

ORDER OF SERVICE

20 September 2020

Season of Creation 3



Rainbow Sunday
Embracing our inter-connectedness

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 Ellen Murray

GATHERING

We gather in the Season of Creation

aware of the amazingness of our Earth.

We gather in this place of welcome,

aware that being together makes this space sacred

We affirm the impulse of the sacred towards justice for all Creation,

let us celebrate life in the presence we name God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 26 'Come to our land'

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Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of peace, Spirit of truth
bring in the spring, the hope and the green,
Spirit of growth and Spirit of youth.

*And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God!*

Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of life, breath of new birth,
teach us to care for water and air,
Nourish the seed and cherish the earth,

Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of bush, Spirit of bird,
speak to the soul of Aotearoa
joy in your world, and joy in your Word,

WELCOME

E te whānau a Te Karaiti
ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa.
Kia ora tatou.

PRAYER

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 CANDLE

EARTH CONNECTIONS AND THE RAINBOW COVENANT

Following each speaker, we will sing a verse of the **Rainbow Covenant Hymn**

Words: © 2010 Norman Habel, Music: Morning Has Broken

Catriona Cairns – *words of connection*

Red is the fire of God's holy presence
Filling with life the planet we share;
Here is our vow to hold the Earth sacred,
Tend it with love and covenant care.

Graham Howell – *words of connection*

Orange the clay that makes us all mortal
Filled with God's breath since humans were born.
Given a mission: treat Earth as partner!
Now we affirm that calling once more.

Pat Booth – *words of connection*

Yellow, like gold, means all things are precious,
Each with a right to sing and be free;
This is our pledge to hold all that's living,
Valued as part of Earth's majesty.

Kezia Ross – *words of connection*

Green pulses flow through veins of creation,
Till humans clear great forests in seed;
This is our promise: keep all things growing,
We will reverse our violent greed.

Fionnaigh McKenzie – *words of connection*

Blue is the song felt deep in the ocean,
Blues are the groaning deep in the sand.
Now with our souls we promise to listen,
Publicly giving a voice to the land.

Lois Robertson – *words of connection*

Indigo sounds a signal for danger:
Refugees facing drought and despair;
Here we respond as climates are changing,
We will take steps, find ways to prepare.

Paul Franken – *words of connection*

Violet announces Christ in our cosmos,
Holding our Earth in all of its pain.
Christ now invites us: join in my mission!
Cov'nant with me to heal Earth again.

BLESSING THE CHILDREN (*All stand*)

We send you to the Rainbow Room to hear stories, ask questions and have fun together. We look forward to seeing you again later in the service.

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

Jenn Keenan

Hebrew Bible

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 33:4-9

Gospel

Mark 16:14-15

Contemporary reading

“Book of Genesis”

by Kei Miller

Suppose there was a book full of only the word,
let – from whose clipped sound all things begin: fir
and firmament, feather, the first whale – and suppose
we could scroll through its pages every day
to find and pronounce a Let meant only for us –
we would stumble through the streets with open books,
eyes crossed from too much reading; we would speak
in auto-rhyme, the world would echo itself – and still
we’d continue in rounds, saying let and let and let
until even silent dreams had been allowed.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA 54 'God of the galaxies'

Words: © 1992 Shirley Erena Murray

Music: by Douglas Mews © 1992 Hope Publishing Co.

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.*

Let there be beauty, and let there be air
fragrant with peace, never poisoned with fear,
freed from the plagues of pollution and war.

*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.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dorothy McRae-McMahon

*We believe in a God who is
never confined to our imagining,
is never in bondage to our beliefs,
and never held fast in our dwelling places.*

*Our God is the mystery
of divine and human bound together,
of power and vulnerability,
of crucifixion and resurrection.*

*Our God is the wonder of truth and compassion,
of liberation and responsibility,
of eternal wisdom and costly grace.*

*We celebrate this God
who leaps free of all our boundaries
in love stretching out from horizon to horizon,
and in mercy bending deep into fragile human hearts.*

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

*We bring our commitment to bring good news to all Creation,
We bring our offerings, to share in the work of opening up the world
for justice,
We bring ourselves.
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

Ken Irwin

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Brazil and for strength and wisdom for church leaders in dealing with growing religious restrictions. 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 as candidates, members of all political parties and all voters. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Island Bay Presbyterian 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*

TIME WITH THE ADULTS

HYMN

FFS 63 'These Hills'

Words and music by Colin Gibson

Words and music © 1998 Hope Publishing Company

1. 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.

BLESSING

(Season of Creation liturgy, adapted)

May the rainbow remind you of your promises
and the meanings behind those promises that we sung at the beginning of
the service:

red for the fire of God's holy presence,
orange for the clay we share with our partner Earth,
yellow, like gold, for the great worth of all that is,
green for the power of new growth,
blue for the groaning and cries deep in creation,
indigo for the dangers our environment faces,
and violet for the healing presence of our cosmic Christ.

Go in peace!

Following Jesus and loving Earth!

***We go in peace,
following Jesus and tending Earth.***

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Peter Franklin

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>

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

SPIRITED CONVERSATION Tuesday, 6 October

The speaker will be **Paul Barber**, a member of our congregation and author of several important national reports on poverty in New Zealand as part of his work for the Salvation Army. Our discussion will begin with the dire position of children in whanau experiencing poverty, but is likely to expand from there.

There will be a simple catered meal from 6.15 and Paul will start at 7. Please bring \$10 for the meal if you are able.

Contact Tony Kirby at tony@thekirbys.co.nz, at church or text him on 021 380225 to let us know numbers attending, whether you are able to help with set up or clean up and if you have dietary requirements.

Thanks for the great support of the Decolonisation session in September! This will be our final Spirited Conversation for 2020.

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

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 MOVEMENT AOTEAROA

Election 2020: Disarmament policies and priorities

Webinar and launch at 1.30pm on Thursday, 24 September

Link to share:

<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/posts/3282488671798479> -

tweet <https://twitter.com/PeaceMovementA/status/1306410743114457089>

- what does a good policy look like?
- what do the political parties say?
- what you can ask your candidates

The webinar details will be available tomorrow at

<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/posts/3282488671798479> and www.disarm.org.nz

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	Lois Robertson, Gillian Feist
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Laptop	Margaret Rushbrook
Offering	James Cone, Margaret Pannett
Coffee/tea	Frank Cook, Richard Owen, Marilyn Wallace
Time with the Children	Cameron Smart
Readings	Jenn Keenan
Prayers of the People	Ken Irwin
Rainbow Room Helper	Pam Fuller
Library	Lloyd Jobson, Molly Sea
Musician	Peter Franklin

On duty 27 September

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Bridget Martin, Graham Howell
Coffee/tea	Jenny and Gavin Watson
Readings	Maxine Cunningham
Prayers of the People	Catriona Cairns
Rainbow Room Helper	Linda Wilkins
Library	Gillian Feist
Musician	Mark Stamper

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 20 September 10am Sunday Gathering led by Ellen Murray

Followed by Exploring Faith.

Wednesday 23 September:

10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm Wednesday Lunchtime Concert - Music by Velvin, Church and Serrantino
– Michelle Velvin (Harp) and Jake Church (guitar)

Sunday 27 September 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Niki Francis

Followed by Social Justice

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday Exploring Faith (*from November - not 4th October*)

and Communion during service

2nd Sunday Congregational Brunch on even months Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec

3rd Sunday Congregational Conversation

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
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Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jules Collinson
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