

ORDER OF SERVICE

17 November 2019

Pentecost 23



Looking towards the Transgender Day of Remembrance

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance on November 20 that honours the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.

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.

What is Transgender Day of Remembrance?

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) was started in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honour the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998. The vigil commemorated all the transgender people lost to violence since Rita Hester's death, and began an important tradition that has become the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.

"Transgender Day of Remembrance seeks to highlight the losses we face due to anti-transgender bigotry and violence. I am no stranger to the need to fight for our rights, and the right to simply exist is first and foremost. With so many seeking to erase transgender people -- sometimes in the most brutal ways possible -- it is vitally important that those we lose are remembered, and that we continue to fight for justice."
- Transgender Day of Remembrance founder [Gwendolyn Ann Smith](#)

GATHERING

All human beings are valuable

simply because they are human.

All human beings are worth loving

simply because they are human.

Whether we understand an other or not, whether they are different,

they are due respect and the expectation of life.

All human beings are due unconditional love;

*All humankind, all orientations, all genders, all people,
are welcome here.*

So may it always be

AMEN

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

FFS 15 'Fancy Noah sailing in the ark'

Words and Music: © 1996 Colin Gibson

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

GLAMAPHONES

'One hand, one heart' & 'There's a place for us'
from West Side Story (Leonard Bernstein)

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

Frances Porter

Hebrew Bible

Leviticus 29: 34

Gospel

Matthew 22: 34-40

Contemporary reading 'Violence toward the Transgender Community'

<https://www.glaad.org › tdor>

The 2014 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and HIV-affected Hate Violence Report from the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Projects shows that, of the victims murdered, 80% were people of colour, 55% were transgender women, and 50% were transgender women of colour.

Transgender women survivors of hate violence were also more likely to experience police violence, physical violence, discrimination, harassment, sexual violence, threats, and intimidation compared to those who were not transgender women. Findings from the 'Injustice at Every Turn' report conducted by the National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE) and the National LGBTQ Task Force showed alarming rates of violence and harassment experienced by the more than 6,000 transgender respondents across a variety of contexts, including educational settings, at work, in interactions with police and with family members, at homeless shelters, accessing public accommodations, and in jails and prisons. As murders of transgender people often go unreported, and the identity of transgender murder victims is often misreported, there is no way to know accurate numbers.

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

'Unconditional Love'

Susan Jones

GLAMAPHONES

**'Ave Verum corpus' Mozart
and Into the West (Annie Lenox)**

CANDELIGHTING

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

These gifts of food and money are made to spread further the word that Love is abroad in the world. We give them in gratitude for all we have received and ask they achieve the purpose for which they are given.

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

Bronwyn White

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Switzerland and Liechtenstein and the Council of Christian Churches in Switzerland. We remember the detainees of Manus and Nauru Islands, yearning that their cases be resolved. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name list MPs, David Carter and Liz Craig. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Knox Presbyterian Church, Lower Hutt.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

'For all the saints'

Words: ©Susan Jones. Tune: Sine Nomine

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

"One Voice"

by Barry Manilow (1943 -)

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

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

SUNDAY GATHERINGS AT ST ANDREW'S IN NOVEMBER

November: Commemorative month

November 17 Transgender Day of Remembrance led by Susan; Glamaphones Choir visits. Exploring Faith study group final meeting for 2019, meets at 12 noon.

November 24 St Andrew's Day. Susan's final service. Community lunch to follow

ROSTER VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR OPERATING THE LAPTOP

Now new screens have been installed, we need to add another duty to Sunday rosters. If you would like to operate the laptop, (sitting alongside the sound operator at the back of the church), please let Jillene know by emailing office@standrews.org.nz.

SUSAN AND ROGER'S FAREWELL LUNCHEON, Sunday November 24th

This is planned to be a sit-down occasion with a simple menu of cold meats and salads with tea, coffee and slices to finish. (This will replace the monthly brunch on the 2nd Sunday in December). To do this we need two things: 1. for parishioners to let us know if you will be able to come and 2. people to help with catering. On Sunday the blue Spirited Conversations folder will be at the back of the church for people to register

their interest in attending along with tasks that require offers. Alternately you could phone Jillene at the office phone, 472 9211.

Several people have asked about making a donation for a farewell gift. This would be much appreciated. Please hand your donation as soon as possible to the office or make an internet payment direct to St Andrew's bank account – BNZ 02 0534 0004022 02. Please put 'Minister farewell' as the reference so we know what the deposit is for. Thanks, Lynne Dovey Parish, Council Convenor.

CENTERING PRAYER ENDS FOR 2019; RESUMES 2020.

Centering Prayer meets for the last time in 2019 on Tuesday 19 November at 12.30pm. Rev Diane Gilliam Weeks will convene Centering Prayer(CP) in 2020. CP will resume on Thursdays in 2020 beginning February 20 at 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome. There is a brief introduction and then silence for 20-30 minutes so people can pray/meditate. The usual venue is the rainbow room, but check the video screen in the foyer as you come in. You don't have to be good at meditation to come, just willing.

LETTER SEEKING VCA VOLUNTEERS 2019

Voluntary Chaplaincy Association (VCA) are currently looking to add to their team and are planning a training programme early next year. The working of the Chaplaincy Department within Wellington Regional Hospital is enhanced by an effective team of Chaplaincy Assistants. Our Chaplaincy Assistants give around 2 hours a week to visit all patients in a ward. This work is greatly appreciated by patients and families. Please see Ross Scott or Barrie Keenan for more information.

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.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

DCM's AGM

DCM would like to invite you to join them at DCM's Annual General Meeting, to be held on Monday 25 November at St. Peter's Church (in their new hall around the back of the church). Refreshments from 5:15pm. Please RSVP to matthew@dcm.org.nz or (04) 384 7699 by Friday 15 November.

PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA

West Papua flag raising at parliament, Wellington, Monday, 2 December, at 1pm
Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/729949114173855>

THE WORLD'S BIG SLEEP OUT HUTT CITY, NEW ZEALAND

On the 7th of December, 50,000 people will be sleeping out under the stars, to help those who have no other choice.

Join us and Sir Richard Taylor at McEwan Park and be part of one of the 50 major sleep out events happening globally.

With performances confirmed from Will Smith, Dame Helen Mirren, The Script, Tom Walker, Travis, Frank Turner, at many of our events across the world, you will be joining a global campaign to call for an end to global homelessness.

Register at <https://www.bigsleepout.com/join-a-sleep-out/hutt-city>

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	Sandra and Tony Kirby
Sound	Sue Hirst
Offering	Paul Satherley
Coffee/tea	Gavin Watson, Kath Kerr, Jenny Watson
Time with the Children	Ellen Murray
Readings	Frances Porter
Prayers of the People	Bronwyn White
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Fionnaigh McKenzie

On duty 24 November

Welcoming	Linda and Norman Wilkins
Sound	Bronwyn White
Offering	Graham Howell, Joan Tyler
Coffee/tea/Farewell luncheon	Andrew Matthews, Sue Hirst, Wendy Matthews plus extra volunteers
Time with the Children	Susan Jones
Readings	Jenn Keenan
Prayers of the People	Barrie Keenan
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Sandra Kirby

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 17 November 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones followed at 12 noon by Exploring the Faith study group studying the final chapter of *Religion as Metaphor*.

Tuesday 19 November 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre. This is the last Centering Prayer for the year. CP will resume on **Thursdays** in 2020 beginning February 20.

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

Wednesday 20 November 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert - 17th century music – works by Bach, Fasch and Vivaldi – Flute, Oboe, violin, harpsichord, bassoon.

Sunday 24 November 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones followed by Susan and Roger's farewell luncheon.

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
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Faith in Action Co-ordinator	Margaret Rushbrook
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jules Collinson
Centre Manager	Laetitia Brunell
Office Administrator	Jillene Everett
Facilities Assistants	Julia Caulfield and Nick Lee
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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