



# ORDER OF SERVICE

15 September 2019

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**Pentecost 14**

**Creation 3**



Cosmos Sunday

## 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

The cosmos can be very, very large

***and can be very, very small***

From supernovae and giant nebula in the universe's skies

***To quarks and gluons at the atomic level***

Its realities baffle and defeat scientific minds

***Its beauty defies the skill of artists and poets***

Its scale amazes the human mind

***Who are we that any divinity in the world***

***might be mindful of us or visit us?***

Yet we are loved, welcomed and accepted into this world

***This world which stretches from visible stars and planets,***

***to invisible particles and electrons***

***Amen.***

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## WOV 628 'O Lord my God'

A song of praise from the year 1885

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Music: How Great Thou Art Swedish Folk Melody harm Pihlp Begbie Waton (1936)

O Lord my God, I stand and gaze in wonder

On the vast heavens thy wisdom hath ordained

Sun, moon and stars continue at thy pleasure

From nothing called and by thy power sustained

*O mighty God, my heart cries out to thee*

*How great thou art, How great thou art!*

*Thy praise shall sound through all eternity*

*How great thou art, how great thou art!*

Great solar power beams forth upon our planet  
Maintaining life, an energetic base.  
The planets orbit on their different axes  
and stars adorn the inky black of space  
*O mighty world, my heart cries out to thee*  
*How great thou art, How great thou art!*  
*Our praise shall sound through all eternity*  
*How great thou art, how great thou art!*

And deep inside where human eye can't follow  
are gluons, quarks, so small we can't see.  
Black holes create mysterious deep dark hollows,  
We're held by matter dark, invisibly. *O mighty world!*

So each is valued, big and microscopic  
All play a part in one dramatic act  
So each of us, unknown or mildly famous  
Are welcome, each of universe a part. *O mighty world!*

## **WELCOME**

Kia ora tatou.  
*Kia ora.*

## **PRAYER**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Midrash by Mark Hathaway**

*O Source of the Radiance,*  
*dancing in and about all-that-is,*  
*Shine forth into the depths of our beings,*  
*and enkindle there the flame of thy essence.*  
*Grant that it may blaze forth*  
*and fill us with its searing creativity,*  
*Until, fully united with thy fiery desire,*  
*light pours out from us, taking form.*  
*May we be revitalised each day*  
*with nourishment for body and spirit,*  
*And be liberated from all that oppresses us,*  
*as we struggle to mend the fabric of our world.*  
*Let us not be enmeshed in the nets of illusion,*  
*but illuminate the opportunities of the present moment.*

***For from thee shine forth  
the precepts, the sustenance, and the generative fire,  
from centring to centring. Ameyn.***

This is not an exact translation "...but rather something between a poetic translation and "midrash" based on the ancient roots of the Aramaic words of the prayer." Used with permission by the author, Mark Hathaway. The work of Mark Hathaway and Neil Douglas-Klotz can be found at [www.taoofliberation.com](http://www.taoofliberation.com) and [www.abwoon.com](http://www.abwoon.com).

## **LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE**

### **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**Susan Jones**

### **BLESSING THE CHILDREN** (All stand)

We send you to have fun creating stars.

***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**

**Trish McBride**

#### **Hebrew Bible**

**Psalm 8**

#### **Gospel**

**Matthew 2: 1-10**

#### **Contemporary reading**

Quote from Niels Bohr, in 1952,

quoted in Heisenberg, Werner (1971). *Physics and Beyond*. New York: Harper and Row. pp. 206.

For those who are not shocked when they first come across quantum theory cannot possibly have understood it.

### **RESPONSE**

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

### **REFLECTION**

**'All cosmos great and small'**

**Susan Jones**

## HYMN

## 'In our world we find delight'

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In our world we find delight  
For creation, day and night  
Brings us solace, joy;  
Spirit grows, refreshes, gleams  
as the earth fuels richer dreams  
just by being here;  
*May this beauty never end*  
*May this solace always be here*  
*May the human race take notice*  
*And show divine compassion.*

Looking into starry skies  
Galaxies defeat our eyes  
Distant stardust glows;  
Spinning planets circle suns  
Stars are born, supernovae stun  
Cosmos is our 'hood;  
*May this beauty never end*  
*May this universe remain here*  
*May the human race take notice*  
*And show divine compassion*

Planet Earth spins like a jewel  
Let us care and not be cruel  
To this treasured gem  
This blue teardrop hanging there;  
Childrens' children need a share  
We owe this to them  
*May this planet always flourish*  
*May its children still inherit*  
*May we help this star to shine bright;*  
*Show Earth divine compassion*

Let's endorse humanity  
Part of Earth's full family  
All made welcome here  
Many genders, races, tribes  
Personalities that jibe  
All are welcome here

*May all people feel accepted  
Nations show true understanding  
May all humans love each other;  
And show divine compassion*

**OFFERING PRAYER** *(said together)*

Besides the wealth of the broadness of space  
***Besides the wealth of this planet earth***  
Beside the wonder of the worlds within the atom  
***Anything we give must seem small and insignificant  
But we give out of love and gratitude so others may eat  
and that still others may hear  
that their search for the spiritual journey is not in vain***  
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**

**Wendy Matthews**

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

We think today of the people of Slovakia and the Reformed Christian Church in Slovakia. We remember the detainees on Manus and Nauru Islands, yearning that their cases be resolved. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Michael Woodhouse and Jian Yang, list MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St Matthew's Co-operating Parish, Brooklyn.

**PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S**

*on card*

**TIME WITH THE ADULTS**

## HYMN

## 'The year is ever turning'

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The year is ever turning  
Spring welcomes back the light  
The heat of summer fades, then  
In autumn birds take flight.  
In winter, darkness closes.  
And temp'ratures grow chill,  
Yet warmth will always be ours,  
For Love is primary still.

Among New Zealand's foothills  
Our hearts are overcome,  
The stars and planets tell us  
creating's never done;  
Aurora (the australis)  
Streaks through the evening sky;  
At this, like Spirit's myst'ry,  
We question "How?" and "Why"?

In bright sunlight we wander  
On hill and track and road;  
Walking with one another  
We carry each one's load;  
The tussocks brush our ankles  
The gradient tests our heart  
The journey takes us onward;  
of cosmos, we are part.

These days, we now can gather  
In café, candled halls,  
Churches not yet familiar  
Or where we first were called;  
Together now, we stumble  
T'wards love below, above,  
beside us and behind us  
Surrounding, all is Love.

## BLESSING

## SUNG AMEN

## POSTLUDE

## Prelude and Fugue BWV 560

by J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

## THANK YOU

**Peter Franklin**

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

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## ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

### SUNDAY GATHERINGS AT ST ANDREW'S IN SEPTEMBER

#### September: Season of Creation

15 September 'Cosmos Sunday' led by Susan Jones

22 September 'Flora and Fauna Sunday' led by Fiona McDougal and team.

29 September 'Stories from Presbyterian Support.'

#### October: Being Church

The 6-part series on the Pillars undergirding St Andrew's' life will recommence on October 6, 13 and 20. (Note slight change of dates)

October 27 'What does being a Progressive Church mean?'



## **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

## **ABORTION REGISTRATION BILL**

Submissions for the Abortion Registration Bill are due September 19. Ellen Murray believes us putting in a submission would counteract other very Christian conservative views and so provide balance. This is a contentious issue with, no doubt, a wide range of views in this church. Parish Council thought individual submissions would be better than one in the name of St Andrew's on The Terrace. Susan is happy to collate ideas from a number of people and to pull a submission together from a group of people. The final submission can be available for others to sign if they want. (We can take the signatures to the select committee hearing.) Please send any ideas to me at [minister@standrews.org.nz](mailto:minister@standrews.org.nz) – write the paragraph you would like delivered and I can see how things collate early next week. Susan

## ***WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES***

### **DCM 50TH BIRTHDAY PHOTO EXHIBITION**

**14-28 September** 2019, Mon-Sat 10am-4pm

Photospace Gallery, 1st floor, 37 Courtenay Place, Wellington

### **CREATING A FEELING FOR CHANGE: THEATRE AND THE ARTS IN THE INFORMATION SOCIETY**

Massey University Lecture 2019 lecture series

Date: **Tuesday, 17 September, 2019**

Time: Doors open at 5.45pm. Lecture runs from 6pm to 7pm. You need to book via [http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/about-massey/events/our-changing-world/ocw-wellington/ocw-wellington\\_home.cfm](http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/about-massey/events/our-changing-world/ocw-wellington/ocw-wellington_home.cfm)

Location: National Library. Taiwhanaga Kahau — Auditorium (lower ground floor), Corner Molesworth and Aitken Streets, Wellington. Entrance on Aitken Street.

Can theatre and arts change attitudes and behaviour?

In this world of information overload, do we need to make more space for artistic engagements with the issues that matter? Can theatre provoke new thinking on social justice, inequality, poverty, climate change and other big challenges of our time?

Award-winning playwright and researcher in creative communication and creative activism Dr Tilley shares insights from performance-based projects she's pioneered, including Climate Change Theatre Action, Te Hā Tangata: Human Library on Homelessness, and JustUs (about youth justice).

Dr Tilley will discuss how these projects not only inform but also take audiences and participants on an emotional journey that can lead to profound changes in attitudes and even behaviour.

### **MS COLLECTION DAY WELLINGTON**

MS Collection Day Wellington is Wednesday **18<sup>th</sup> September**, and Jenny Simpson would be very grateful for people able to help for 1-2 hours collecting at Thorndon New World or Chaffers St New World. Collection at Northern suburbs, Hutt Valley, Kapiti and Masterton happening Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>, Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. Any help would be such a support. Please call Jenny (04)3899426, 0272318464 or [simpsath@xtra.co.nz](mailto:simpsath@xtra.co.nz).

### **LIVING WAGE**

Living Wage Wellington is holding three forums at which candidates for local body elections will be asked to commit to an increased adoption of the Living Wage. Hutt City at Avalon Intermediate Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> 5.30 – 7.00. Wellington City at St. Peter's on Willis Thursday **19<sup>th</sup> September** 5.00 – 6.30, Porirua City at Pacific Islanders Presbyterian Church, 207 Champion St. Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> 5.30 – 7.00. If you can, please come for a full venue carries enormous influence with the candidates. Commitments candidates will be asked to make will be circulated soon.

### **FESTIVAL SINGERS - GLORY – GLORY – GLORY!**

7:00 pm Saturday **21<sup>st</sup> September 2019** at Island Bay Presbyterian Church

This concert will feature the premiere of an exciting new Gloria composed by our accompanist — Jonathan Berkahn. It will also include the popular Vivaldi Gloria and Rutter Gloria. Soloists: Janey MacKenzie — soprano, Eleanor McGeachie — alto, Genevieve Davidson — saxophone

\$20 (Secondary & Primary School pupils free) Tickets are available from Choir members, Limited Door sales (Cash only)

You can also email Philip Garside [books@pgpl.co.nz](mailto:books@pgpl.co.nz)

### **PEACE GATHERING**

To acknowledge United Nations Day of Peace **Sunday 22 September** 5pm. Shared tea to follow. Kapiti Uniting Parish, Raumati Church, 10 Weka Road, Raumati Beach.

### **NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL ORGAN FESTIVAL – SPRING EDITION**

The four Wellington concerts are all being held weekly each Sunday afternoon in St Mary of the Angels in Boulcott Street, and commence on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** at 2.00pm, and entry is free. We are delighted that the first concert will feature Italian Organist, Sergio Orabona, who will be performing works by Guilmant, Bossi, Debussy and more.

### **OCTOBER 2019 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – NORTHLAND KIDZ CLUB**

Every day is a trip day with our two-week holiday programme. \$45 per child per day (third child onwards :\$20), 8.30 a.m to 6 p.m each day. For details, check out our website ([www.nkc.org.nz](http://www.nkc.org.nz)), or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612), e-mail ([nkc.jan@gmail.com](mailto:nkc.jan@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	Valerie and Alan Rhodes
Sound	Frank Cook
Offering	Barrie and Jenn Keenan
Coffee/tea	Sandra and Tony Kirby, Sue Hirst
Time with the Children	Susan Jones
Readings	Trish McBride
Prayers of the People	Wendy Matthews
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Ellen Murray

#### **On duty 22 September**

Welcoming	Brian and Lynette Burrell
Sound	Sue Hirst
Offering	James Cone, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Pam Fuller, Jim and Maxine Cunningham
Time with the Children	Pat Booth
Readings	Patricia Booth
Prayers of the People	Bronwyn White
Musician	David Dobson
Rainbow Room Helper	Sonia Groes Petrie

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

**Sunday 15 September 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones

Followed by Exploring the Faith study group, (continuing to study Chapter 6)

**Tuesday 17 September 12.30pm** Centering Prayer in the Centre

**Wednesday 18 September** Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

**Wednesday 18 September 12.15pm** Lunchtime Concert - Koru Trio – Anne Loeser (violin), Sally Pollard (cello) and Rachel Thomson (piano), Ravel Sonata for Violin and Cello and Dvorak's Dumky Trio

**Thursday 19 September 12:15pm** Lunchtime Concert - Classical voice students NZSM (New Zealand School of Music)

**Sunday 22 September 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Fiona McDougal

Followed by Social Justice meeting in Conference room 3

# 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

<b>Minister</b>	Susan Jones
<b>Parish Council Convenor</b>	Lynne Dovey
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Barber
<b>Facilities Management Group</b>	Sandra Kirby
<b>Pastoral Convenors</b>	Linda Wilkins, Maxine Cunningham, Brian Burrell and Pat Booth
<b>Theologian in Residence</b>	Lloyd Geering
<b>Presbytery Representative</b>	Lois Robertson
<b>Concert Coordinator</b>	Marjan van Waardenberg
<b>Faith in Action Co-ordinator</b>	Margaret Rushbrook
<b>Rainbow Room Coordinator</b>	Jules Collinson
<b>Centre Manager</b>	Laetitia Brunell
<b>Office Administrator</b>	Jillene Everett
<b>Facilities Assistants</b>	Julia Caulfield and Nick Lee
<b>Roster Coordinator</b>	Rosemary Lawrence

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