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St Andrew's
on The Terrace

ORDER OF SERVICE

11 October 2020

Pentecost 19



Wilderness 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***, and 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.

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 Rev. Ross Scott

GATHERING

We invite the Wilderness to worship with us:

***Volcanos and lakes, Ruapehu and Taupo
The deep fiords, the southern Alps.***

We invite the flora to sing in the sun:

***Kōwhai and Nikau Palm
The Totara and Pohutukawa .***

We join with the fauna of the coast in praising God:

***Hectors Dolphin and Fir Seal,
Dotterel and Royal Albatross.***

We invite the Ancestors of the land to join us in praise:

***The song of the Huia, the stomping of the Moa,
The roar of the Cromwell Gorge.***

We call the ecosystems of nature to celebrate with us,

***connecting us with our origin.
Nourishing and sustaining all life on Earth.***

We celebrate the song of the wilderness!

Sing, Wilderness, sing!

(Adapted. Norman Habel/soc)

Act of Awareness

In all our living, may we be freed
to see things afresh,
to be more fully alive,
and have the courage to keep faith in
the future of the earth.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 26 'Come to our land'

Words © 1992 Shirley Murray

Music by Colin Gibson, © 1992 Hope Publishing Company

1. 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.

*Chorus 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!*

2. 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, *chorus*
3. 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, *chorus*

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

Can we take a moment to remember a part of the New Zealand landscape that has been diminished in your life time. Be it a bird, plant or a geographic feature. Think of coast lines, of open space that is not what it used to be.

Prayer of Confession

As we hold memories of what was,
We remember and confess
that we have become alienated from Earth and have witnessed much that has changed.

We also confess that much has been done to restore the damage .

Much has been done to reduce the exploitation of our islands and the planet.

(Silently recount the things you are doing.

Things like:

Replanting of native bush

Preservation of bird life, living without a cat

Increasing our dependency on renewable energy

Driving electric cars

Fencing of rivers and streams

*Working towards a predator free New Zealand
Reducing international travel
Clearing invasive species
Reducing our personal carbon foot print.
Reducing plastic use.
Increasing the use of natural fibres)*

And the list goes on

Our love and respect for the planet is increasing

We confess the good we are doing to restore the planet and we recognise a lot more needs to be done.

We commit to God and to the planet to do better.

Absolution

Christ, teach me to increase my love for Planet and see the Planet as my home.

I speak for Christ:

I invite you to come home to the planet by rejoicing in the Wilderness.

Shalom! Shalom!

We are coming home!

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

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.

HYMN

'Climate is Warming'

Words: © 2009 George Stuart

Music: NSW: Toronto. G Stuart, Tune "The Ash Grove" SNS2 44(v1-3)

1. As climate is warming
will bees keep on swarming ,
if we just continue to damage the earth?
Will birds and sea-creatures,
with beautiful features,
forever be lost by denying their worth?
Will trees and each flower,
succumb to the power,
of poisons and toxins we put in the air?
As ice-caps diminish,
a sign of the finish,
we must meet this crisis and show that we care.
2. If we start to measure
some things that we treasure,
it may cause us anguish to let these things go.
For comfort and leisure,
our life-style and pleasure,
we claim we have earned and don't wish to forgo;
but we can all ponder
and face what we squander,
then start to make change in the way that we live.
We can curb excesses,
each harms and oppresses
the poor and the weak; we take what they don't give.
3. To greenhouse emissions
we make our additions
and by them we foster some possible gloom.
But with perseverance
we can make a difference;
we can work to limit the fuel we consume.
We'll tell each law-maker
that every green acre,
is ours to look after and not to destroy.
God's bounty possessing,
we're stewards of blessing;
we meet our commitment with challenging joy.

4. With nature so fragile,
 yet dazzling and fertile,
 we ponder its beauty, its charm and its grace.
 Evolving triumphant,
 with life so abundant,
 confounded we are with so much to embrace.
 Yet these green-house gases
 pollute in their masses;
 we need to decrease them; we know that we should!
 When nature is bleeding,
 we hear urgent pleading
 to change our behaviour; we know how we could!
5. If we stop this warming,
 then bees will keep swarming
 and sweetness of honey remains for our taste.
 Then birds and sea creatures
 and hills and sea beaches,
 will stay in their magic, unharmed by our waste.
 The charm every hour
 of trees and each flower,
 will bring us to silence in wonder and awe.
 With God so surrounding
 in beauty astounding,
 we kneel in God's presence to praise and adore.

INTRODUCTION TO THE WILDERNESS

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Hebrew Bible

Epistle

Gospel

Contemporary reading

John Morgan

Joel 1:8–10, 17–20

Letter to the Romans 8:18–27

Matthew 4:1-11

Come of Age.

The case for Eldership in a time of Trouble

From Stephen Jenkinson. 2018 page 172

‘The wild is sustained by our willingness not to go there, or live there, or plunder the place, or imagine it as a natural resource. We could do so, and we do, but the reciprocity of the covenant bits not to, and continuing to do so finally will compromise our capacity to be cultured humans more than it will compromise the wild, as we may now be seeing.’

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

'A young mans initiation in the wilderness.'

Rev. Ross Scott

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us centre our minds and our hearts.

All: We are one with the universe.

We are one with the sun and the stars.

We are one with the land and the seas.

We are one with the One who is mystery...

(Silence)

We are one with the Flora of the sea and land

We are one with the crops of the fields and trees of the rainforest

We are one with the Fauna of the sea and land

We are one with the animals of our farms and the microbes of our bodies

We are one with the One who is mystery...

(Silence)

OFFERING PRAYER

All that we are and all that we have is an expression of God's love, it is a gift from the planet.

and so we offer this money and this produce, along with our love in action for our neighbour and the whole of creation as a gift of appreciation.

May they bring hope and restoration.

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

Maxine Cunningham

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Burundi and the the National Council of Churches of Burundi. 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 St Anselm's Union Church, Karori.

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

'I am Your Mother' (Earth Prayer)

Words and Music: © 1996 Hope Publishing Company

Words: Shirley Erena Murray Tune: Bunessan WOV 91

1. I am your mother: do not neglect me!
Children, protect me - I need your trust;
my breath is your breath,
my death is your death,
ashes to ashes, dust to dust.
2. I am your nurture: do not destroy me!
Love and enjoy me, savour my fruit;
my good is your good,
my food is your food,
water and flower, branches and root.
3. I am your lodging: do not abuse me!
Tenderly use me, soothing my scars
my health is your health,
my wealth is your wealth,
Shining with promise, set among stars.

4. God is our maker : do not deny God,
Challenge, defy God, threaten this place:
life is to cherish –
care, or we perish!
I am your mother, tears on my face. . . .

BENEDICTION

As a chef gathers ingredients
As a gardener gathers seed
As a poet gathers images
As a musician gathers instrument
As a scholar gathers arguments
As a writer gathers stories
As a preacher gathers text
So God gathers people for service

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Bruce Corkill

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

NOTICE OF AGM

The Parish Council advises that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 8 November in the church following morning tea.

The main agenda items will be presentation of the Annual Report, presentation of the final budget for 2021 and election of Parish Councillors.

A copy of the draft Annual Report will be available, subject to the Auditor's report being ready, on 1 November.

Lynne Dovey, Convenor

LECTIO GROUP

Our Lectio group meets on Tuesday (13th Oct) at 7pm for a period of silent meditation and contemplation on a poem/passage. Please join us. Further information from fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

11th – 18th October 2020

The Week of Prayer for World Peace will be observed in New Zealand between 11th and 18th October this year. A leaflet has been produced by the New Zealand organising



committee with prayers, readings and affirmations from many faiths to use each day. The theme of the leaflet is developed for worldwide distribution by the Week of Prayer for World Peace multi-faith committee based in Great Britain.

Religious communities throughout New Zealand are encouraged to celebrate the Week both in their own observances and together with people of different faiths. Leaflets will be available on Sunday 4th and 11th October from Pat Booth.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

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:

Mark Stamper

REFLECTIVE AND PRACTICAL WORKSHOP ON LOSING AND GRIEVING

St Barnabas Church is hosting a reflective and practical workshop on Losing and Grieving with Revd Alister Hendery. This is for anyone who wishes to reflect on their own experiences of loss, and for people who want to support others who grieve.

Saturday 07 November 2020, 10AM to 4PM Conference Centre, All Saints Anglican 90 Hamilton Road Hataitai (Parking Morning tea (from 9.30am) and lunch provided \$20 per person RSVP Jane Hill (janechgtn@gmail.com) by 30 October.

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	Sandra Kirby, Tony Kirby
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Joan Tyler, Jenn Keenan
Coffee/tea	Linda Wilkins, Norman Wilkins, David Douglas
Time with the Children	School Holidays
Readings	John Morgan
Prayers of the People	Maxine Cunningham
Rainbow Room Helper	Gillian Brookes
Library	Catriona Cairns
Musician	Bruce Corkill

On duty Sunday 18 October

Welcoming	Pat Booth, David Douglas
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Margaret Rushbrook
Offering	Barrie Keenan, Jenn Keenan
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Sue Hirst
Time with the Children	Cameron Smart
Readings	Gavin Watson
Prayers of the People	Sandra Kirby
Rainbow Room Helper	Linda Wilkins
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 11th October 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Ross Scott
Followed by Congregational Brunch.

Wednesday 14th October:

10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm Wednesday Lunchtime Concert - Ya- Ting Lou – Solo piano -
Ludwig van Beethoven's Diabelli Variations, Op. 120

Thursday 15th October 12:15 Lunchtime Concert – NZSM Viola Students

Sunday 18th October 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Doug Lendrum
Followed by Congregational Conversation.

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday Exploring Faith (*from November*) 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
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
Office Administrator	Jillene Everett
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Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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