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St Andrew's
on The Terrace

ORDER OF SERVICE

13 September 2020



season of **creation**



Pentecost 15 - River Sunday

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.

Today's service is led by Wendy and Andrew Matthews

GATHERING

Today is River Sunday

When we reflect on rivers, all they bring us and all we owe them

This place is a sacred space

***One of the places in which we consider, pray,
receive and respond to grace and beauty***

One of the places where we can be challenged to hear
the demands of the divine and the planet

***In this month, on this day, in this place,
we journey the River of Life.***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 85 'Let justice roll down like a river'

Words and Music © 1994 Colin Gibson Hope Publishing Company (3 verses)

Refrain:

**Let justice roll down like a river,
let justice roll down like a sea,
let justice roll down like a river,
let justice begin through me.**

1. Justice for all who go hungry,
crying to God to be fed,
left in a world of abundance
to beg for a morsel of bread.

Refrain

2. Justice for those who are homeless,
victims of warfare or need,
trapped on the borders of no-where,
lost in the canyons of greed

Refrain

3. Justice for all who are powerless,
yearning for freedom in vain,
plundered, and robbed of their birth-right,
silently bearing their pain.

Refrain

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We call to the rivers to worship with us:

*the Clutha, Rakaia, Manawatu, and Waikato,
all rivers that flow to the sea.*

We invite the streams to sing:

*Trout and water crays, inanga whitebait,
Cockabullies and eels sing praise.*

We invite the river birds to add their praise.

*Whio, and mallard duck,
Kingfisher and dragonflies call their praise.*

We join with the waters in their hymn of praise:

*waterfalls, singing streams,
rushing rapids and still pools,*

ripples that dance at the river mouth.

Sing, river, sing praise to all creation.

Adapted from Season of Creation worship resources www.seasonofcreation.com

PRAYER

We remember the rivers across our planet,
rivers that are the lifeblood of Earth
and vital for all forms of life.

*We remember the streams of our past,
the pools and ponds where we played
and the feeling of celebration
as we splashed each other.*

We remember and rejoice.

***We give thanks for rivers,
streams that flow with the water of life.***

We acknowledge and confess
that we have become alienated from Earth
and have polluted the rivers of our garden planet.

We are sorry.

We have polluted our rivers with poisons.

We have treated our streams as waste dumps.

We have turned living waters into death-traps.

We have wasted precious waters in luxury living.

We need to be taught to love Earth
and return to Earth as our home.

Shalom! Shalom!

We are coming home!

As we come home to Earth,
As we seek to love our home,
As we seek to care for our kin,

Open our hearts.

Creation's glory fills our planet.

***May we discern the vibrant presence among us and our kin in
creation, especially in the rivers, the streams and waterways of
Earth. Help us empathise with creatures who are suffering. May our
spirits lift and rejoice with the vibrant world of the rivers and
waterways of our planet.***

Amen.

Adapted from Season of Creation worship resources

JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase

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

Ellen Murray

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."
Now that Covid is here we ask that you pass the peace without shaking hands.*

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Wendy Matthews

Hebrew Bible

Ezekiel 47: 1-12

Gospel

John 7: 37 -39

REFLECTION

"Rivers of Life"

Andrew Matthews

CONTEMPORARY READING

Wendy Matthews

From This is All: by Aidan Chambers

I thought how lovely and how strange a river is. A river is a river, always there, and yet the water flowing through it is never the same water and is never still. It's always changing and is always on the move. And over time the river itself changes too. It widens and deepens as it rubs and scours, gnaws and kneads, eats and bores its way through the land. Even the greatest rivers- the Nile and the Ganges, the Yangtze and the Mississippi, the Amazon and the great grey-green greasy Limpopo all set about with

fever trees - must have been no more than trickles and flickering streams before they grew into mighty rivers.

Are people like that? I wondered. Am I like that? Always me, like the river itself, always flowing but always different, like the water flowing in the river, sometimes walking steadily along andante, sometimes surging over rapids furioso, sometimes meandering with hardly any visible movement tranquilo, lento, sometimes gurgling with pleasure, sometimes sparkling in the sun, sometimes appassionato, sometimes misterioso, sometimes staccato, sometimes vivace, and always, I hope, amoroso.

Do I change like a river, widening and deepening, eddying back on myself sometimes, bursting my banks sometimes when there's too much water, too much life in me, and sometimes dried up from lack of rain? Will the I that is me grow and widen and deepen? Or will I stagnate and become an arid riverbed? Will I allow people to dam me up and confine me so that I flow only where they want? Will I allow them to turn me into a canal to use for their own purposes? Or will I make sure I flow freely, coursing my way through the land and ploughing a valley of my own?

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

ST ANDREW'S SINGERS

'The River'

Words © Joy Cowley, Music © 2014 Vivien Chiu (3 verses)

Life is like a river
that flows towards the sea.
It has a small beginning,
increasing gradually
until it's in a larger place,
a current deep and wide,
giving its abundance
to the land on either side.

Chorus

*And I have a question
to ask you, my friend.
Where does the sea begin?
Where does the river end?*

The river has its secrets.
In its depths it knows
the nature of the ocean
where its water flows.
It hears the seabirds singing.
It feels the touch of foam.
The sea is always calling
the river to come home.

Chorus (congregation joins singers)

***And I have a question
to ask you, my friend.
Where does the sea begin?
Where does the river end?***

Life is like a river
and deep inside my mind,
the call of love grows stronger
as I leave each day behind.
We move with the current
of this unseen mystery.
Already we have knowledge
of the presence of the sea.

Chorus (congregation joins singers)

***And I have a question
to ask you, my friend.
Where does the sea begin?
Where does the river end?***

VISUAL REFLECTION ON RIVERS AS OFFERING RECEIVED:

Music Vltava or "The Moldau" by Bedřich Smetana

OFFERING PRAYER

Like the disciples we sometimes feel we have little to offer, and that what we have won't make a difference.

We bring our gifts and ourselves in the trust that we together our intentions and energy will multiply, and bring justice and joy to others. 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

Patricia Booth

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Botswana. We remember the detainees of Manus and Nauru Islands, yearning that their cases be resolved. In New Zealand, we remember those who work this election season; candidates, members of political parties and voters. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Inglewood United Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

*Renew your people, God,
and renew our life in this place.
Give us a new spirit of unity
with all who follow the Way of Jesus
and new bonds of love
with people of other faiths.*

*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

AA54 'God of the Galaxies'

Words: © 1992 Shirley Erena Murray

Music: by Douglas Mews ©1992 Hope Publishing Co. (4 verses)

God of the galaxies spinning in space,
God of the smallest seed, our living source,
yours is the gift of this beautiful place.

*Let us care for your garden
and honour the earth.*

Careless and covetous, gross are our greeds,
taking the riches the garden provides,
wasting its goodness, forgetting its needs.

*Let us care for your garden
and honour the earth.*

Forests and rivers are ravaged and die,
raped is the land till it bleeds in its clay,
silenced the birdsong and plundered the sea.

*Let us care for your garden
and honour the earth.*

Life is a holy thing, life is a whole,
linking each creature and blessing us all,
making connections of body and soul.

*Let us care for your garden
and honour the earth*

BLESSING

*We go now, in peace and in love
and we take that love with us
to our wider community
to live justly, respectfully
and with compassion.*

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Judy Dumbleton

our musician today

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acknowledged.



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

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

REFERENDUM VOTE – END OF LIFE CHOICE ACT

We had an interesting and useful discussion on this topic after our service on Sunday 23 August with a good range of opinions being shared. Ian Harris, who for many years had a thought provoking "Faith and Reason" column published fortnightly in the DomPost has, responding to a personal request from the Otago Daily Times, written a piece expressing his opinion as to why voters should vote "For" this legislation. Copies of Ian's article will be available after the service this morning in the Hall or can be emailed to people on request.

LECTIO GROUP

Our Lectio group meets on Tuesday (15th Sept) at 7pm for a period of silent meditation and contemplation on a poem/passage. Please join us. Further information from fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com

MAINLY MUSIC QUIZ

Putting the fun in fundraising for St Andrew's on The Terrace Croft Pipe Organ renovation.

Easy questions—no musical expertise needed

Friday 18th September 2020 arrive from **6.30 for 7.00pm** start

St Andrew's Centre 30 The Terrace Wellington

\$15.00 per adult (waged and superannuitants) \$5 for students and beneficiaries

Supper 🎵 Prizes 🎵 Entertainment

Easy questions—no musical expertise needed

Form a team of 6 or join a table on the night

RSVP on sign-up sheet, or email pipeorganquiz@gmail.com by Tuesday 15 September.

Quiz

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easy questions—
no musical expertise needed

Friday 18th September 2020

7.00 pm Conference Rooms 1 & 2

St Andrew's Centre 30 The Terrace Wellington

\$15.00 per person

\$5.00 for students and beneficiaries

Form a team of 4-6 or join a table on the night



Supper 🎵 Prizes 🎵 Entertainment

Putting the **fun** in fundraising

for St Andrew's on The Terrace
Croft Pipe Organ renovation



SEASON OF CREATION: INVITATION FOR RAINBOW SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

A rainbow is an ancient symbol of God's covenant with the Earth and we'll be exploring the idea of covenant on 19 Sept. Do you have a place where you are particularly aware of your relationship with God or the Earth? (Could be somewhere you visit mentally, where you're from or where you grew up, or somewhere you visit regularly.) Please let me know this weekend if you'd like to share briefly about that on 19 Sept and prepare a few sentences of reflection within a format. Many thanks, Ellen Murray <contact_ellen@yahoo.com>

A LOVE QUILT, LATER FAITH PATCHES

You are warmly invited to the launch of Trish McBride's book *A Love Quilt, Later Faith Patches* on Saturday 10 October, 4-5.30pm, in the St Andrew's Hall. The book has faith journey writings mostly from the last 10 years. For most of this time she has belonged to St Andrew's, so the parish features significantly. Special launch price of \$30. RSVPs with numbers essential, in case we are then still - or again - at Level 2. Reply to trish.mcbride47a@gmail.com , ph 478 6332. See book details on order form at www.pgpl.co.nz/alq

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHILD POVERTY ACTION GROUP

What: [Enough for All: Election Forum 2020](#)

When: Wednesday 16th September, 6 - 7.30pm

How: If Wellington is at Alert level 1, the event will proceed with limited seats at St Peters on Willis Street and by livestream on Facebook and Twitch. At Level 2 only the politicians and those hosting the event will be in person. If we are at Level 3 or above, everyone will be online.

This event is co-hosted with Tick for Kids, The Equality Network, The Anglican Movement and Child Poverty Action Group. There will be live poetry and a performance on wealth inequality from our young leaders.

[RSVP on Facebook](#), [RSVP via Eventbrite](#) In solidarity and hope, Ruby St. Peters.

P.S. Want something hopeful to kick off your weekend? Check out [this video for what Aotearoa could be in 2040](#) if we all work together.

UNICEF REPORT-CARD

UNICEF like many world bodies often report on countries and how they are performing socially, economically, educationally and in the area of health and other issues.

UNICEF makes sad reading. Its data is often 2 or more years earlier than the date of the report. This is no different with data relied on 2017 or earlier.

While some improvements have occurred the plight of our children remains stark, with homes still not up to standard, food poverty.

Covid is making the situation more stark, but this year working aged beneficiaries received a 25/week increase and the Winter Energy Payment was doubled.

Graham Howell - written from his perspective as a long-term benefit rights advocate.

<https://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/1140-worlds-of-influence-understanding-what-shapes-child-well-being-in-rich-countries.html>.

PEACE AOTEAROA – Local Peace Grants: Deadline 15 September

<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/posts/3251433808237299>.

TE ĀHUAREKA O TE PŪORO (CELEBRATION OF THE MUSIC)

Concert presented by Inspirare, Queen Margaret College Chorale, and Wellington College Chorale.

Saturday, 31 October (7:30 pm)

The Wellington City Corps (92 Vivian Street)

Tickets: <http://www.Inspirare.co.nz>

This will be the only major concert given by all three choirs and it is a celebration of the outstanding choral music scene in Wellington. Each choir will present a set of music and there are two mass pieces featuring all 120 singers:

Gloria by John Rutter

Dona Nobis Pacem by David Hamilton (one of our own NZ composers)

Gloria will be accompanied by Quintus Ensemble, Wellington's newest brass ensemble, along with organ and percussion. Another fantastic feature is that David Hamilton will be joining us in the audience for this concert.

During these crazy times of Covid-19 and uncertainty, let us all gather together in celebration of the music in Wellington.

NORTHLAND KIDZ CLUB – SEPT/OCTOBER 2020 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

\$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).

ST NINIAN'S KARORI HOLIDAY PROGRAMME is back from 6-11 Oct.

Running from 9am-1pm daily, it includes hip-hop dancing, music and singing, arts and crafts, games and more! Morning tea and lunch with lots of yummy home baking included. Cost: Koha, enrol for the whole week or as many days as you need. Call 476 7137 or email stnup@xtra.co.nz to enrol now.

NOTES

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	Graham Howell, Michael Parker
Sound	Bronwyn White
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Kath Kerr, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	James Cone, Janet Horncy, Ann Barrie
Time with the Children	Ellen Murray
Readings	Wendy Matthews
Prayers of the People	Patricia Booth
Rainbow Room Helper	Fionnaigh McKenzie
Library	Trish McBride
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

On duty Sunday 20 September

Welcoming	Lois Robertson, Gillian Feist
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Laptop	Margaret Rushbrook
Offering	James Cone, Margaret Pannett
Coffee/tea	Frank Cook, Richard Owen, Katrina Harper
Time with the Children	Cameron Smart
Readings	Jenn Keenan
Prayers of the People	Ken Irwin
Rainbow Room Helper	Pam Fuller
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 13 September 10am Sunday Gathering led by Andrew Matthews

Wednesday 16 September:

10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm Wednesday Lunchtime Concert – NZSM (New Zealand School of Music)
Classical Voice Students

Thursday 17 September – NZSM Woodwind Students

Sunday 20 September 10am Sunday Gathering led by Ellen Murray

Followed by Exploring Faith.

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday	Congregational Conversation (and Communion during service)
2nd Sunday	Congregational Brunch on even months Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec
3rd Sunday	Exploring Faith
4th Sunday	Social Justice
5th Sunday	if there is one - nothing planned

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 Care Coordinator	Linda Wilkins
Pastoral Convenors	Linda Wilkins, Maxine Cunningham, Brian Burrell and Pat Booth
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
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