



ORDER OF SERVICE

29th December 2019

The First Sunday After Christmas



“The function of beauty... is to make us aware of a reality
which is richer and deeper
and more marvellous than anything we can dream or
conceive.”

(Henry N. Wieman)

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

In this quiet space, we gather in community,
allowing the spirit born in a child to be known in us again,
at this gentle time in silence and music and prayer.

Let us celebrate life in the presence we call God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

COC 8 'Child of Christmas story'

Words: © 1992 Shirley Erena Murray, 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.

OPENING RESPONSES

Among us the Spirit of God conceives new life

and we feel the life within us.

In our history the Christ makes gentle entry

and we see the light before us.

With our dreams the truth of our God is revealed

we welcome the hope of the world.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

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!

REFLECTING ON THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Music

Reading: Matthew 1: 18-25

Reflection: They were only parents

Music

Reading: Luke 2: 1-7

Reflection: He was only a baby

Music

Reading: Luke 2: 8-20

Reflection: They were only shepherds

Music

Contemporary Reading: "now what" by Thomas Shuman

now what will you do with those gifts?
now what will you do with that love
God has given to you - to share with those you don't like?
now what will you do with that hope
God put under the tree -
can you pass it on to a despairing neighbour?
now what will you do with that joy you didn't expect -
hoard it all for yourself or hand it to a grieving widow?
now what will you do with that grace
God stuck in your stocking - leave it there
or find the stranger who needs it?
now what will you do with all that forgiveness
God has given to you in the Babe -

throw it out with the wrapping paper
or offer it to the one who has hurt you so much?
now that Christmas is over,
what will you do?

Silence

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

WOV 669 'I am the light of the world'

Words & Music © 1969 Jim Strathdee. Music (Admin. by Desert Flower Music)

Chorus *'I am the light of the world.
You people come and follow me!'
If you follow and love
you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.*

1. When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the magi and the shepherds
have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun:

Chorus

2. To find the lonely and the lost,
to heal the broken souls with love,
to feed the hungry children
with warmth and good food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above;

Chorus

3. to free the prisoners from their chains,
to make the powerful care,
to re-build the nations
with strength of good will,
to be at one with people everywhere;

Chorus

4. to bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in
an old man's heart,
and sing to the colours of the earth.

Chorus

OFFERING AND DEDICATION *(said together)*

***We dedicate our lives and all that we have
for hope, for peace, for joy, and for love.***

Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. 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, 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 Tonga and the Christian World Service partners The Human Rights and Democracy Movement working for a more democratic form of government and good governance through awareness raising, advocacy and lobbying, and the Tonga Community Development Trust's work focusing on development for women. 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 Simon Bridges (Tauranga electorate) and Simeon Brown (Pakuranga electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Plimmerton Presbyterian Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

FFS 29 'God speed us on our way'

Words: © 1999, 2000 Shirley Erena Murray

Music: © 2000 Shona Murray

1. God speed us on our way,
safe keep us every day,
give us wing, cause to sing,
all this we wish and pray.

2. God give us space to thrive,
all senses kept alive,
health and hope, means to cope,
joyfully to arrive.

Verse 3 on next page

3. God lead us to the new,
places and points of view,
roads to take, friends to make,
more life to travel through!

BENEDICTION & SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Charles Sullivan

Our musician today

Unless otherwise stated all hymns are used by permission CCLI Licence 341550
Words/music to new hymns and gathering statement, prayers and affirmation are original unless
acknowledged.

*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.*

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.



AUDIO REFLECTIONS

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

<http://www.standrews.org.nz/category/sunday-gathering>

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

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

OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Church office closed Friday 20 December at close of business. It will reopen
Thursday 9 January.

HOLIDAY PASTORAL SUPPORT

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

AFTER CHURCH EVENTS

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

HEALTH AND SAFETY IN EMERGENCY

Increasingly defibrillators are available if you are sure someone has had a heart attack. Of course, the first thing to do is to call 111 for an ambulance! If a defibrillator is needed, Bolton Hotel in Bolton St are happy for us to request their defibrillator. If you are not qualified in first aid, please follow the directions of, firstly, any medical doctor present, or trained nurse or trained first aider.

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	Frank Cook, Patricia Booth
Sound	Paul Satherley
Offering	John Morgan, Margaret Pannett
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Pam Fuller, Margaret Harper
Readings	Ann Barrie
Prayers of the People	Wendy Matthews
Musician	Charles Sullivan
Rainbow Room Helper	Pam Fuller

On duty Sunday 5 January

Welcoming	Brian and Lynette Burrell
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Cameron Smart
Offering	Barrie and Jenn Keenan
Coffee/tea	Graham Howell, Jim and Maxine Cunningham
Readings	Heather Macfarlane
Prayers of the People	Jenny Simpson
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Rainbow Room Helper	Rosemary Lawrence

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

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

Sunday 5 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by

Note: Cuppa n Chat resumes on Wednesday 8 January and

Wednesday Lunchtime concerts resume on 12th February 2020 at 12:15pm.

Centering Prayer in the Centre resumes on Thursday February 20th 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

Interim Moderator	Catriona Cairns
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

St Andrew's on The Terrace

www.standrews.org.nz

30 The Terrace – P O Box 5203, Wellington 6145

Office Hours: 9 am – 5 pm Monday to Friday

Phone (04) 472-9211
office@standrews.org.nz



Interim Moderator – Rev. Catriona Cairns

catrionajcairns@gmail.com, Cell: 0273059129

