



# ORDER OF SERVICE

25<sup>th</sup> December 2019

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**Joy to the world!**

## 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 gather on this festive day, at this special time,

***searching for a reality present within and beyond our everyday lives.***

We come hoping to touch that "something more" in the stories of Jesus and his birth so long ago,

***seeking a deeper connection with Divine reality.***

In joyful expectation we make time now to calm and centre ourselves,

***inviting the Spirit to open our eyes to wonder and surprise.***

## Silence

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## Rejoice, Rejoice at Christmas Time

Words: © 2011 William L Wallace World Library Publications

Tune: Forest Green WOV 240

Rejoice, rejoice at Christmas time,  
all flesh is sacred now.

Embrace the manger in your heart  
beyond the why and how.

For God resides within that space  
of love and cosmic awe,  
the home of singing, dancing love  
beyond life's mystic door.

Rejoice, rejoice at Christmas time,  
all flesh has sacredness:

all matter bears the sign of God,  
imparts God's holiness.

For God can never be confined  
beyond our time and space.

God's hand is touching everything:  
each life reflects God's face.

Rejoice, rejoice at Christmas time,  
all flesh reflects God's grace.  
The realm that atoms dance within  
is nature's ballet space.  
when we are one with baby's breath  
and tender love's caress,  
we find a Christmas manger in  
our deepest mind's recess.

Rejoice, rejoice at Christmas time,  
make space for starry eyes,  
discern how Jesus looked at life  
with wonder and surprise:  
For deeper than our harshest pain,  
beyond our muddled mind,  
the gift of love in child-like form  
is our most precious find.

## **WELCOME**

Kia ora tatou.

*Kia ora.*

## **PRAYER**

### **JESUS PRAYER**

**Jim Cotter paraphrase on card**

### **Christmas – Christ Candle**

**Reading: CWS Partner Story from Palestine: Give Good Water, Give Life**

**John Morgan**



It would not be Christmas without a baby! A young Palestinian mother wants her young son to have a good life despite the many hurdles he will face.

Clean, safe water is essential for baby's health, and in short supply. Families must buy safe water to drink. The lack of safe water threatens the health of many families.

For Syrian and Palestinian refugees access to primary healthcare for mothers and children

up to age six is a special gift. Regular check ups and vaccinations with doctors and other medical staff make sure new babies get a good start to life. Free medical care and supplementary food at DSPR's (a long standing partner of CWS) primary health clinics make the difference for people facing an uncertain future.

**Give good health, give life.**

## **LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

E te whānau, brothers and sisters,  
Christ is born anew among us today!  
Gracious God, on this most holy of days,

*may Christ be our light.*

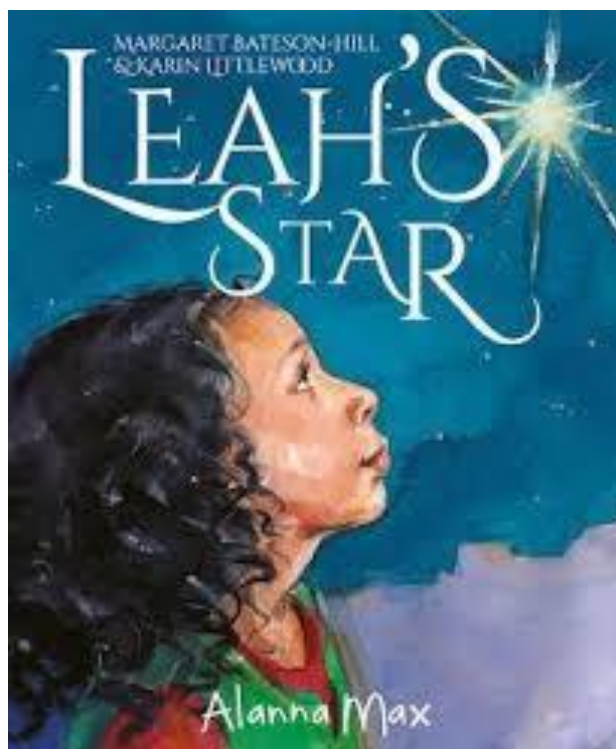
For the life that was the light of all people

*we light this candle.*

*Amen.*

**CHILDREN'S STORY "Leah's star" by Margaret Bateson Hill**

**Fiona McDougal**



## **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!*

**Gospel Reading:**

**Luke 2:1-20** New Living Translation (NLT)

**HYMN**

**COC 8 Child of Christmas story**

Words: Shirley Erena Murray © 1992 Hope Publishing Company  
Music © 1992 Richard Madden

1. Child of Christmas story,  
stable straw and star,  
small and sweet and gentle,  
tell us who you are.
2. Child whose baby finger  
round our own is curled,  
come to melt our hearts,  
and come to change the world.
3. Child of Jew and gentile,  
child of white and black,  
teach us how to love you,  
teach us what we lack.
4. Child of Mary's courage,  
birthed in human pain,  
tell us what your name is,  
be our hope again.

**ADULTS' STORY**

**'Under their noses'**

**John Harper**

by Ted Loder (condensed)

**HYMN**

**What a world of sound**

Words: ©Carolyn Winfrey Gillette <https://www.carolynshymns.com/> Music: Hymn to Joy WOV 92

What a world of sound it must have been for Jesus, newly-born —  
Mother Mary singing songs of praise to God that Christmas morn;  
Joseph, reaching for the child, whispering when the baby fussed;  
Songs and whispers bear the promise: You are truly God-with-us.

Surely there were sounds of women from that small community,  
Stopping by to see the baby, offering hospitality;  
Lambs were bleating, donkeys braying, children playing in the street.  
Jesus, close against his mother, felt her heart's rejoicing beat.

In that town were shepherds calling; workers there were cutting wood;  
In the distance, angry shouts and people begging for their food;  
In a doorway, someone weeping, saddened by some inner pain —  
Jesus, in your incarnation, unto each of these you came.

What a world of sound we live in; many words we daily hear.  
Mid this world's conflicting voices, be for us God's Word so clear.  
Help us listen to your story; help us hear you when we pray.  
In you, Jesus, is our hope: God come to us on Christmas Day

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Fiona McDougal**

**PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S**

*on card*

**Contemporary reading:**

**'Joy returns'**

**Frances Porter**

by Barbara Sampson

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Joy returns  
after the quaking shaking breaking  
not in great gushes  
or bucket loads  
but in gentle drops  
like rain on newly sown carrot seeds  
or tears of welcome over a new baby

Joy comes  
just a glimpse  
a glance  
a sudden lifting of hope  
like an old familiar friend  
awaiting my return  
even as I long and wait for her.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

**Fiona McDougal**

**Celebrating Joy**

You are invited to pause and recollect a time when you experienced a time of joy and relive that moment now.....

When you feel ready, you may wish to write a word or symbol to represent that occasion on one of the baubles and hang or nestle it on the green garland around the manger.

Or just relax and enjoy the silence and music .....

Silence

Music for meditation: Ubi Caritas by Ola Gjeilo - Utah State University Singers.

*Where compassion and love are, God is there.*

*Christ's love has gathered us into one.*

*Let us rejoice.....*

## HYMN

## CH4 281 'Glimmers of joy'

Words: Fiona McDougal 2019

Music: French Traditional carol

Glimmers of joy pervade our lives  
if we will but open our eyes.  
Sparkles the sea with light and movement,  
Dappled the bush with shade and shadow.  
Glimmers of joy pervade our lives  
Jesus Christ in them resides.

Depths of great joy infuse our lives  
though the surface stormy is.  
Fearful, we struggle, seek solutions,  
doubting, we miss the Spirit's holding  
Depths of great joy infuse our lives  
Jesus Christ in them resides.

Born into joy you touch our lives  
Jesus son of mother so wise.  
Shepherds came hurrying through the pastures,  
Wise men brought gifts of worth and welcome  
Born into joy you touch our lives  
Jesus Christ in them reside.

Through all the world glad tidings sound  
Joy to all and justice announce.  
Proclaiming news that God is with us  
Jesus is born, Love here we witness.  
Through all the world glad tidings sound  
"Jesus Christ, God's Word" resounds

## BLESSING

<https://progressivechristianityaotearoa.com/2014/11/19/blessings/>

*May the splash of rangimarie peace,  
the blossom of tumanako hope  
the vibrance of harikoa joy and  
the warmth of arohanui love  
cradle us.*

## SUNG AMEN

## THANK YOU

Peter Franklin

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### **AUDIO REFLECTIONS**

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.  
<http://www.standrews.org.nz/category/sunday-gathering>

There is no offering received today. Please donate to CWS Christmas Appeal 2019 online at: <https://cws.org.nz/christmas-appeal/>

*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.*



## ***ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES***

### **GATHERINGS IN JANUARY 2020**

January 5      10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Ken Irwin  
January 12     10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Barrie Keenan  
January 19     10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Ross Scott  
January 26     10am Sunday Gathering led by Bronwyn White

### **CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**

You are invited to join us after the service for a shared brunch upstairs in Conference Room 1 & 2.

All are welcome and don't be concerned if you are not prepared with a contribution towards the meal - come anyway.

### **OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

The Church office closed Friday 20 December at close of business. It will reopen Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

### **CUPPA AND CHAT**

Cuppa and Chat will resume on Wednesday 8 January and meet through the month.

### **HOLIDAY PASTORAL SUPPORT**

Rev. Norman Wilkins (04 970 1010) can be contacted from 21<sup>st</sup> December to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020. After 5<sup>th</sup> January, please contact Catriona Cairns at [catrionajcairns@gmail.com](mailto:catrionajcairns@gmail.com).

### **AFTER CHURCH EVENTS**

The usual brunch, conversational conversation, social justice group and study groups will resume in 2020.

### **KEEPING THE CHURCH HEALTHY AND SAFE**

In recent months a lot of work has been done sorting cupboards. Sometimes we have changed where goods are stored. Please return objects and especially hazardous substances to where you found them, even if it is a strange and new location for you. If you notice anything unsafe around the buildings please let the Office know. Incident reporting forms are available in the foyer, please use them if anything happens so we can follow up and eliminate or minimise risks.



### **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 today's volunteers**

Welcoming	Norman and Linda Wilkins
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Children	Wendy Matthews
Readings	Frances Porter, John Morgan, John Harper and Wendy Matthews
Musician	Peter Franklin

#### **On duty Sunday 29 December**

Welcoming	Frank Cook, Patricia Booth
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	John Morgan, Margaret Pannett
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Pam Fuller, Margaret Harper
Time with the Children	Not required
Readings	Ann Barrie
Prayers of the People	Wendy Matthews
Musician	Charles Sullivan
Rainbow Room Helper	Pam Fuller

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

**Christmas day** Gathering led by Fiona McDougal

**Sunday 29 December 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Jim Cunningham.

Note: Cuppa n Chat resumes on Wednesday 8 January and

Wednesday Lunchtime concerts resume on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 12:15pm.

Centering Prayer in the Centre resumes on Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm

# 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>Interim Moderator</b>	Catriona Cairns
<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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