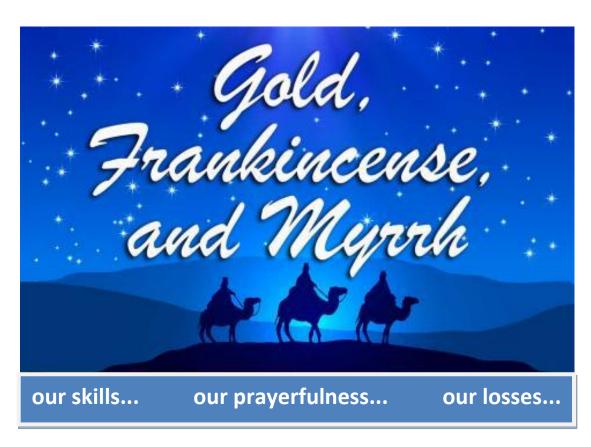


ORDER OF SERVICE

5 January 2020

Epiphany: a time for Gifting









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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 2:14

he kororia ki te Atua

Salute to God
he maungarongo ki te whenua
Peacefulness be upon the Land
whakaaro pai ki te tangata
Goodwill to the People

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

FFS 63 'These Hills'

Words and music by Colin Gibson Words and music © 1998 Hope Publishing Company

- These hills where the hawk flies lonely, beaches where the long surf rolls, mountain where the snows meet heaven, these are our care.
 Pastures where the sheep graze calmly, orchards where the apples grow, gardens where the roses cluster, these are our prayer.
- 2. Cities where young roam restless, lives brought to deep despair, homeless and powerless people, these are our care, Places where the Word is spoken, hands held in serving love, faiths of our many cultures, these are our prayer.
- 3. All that the old world gave us, all that the new world brings, language, ideas and customs, these are our care,
 Life finding joy and value, faith seeking truth and light,
 God heard and seen in all things, this be our prayer.

WELCOME

Naumai haeremai, tena koutou katoa. *Kia ora.*

PRAYER concluding... (said together)

And now, teach us to live our own lives gently and kindly with each other, looking at ourselves and our world through your eyes of respect and hope and light, Amen

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

BLOWING YOUR OWN TRUMPET

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN

WOV 551 'I sing a song of the saints of God'

Words: Lesbia Scott & Donald Feist Music: Grand Isle, © 2002 Choristers Guild

- 1. I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew; one was a doctor and one was a nurse, one kept a shop and one drove a hearse: they were all of them saints of God; and I mean, God helping to be one too.
- 2. They loved their Lord and they followed him, his love for them made them strong; and they followed the right for Jesus' sake the whole of their good lives long; and one was a teacher and one was a priest, and one was a chef who served a big feast, and there's not any reason, no, not the least why I shouldn't be one too.
- 3. They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still; the world is bright with the happy saints who love to do Jesus' will; you can meet them in school, on the street or at sea, in church, on the bus, in shops, on TV, for the saints of God began just like me, AND I MEAN TO BE ONE TOO.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Heather Macfarlane

Hebrew Bible Isaiah 60:1-6

Gospel Matthew 2: 1-12

Contemporary reading

"Gifting"

The concept of gifting was central in the lives of Maori. It was a guiding principle and helped maintain the *mana* of individuals, communities and tribes. Some of the most beautiful or significant carvings were gifts made to leaders for their strength and also for their spirituality. It was a high honour to receive a carved pounamu. Maori are strongly connected to the spiritual world and so very connected to *te whenua* - the land around them. Pounamu comes from the land: it's held in high regard as *taonga* (treasure). It's a strong and durable stone, so such carvings last for many generations. Alongside gifting within their tribes and families, pounamu was also historically used when tribal wars were over, signifying a gift that was to seal the peace treaty between the two iwi.

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION Epiphany: "aha" moments! Ken Irwin

SILENCE

THE MILENNIUM AFFIRMATION (we say together)

Let there be:

Respect for the earth
Peace for its people
Love in our lives
Delight in the good
Forgiveness for past wrongs
And from now on
A new start

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

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

Lois Robertson

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Tunisia and the Muslim people in Tunisia and throughout the world. 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 Golriz Ghahraman and Paul Goldsmith list MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Pacific Islanders' Church of Christ The King, Porirua.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

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HYMN

AA127 'Take my Gifts'

Words © 1992 Shirley Murray. Music ©1992 Colin Gibson. Hope Publishing Company

- 1. Take my gifts and let me love you,
 God who first of all loved me,
 gave me light and food and shelter,
 gave me life and set me free.
 Now, because your love has touched me,
 I have love to give away;
 now the bread of love is rising,
 loaves of love to multiply!
- 2. Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed, harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God; Spiced with humour, laced with laughter flavour of the Jesus life, tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

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3. Take whatever I can offergifts that I have yet to find, skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind, things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be: take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me

THE BENEDICTION

We go now into God's world, with our gifts

And we are sure the God of Love is already there!

E tumanako me te whakamanawa me te rangimarie ki te tangata tatou

May hopefulness blessing and peace be with our people

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Judy Dumbleton

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

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.

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 12 | 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Barrie Keenan |
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| 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 2020.

AFTER CHURCH EVENTS

The usual Sunday brunch, Congregational Conversation, social justice group will resume in 2020.

| SUNDAY ROSTERS A folder with an outline of each duty is now kept on the back table. If you are unable to do your | | | | |
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| rostered duty please arrange a swap/substitute and inform the office. Thank you. | | | | |
| Thanks to this week's volunteers | | | | |
| Welcoming | Brian and Lynette Burrell | | | |
| Sound | Sonia Groes-Petrie | | | |
| Offering | Barrie and Jenn Keenan | | | |
| Coffee/tea | Graham Howell, Jim and Maxine Cunningham | | | |
| Time with the Children | Not required | | | |
| Readings | Heather Macfarlane | | | |
| Prayers of the People | Jenny Simpson | | | |
| Musician | Judy Dumbleton | | | |
| Rainbow Room Helper | Rosemary Lawrence | | | |

| On duty Sunday 12 January | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--|
| Welcoming | Alan and Valerie Rhodes | |
| Sound | Jennifer Bush | |
| Laptop | Cameron Smart | |
| Offering | James Cone and Margaret Pannett | |
| Coffee/tea | Catriona Cairns, Richard Keller, Richard Owen | |
| Time with the Children | Not required | |
| Readings | Joan Tyler | |
| Prayers of the People | Lois Robertson | |
| Musician | Judy Dumbleton | |
| Rainbow Room Helper | TBA | |

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 5 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Ken Irwin

Wednesday 8 January Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Sunday 12th January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Barrie Keenan followed by lunch at a nearby Café.

Note: 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 |
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| 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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