

ORDER OF SERVICE

21 June 2020

Pentecost 3



Martha and Mary: supple stories beyond binaries

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.

The Service is conducted by the Rev. Dr Niki Francis

GATHERING

Haere mai Welcome to this Sunday gathering on this new morning in our ever-changing world where we face uncertainty insecurity and discomfort more so these days than usual. We come to be together, to enjoy community in solidarity and support of one another, to open our minds and hearts in the warm familiarity of this place and the shape of this liturgy in which we reflect, sing, pray and enjoy friendship.

Amen.

WOV 91 'Morning has broken'

Words by Eleanor Farjeon & Yusuf Islam Music: Bunessan Trad Gaelic

Morning has broken like the first morning Blackbird has spoken like the first bird Praise for the singing, Praise for the morning Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven Like the first dewfall on the first grass Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden Sprung in completeness where his feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning Born of the one light Eden saw play Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning God's recreation of the new day

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WELCOME

Kia ora tatou. *Kia ora.*

PRAYER

Loving spirit, we bring our curiosity about life and nature, about stories and how they grow and change with retellings over time.

We come to hear about how we might live love in the way of Jesus of Nazareth, who bravely challenged injustice as he walked in this world with radical compassion. We come with open hearts, willing to question assumptions and to learn, no matter how uncomfortable we feel.

We look to each other in both comfort and discomfort grateful for acceptance, knowing we are all welcome here.

We value the unity and oneness of life and we check our thinking about binaries as we seek to live with compassion peace and humanity.

Silence

We give thanks for this day for our community of St Andrews and all the people who have enriched our lives.

We give thanks for love, which created us, restores us, and connects us with others in struggle and in joy.

We give thanks for the spirit of curiosity that inspires and encourages us to seek knowledge and understanding.

We give thanks for the courage that enables us to stand tall look at what we see around us and to take risks as we seek understanding.

We give thanks for difference and diversity that enriches our world and for story which help us understand others.

Amen

JESUS PRAYER

Eternal Spirit Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, loving God, in whom is heaven: the hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Graham Howell

BLESSING THE CHILDREN (All stand)

We send you to the Rainbow Room to hear stories, ask questions and have fun together.

We bless you. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Traditionally we shake hands to pass the peace and say "peace be with you". The response is "peace be with you, or "and with you." You can also simply say hello. Now that COVID-19 has arrived in the country, we are all asked to take precautions again transmission. We invite you all therefore to try different methods of acknowledging and greeting each other. For example, placing both hands together in the prayer position and bending the head towards the other person. This is a greeting practiced in many countries. A hand on the upper chest and bowing slightly to acknowledge the other person is also an option. Feel free to simply observe if you wish.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Pat Booth

John 12:1-11

Contemporary reading

"What I Have Learned So Far"

by Mary Oliver

Meditation is old and honourable, so why should I not sit, every morning of my life, on the hillside, looking into the shining world? Because, properly attended to, delight, as well as havoc, is suggestion. Can one be passionate about the just, the ideal, the sublime, and the holy, and yet commit to no labour in its cause? I don't think so.

All summations have a beginning, all effect has a story, all kindness begins with the sown seed. Thought buds toward radiance. The gospel of light is the crossroads of — indolence, or action.

Be ignited, or be gone.

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

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Niki Francis

HYMN

'Ancient words ring through the aeons'

Words © 2018 Susan Jones Tune: Hyfrydol WOV 148 (ii)

Urging, chiding, giving praise; Prophets all, both men and women led the people through life's maze; They were those who lived the message of the true life, spirit-filled; They were leaders through life's passage They showed strong, courageous will. Living simply, prophets focus on the truth and how to live; They read well the heart of the people, marching to the Word, they give warnings, guidelines for true living, bravely they speak truth to power; they see through pretence and posture, they see when our leaders cower.

Knowing truth requires right action, speaking out, and staying true to those principles so ancient, knowing me and knowing you. May we too, like them, imagine worlds where true compassion reigns, where love shows its many faces where rights, justice, are sustained.

OFFERING PRAYER (said together)

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. Amen

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 <u>briefly</u> from the lectern.
 For the benefit of newcomers, please introduce yourself before you begin.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Fiona McDougal

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Austria and the Ecumenical Council of Churches in Austria. 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 Nanaia Mahuta (Hauraki-Waikato electorate) and Todd McClay (Rotorua electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Feilding and from the worldwide church for the Harris Mission - the Church of Christ.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREWS

Renew your people, God, and renew our life in this place. Give us a new spirit of unity with those of all faiths, and a new spirit of love towards all people.

Bless the city in which we live that it may be a place where honest dealing, good government, the desire for beauty, and the care for others flourish.

Bless this church that what we know of your will may become what we do, and what we believe the strong impulse of our worship and work.

Amen

HYMN

AA 126: Spirit Who Broods

Words: © 1992 Shirley Erena Murray, Music: © 1992 Nigel Eastgate

Spirit who broods, Spirit who sings, mothering bird, peace in your wings --

> *Come from within, come, make us one, come and renew the face of the earth.*

Spirit of truth, laser and light, searching the path, seeking the right -- Spirit of love, larger than law, quick to forgive, keeping no score --

Spirit of hope, never subdued, Spirit of God, Spirit of Good,

BLESSING

We go now into the world living love, nurturing curiosity and embracing difference.

E aroha me tūmanako me te rangimārie tātou tātou e May love, hope and peace be with us all.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

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, and do not park in carparks No.s 14, 19 & 20.

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

BOOK OF MEMORIES

This is our 180 Commemorative Project. We are placing writings, stories, and records in this bound book to tell future members what our parish was like in these years, Some members have already contributed and we do have a number of interesting records but we would like more.

Do you have a story or a memory?

Is there a project or activity that should be recorded?

Please contact any of the below names who are working on this project.

Lois Robertson Trish McBride Barrie Keenan

If you would like to be in touch via email please email Trish at

trish.mcbride47a@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION GROUP

Social Justice Education Group resumes with a presentation of the origins and ethos of Newtown Union Health Service by Drs Ben Grey and Katrina Harper. 28th June 11:45-12:45

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

JULY 2020 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – NORTHLAND KIDZ CLUB

We'll be customising playdough, going on Treasure & Scavenger Hunts, and having Wheels & Music Days. Nigel Kennedy, the magician, will be putting on a show, as will Little Dog Barking Puppet Theatre ("Turn on the Light"). Time Cinema, one of our favourite places, will be putting on another selection of early cartoons & films (we'll be going to Lyall Bay Beachbeforehand, weather permitting !).

In between, as the weather allows, we'll be going to parks & play areas, and even the BotanicGardens. Afternoon teas ? Waffles, pancakes, & lots of other yummy food. \$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), or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612), e-mail (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	Pam Fuller and Margaret Pannett
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Offering	Linda and Norman Wilkins
Coffee/tea	Katrina Harper, Rosemary Lawrence and
	Janet Horncy
Time with the Children	Graham Howell
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Fiona McDougal
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Sandra Kirby
On duty 28 June	
Welcoming	David and Pauline Patchett
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Margaret Rushbrook
Offering	Graham Howell and Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Jenn and Barrie Keenan and Jenny Watson
Time with the Children	Cam Smart
Readings	Gavin Watson
Prayers of the People	Bronwyn White
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Rainbow Room Helper

Pam Fuller

Sunday 21 June 10am Sunday Gathering led by Niki Francis
Followed by Exploring the Faith in Conference Room 3
Wednesday 24 June Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre
Wednesday 24 June 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Lieder Recital – Brahms and
Schubert - Will King (baritone_ and Nic Kovacev (Piano)
Sunday 28 June 10am Sunday Gathering led by Niki Francis
followed by Social Justice

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
Stated Supply Minister	Niki Francis
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Sandra Kirby
Pastoral Care Team	Linda Wilkins, Maxine Cunningham, Brian Burrell, Pat Booth and Katrina Harper
Church Music Coordinator	Mark Stamper
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	Claudia Monkhouse and Kate Crichton
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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