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St Andrew's
on The Terrace

ORDER OF SERVICE

18 October 2020

Pentecost 20



“Two Empires or One Kingdom?”

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. ***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 Rev. Doug Lendrum

GATHERING

That which is among us as serendipitous creativity conceives new life and as human beings we know and feel that life within us.

In our human history this nurturing makes entry and we see amidst the sometimes violent and sometimes gentle, the light before us.

Within our universe this inviting creating energy is revealed as human flourishing with purpose and hope.

In our human cognitive responding we choose to become walkers of the Jesus-Way who await with certainty the hope of the world.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'We Look in Wonder'

Words: George Stuart. New Century Hymn Book 5

Tune: 'Lasst Uns Erfreuen' WOV 3

1. When we, in wonder, look beyond;
And with the cosmos feel a bond;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
When we, in wonder, sleep and dream;
Imagine virtue is supreme;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
2. When we, in wonder, look around;
Entranced with every sight and sound;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
When we, in wonder, catch a smile;
Ponder on thoughts that are worthwhile;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. When we, in wonder, look below;
Watch tiny ants run to and fro;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
When we, in wonder, greet the dawn,
Enchanted as each day is born;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
4. When we, in wonder, meet the night;
Then rest in God 'till morning light;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
When we, in wonder, look about;
Know God is here. We wish to shout
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

WELCOME

Nau mai ki konei ki te waahi ahuru.

Welcome to this place of safety

Ka whakamanahia e au to maatau wa.

I shall treasure our time together

PRAYER

Please remain seated throughout the prayer and sing the hymn as your response during the prayer.

Traditionally at least in protestant circles we have entered the liturgy of worship with a prayer of adoration and confession. It seems that it has always been easier to offer a wish list and a list of wrongs as a way of entering worship. But what if that is too simplistic, too self-therapy like, acknowledge the mighty God in charge and then all the things that we as human beings fail to do. What if we began with an awareness of our reality as human beings?

***'Amidst the discordant noises of the day we hear the Spirit calling;
We stumble as we tread Earth's way; asking that we be kept from
falling.***

***Our eyes are open but often they cannot see for the gloom of night:
We can no more than lift our hearts but for an inward light.***

***The wild and fiery passion of our youth consumes our soul;
In agony we turn to God for truth and self-control.***

***For Passion and all the pleasures it can give will die the death;
But this of us eternally must live, it is for sure God's borrowed
breath.***

***'Amidst the discordant noises of the day we hear the Spirit calling;
We stumble as we tread Earth's way; asking that we be kept from
falling.***

HYMN

'When Earth Wakes From Out Of Sleep'

Words: William Wallace, Tune: 'Dix' WOV 239

1. When Earth wakes from out of sleep
with a terrifying shake,
does our faith lie torn apart
like the dwellings we forsake?
Cosmic God, each process shows
parts of wisdom Earth well knows.
2. Once we thought that earthquakes came
from a god to punish wrong;
now we know they place Earth's plates
where for now they should belong.
Cosmic God, each process shows
parts of wisdom Earth well knows.
3. If we think that all that comes
is made solely for our good,
we have placed ourselves above
cosmic ways and livelihood.
Cosmic God, each process shows
parts of wisdom Earth well knows.

(Minister) What if in our awareness we undertook to respond not with
being sorry for who we are and took responsibility for our part in creating
a better world?

Honour the mind, Live the questions, Explore the Adventure of Humanity

Ours is the dialogue task

To cast aside the theism, atheism debate
And to grasp a glimpse of the 'Almost' impasse
To name the divine; ambiguity to create
A limitedness and uncertainty a past

Ours is a dynamic task

To risk all in the face of knowing
An enhanced meaning in life more than a fast
To fall in love again with reality flowing
Like an opportunity to escape a farce

Ours is a challenging task

To put aside an engineering strategy
And to discover in 3D a chaotic, dynamic class
Where living, moving and loving have synergy
And certainty and reductionism become the last.

Ours is a rewarding task

Connecting hearts rather than just minds
Discovering wisdom in embodied relational embrace
With nature, its reality and kinds
Its narrative enhanced and midwifed at last.

HYMN CONTINUED

'When Earth Wakes From Out Of Sleep'

4. If Earth's plates now need to move,
its great need exceeds our own,
and it does not take account
where we choose to make our home.
Cosmic God, each process shows
parts of wisdom Earth well knows.
5. For the answers we return
to the Cosmos and its ways,
ways that humble all our pride,
Ways that fill our hearts with praise.
Cosmic God of everything,
your great mystery now we sing.

What if we were to seek communion with our planet?

Stephen Shick offers us **'Communion with Earth and Sky'**

Spring awakens memories of a deeper cold

and hopes of a warmer wetness,

sprouting seeds and budding branches.

Gray trees on gray sky screen eyes

from all that lies waiting:

the color of a million flowers,

the feathers of migrating songbirds,

the blossoming smiles of friends.

Soon we will no longer look to the night stars to guide us.

Soon the path will be lit and our task certain.

In the warming days we will plant our future,

uprooting useless skeletons of last year's harvest,

breaking the clods of indifference,

carefully pulling the weeds of neglect

so that roots can stretch.

Before the harvest moon rises and we wait again,

images of still distant summer days

awaken thoughts of a time when

all is done that can be done.

Then the harvest.

Then the transformation.

Then the baking.

Then the bread.

All we know and love is in this cycle.

All that has been or will be is in this loaf.

Take it.

Break it.

Give thanks

and pass it on.

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Cameron Smart

BLESSING THE CHILDREN *(All stand)*

*May you enjoy the adventure, enjoy an unshakable Love and walk
with confidence into the future in divine intimacy.*

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

Gavin Watson

Hebrew Bible

Exodus 33: 12-23

Contemporary reading

“Be with those who Explore”

by Michael Leunig

God be with those who explore in the cause of understanding; whose search takes them far from what is familiar and comfortable and leads them into danger or terrifying loneliness.

Let us try to understand their sometimes strange or difficult ways; their confronting or unusual language; the uncommon life of their emotions, for they have been affected and shaped and changed by their struggle at the frontiers of a wild darkness, just as we may be affected, shaped and changed by the insights they bring back to us. Bless them with strength and peace.

Gospel

Matthew 22: 15-22

RESPONSE

In honouring the mind, we begin the journey toward Christian wholeness with a life-changing recognition of the power of one's own choices.

In Living the questions, we apply them to the present and increase the measure of freedom so that we can live more fully.

REFLECTION

‘Two Empires or One Kingdom?’

Rev. Doug Lendrum

DISCUSSION (If time and facility available)

HYMN

‘The Universe In God’

Words: George Stuart. New Century Hymn Book 13

Tune; Picardy WOV 418

1. All creation sings a story
of great splendour to declare;
when we contemplate its beauty
we are called forth into prayer.
We, enchanted, stand in silence;
God discovered everywhere.
2. When we stumble on new knowledge,
when new insights help us grow,
we are quick to re-discover
just how much we do not know.
But the Universe smiles gently,
as our theories come and go.

3. Outer space and inner being
both have secrets they conceal.
Galaxies so grimly awesome,
deep emotions that we feel-
All in God are judged as sacred;
it is God they all reveal.
4. Ageless mysteries still excite us;
Time and space we must explore.
God the 'Presence' and 'Surrounding',
God the ever wondrous 'More'-
Not just found in science labours,
but in praise when we adore.

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

Inspired by stories of a Sacred compassion, we bring our gifts seeking to find a way that through these gifts we can help free some people from hunger, lift some people from their distress, and encourage some people to be part of a better world.

We are awakened from a week of work and worry to a morning of fresh beginnings and new horizons.

For this day of rest we give thanks and praise.

We are awakened from a night of tossing and turning to a day of surprises and sanctuary.

For this day of peace we give thanks and praise.

We are awakened from the mundane and ordinary by an invitation for search and celebration.

For this time of celebration we give thanks and praise.

This is the day that we are given. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This is a day like no other! For senses awakened we give thanks and praise. 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.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Cambodia and Christian World Service Partner Church World Service Cambodia and their work with communities to deliver food security, health services, savings and credit schemes, and training of volunteers to provide village services . 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 Ninian's Uniting Parish, 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

TIME WITH THE ADULTS

HYMN

'A Mirage, Nothing More'

Words: Andrew Pratt, Tune: Franconia (Konig) WOV 376

1. A mirage, nothing more,
that's how God often seems,
for even though we keep the faith,
is God a God of dreams?
2. We pray by night and day,
but answers seem remote,
and then detractors laugh at us,
make fun of us and gloat.
3. We've done our very best,
at least that's what we thought,
and yet you've left us, lost, bereft,
without the God we sought.
4. Then when we need you most,
when every hope has gone,
we hear the whisper of a voice,
you bid us carry on.
5. A mirage, nothing more,
that's how God often seems,
for even though we keep the faith,
is God a God of dreams?
6. We pray by night and day,
but answers seem remote,
and then detractors laugh at us,
make fun of us and gloat.
7. We've done our very best,
at least that's what we thought,
and yet you've left us, lost, bereft,
without the God we sought.
8. Then when we need you most,
when every hope has gone,
we hear the whisper of a voice,
you bid us carry on.

WORDS OF PARTING

Let us go forth from this place and time, renewed, refreshed, and revitalised.

Let us live each day in the name of Love, and include all in the circle of Love, and treat all with a spirit of Love.

SUNG BLESSING

Life is a holy thing, life is a whole,
linking each creature and blessing us all,
making connections of body and soul.
Let us tend the garden and honour the earth.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Voluntary

by John Travers (1703-1758)

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

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

Downtown Community Ministry - FOODBASKET

DCM appreciates the food basket contributions that St Andrew's makes which helps provide food and essentials to the homeless of Wellington. Currently, they are especially in need of toilet paper and laundry powder. Tinned and packaged food is always gratefully received too. Brian Burrell

AVAILABILITY FOR ROSTERS FOR DECEMBER TO FEBRUARY

A reminder for those who help on our rosters that we will be putting together a new roster for the period December to February shortly. If you have any dates during this period that you know you will be away please notify the office by 3 November. office@standrews.org.nz. Thank you.

BID FOR A BACH

How about a Spring break away from Wellington?

As part of the St Andrews on the Terrace Pipe Organ Restoration project, we have 3 properties on offer for a short holiday.

Bid for a date between now and mid to late December for:

- 1) A cottage in Greytown at \$80 per night.
- 2) A house in Whanganui for \$90 per night
- 3) A holiday home at Whatamango Bay in the Marlborough Sounds, accessible by car with a 15 minute drive from Picton, for \$100 per night.

The Cottage in Greytown sleeps up to 4 people and the other 2 house both sleep up to 6 people – you provide your own towels and sheets. For properties 1 and 2, you are responsible to leave the property as you found it and for property 3 there is a \$50 end cleaning fee.

Send me an email to see if the property you would like to rent is available. We still have some weekends available and also plenty of days through the week. I will put you in contact with the owners who will give you precise directions on how to reach their property, how to get in, instructions about water and power, and send you bank account details to pay for your stay.

The owners have generously offered to credit the Organ Restoration Fund with all of your payment.

Try and book a date for a weekend or a week, or for a quiet stay during the week.

Contact me, Andrew Matthews at: wa.matthews@gmail.com

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 (janewgtn@gmail.com) by 30 October.

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE'S SUPPORTERS' COUNCIL

We invite you to attend the Christian World Service Supporters' Council 7:30 - 9:30pm, Friday 30 October 2020

Wananga Room, Aldersgate at 309 Durham St, Christchurch or by Zoom 'Who are we? Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future'

Speaker: Professor David Tombs, Centre for Theology and Public Issues, University of Otago

People are welcome after 6pm for refreshments from 6.30 – 7.30 pm

RSVP and Register by Friday 23 October to cws@cws.org.nz or phone 03 366 9274.

In the event of a move to COVID 19 levels 3 or 4, the Council will be fully run by Zoom.

CLAY WORKS POTTERS' MARKET, FRI 30 & SAT 31 OCTOBER, 10am - 4pm ST COLUMBA CHURCH, 92 SURREY CRES, GREY LYNN

In its 6th year, Clay Works is a much-anticipated event in Auckland, and a fundraiser for St Columba Grey Lynn's community work. It is an exhibition and sale of pottery by more than 40 potters, both emerging and established, from Auckland and beyond. The playground will be open for littlies, the Coffee Guy will be there, and barbecued organic sausages on the Saturday. Please BYO carry bags. This is an ideal opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping. Photos of the pottery will be posted on our FB Event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/735810037243470/>.

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	Pat Booth, Graham Howell
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

On duty 25 October

Welcoming	Jim and Maxine Cunningham
Sound	Norman Wilkins
Laptop	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Offering	James Cone, Sue Hirst
Coffee/tea	Graham Howell, Laura and Melissa Van Echten
Time with the Children	Frank Cook
Readings	Rosemary Lawrence
Prayers of the People	Lois Robertson
Rainbow Room Helper	Fionnaigh McKenzie
Library	Gillian Feist
Musician	Mark Stamper

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

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

Wednesday 21st October:

10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm Wednesday Lunchtime Concert - Virtuoso Strings

NZSM string students and brilliant young players from Porirua's Virtuoso Strings)

Sunday 25th October 10am Sunday Gathering led by Bronwyn White

Followed by Social Justice

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday Exploring Faith 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
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	Tom Crichton and Lance Encabo
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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