 March 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Ingrid Prosser and Colin Decio, a programme featuring piano and poetry
Sunday 31 March 10am Sunday Gathering 'Feeling Lost?' led by Susan Jones.

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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