

ORDER OF SERVICE

22 November 2020

Pentecost 25



Sistine Chapel, The Vatican, Rome

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. Dr Jim Cunningham

GATHERING

We come to re-weave the unravelling fabric of community.

To re-connect once more with the larger human family.

To find once more that place of calm.

To remind ourselves that we belong.

To remember what it is we belong to.

So, come into this place

which we make special by our presence.

Where the ordinary is sanctified,

the human is celebrated,

and the compassionate is expected.

Together we make it a holy place with our every act of worship.

Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life in the presence we name God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Called as partners in Christ's service'

Words: © 1981 J.P.Huber Music: Blaenwern (4 verses) WOV 165ii

 Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, Side by side and friend with friend, Equal partners in our caring To fulfil God's chosen end.

- Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth. Let us follow, never faltering, Reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, All God's people, young and old, Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold.
- 3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, Help us bear each other's burdens, Breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, Words of challenge, said with care, Bring new power and strength for action, Make us colleagues, free and fair.
- 4. So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, Our compassion to increase, Messengers of faith, this giving Hope and confidence and peace.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou. *Kia ora.*

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!

Jim Cotter paraphrase

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

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Hebrew Bible (sung)

- Let such as feel oppression's load thy tender pity share: and let the helpless, homeless poor, be thy peculiar care.
- Go, bid the hungry orphan be with thy abundance blessed; invite the wand'rer to thy gate, and spread the couch of rest.
- Let them who pine with piercing cold by thee be warm'd and clad; be thine the blissful task to make the downcast mourner glad.

Tony Kirby

Isaiah 58: 6-9

Paraphrase 28 RCH Music: Belmont WOV 435 Then, bright as morning, shall come forth, in peace and joy thy days; And glory from the Lord above shall shine on all thy ways.

Gospel

Matthew 25: 31-45 The Parable of the Last Judgement

Contemporary reading

Which word didn't you understand?

by Roger Gray (This is the Day – the Iona Community)

Someone once said they were not worried by the parts of the Bible they did not understand. What did bother them was the parts they did understand, and so it is with me. I am not worried by the parts of the Bible which I have forgotten or never read, and I am not bothered by the parts of the Bible and Christian teaching I cannot understand. What disturbs me are the parts that are so clear that it is not possible to misunderstand them, such as the Beatitudes and some parts of the Sermon on the Mount, or the story of the sheep and the goats where Jesus says exactly what will happen to nations who allow the peoples of other nations to starve. For the only way to avoid the challenge of such passages is to pretend that Jesus meant something else or that, for some reason, what he says does not apply to us.

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

The Final Analysis

Jim Cunningham

A TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

THE OFFERINGS ARE GATHERED

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.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

AA 127 'Take my Gifts'

Words © 1992 Shirley Murray.

Music ©1992 Colin Gibson. Hope Publishing Company 3 verses

- Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me, gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free. Now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away: now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply!
- Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed, harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God; spiced with humour, laced with laughter – flavour of the Jesus life, tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.
- Take whatever I can offer gifts that I have yet to find, skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the heart and mind, things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be: take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ST ANDREW'S

People share notices and visitors are welcomed. If you have a notice, 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

Bronwyn White

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Chad and organisations working for justice and development in Chad. 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 Hon. Jenny Salesa, (Panmure-Ōtāhuhu) and Hon. Carmel Sepuloni (Kelston). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Knox Presbyterian Church, Lower Hutt.

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

'Where Does Compassion Start?'

Words © 2009 Shirley Erena Murray Tune: Love Unknown by John Ireland WOV 257 (i) (A response to the 'Charter for Compassion') 4 verses WOV 257(i)

- Where does compassion start? How does compassion grow? Her seed is at the heart of every faith we know: compassion honours others' place, dethroning self with willing grace.
- How does compassion thrive in worlds of greed and grief? Her goodness stays alive through those of strong belief: compassion, luminous and clear outshining wastes of war and fear.

- Where is compassion's role in culture, or in creeds? At centre, with the soul who feels another's needs: compassion brings the touch of friend, a bandage that will bind and mend.
- Dynamic is the power that heals, restores and gives, connecting at the core with everyone who lives, transcending culture, colour, race, compassion builds the house of peace.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Judy Dumbleton

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.

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 Quay, 02-0534-0004022-02

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

FUNDRAISERS FOR THE PIPE ORGAN

Christmas Cakes. Order one for yourself, your neighbour - your family and friends. Cakes come in 3 sizes - small \$12.50, medium \$26 and large \$43 (can negotiate x-tra large). Gluten free cakes are available at \$14 small and \$28 medium. Maxine Cunningham has the order forms or email her on jimax117@gmail.com. Some orders will be available for collection from this Sunday.

Jam Fundraiser - this raised \$280. One lonely jar of orange marmalade left.

SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION GROUP

Please note last SJEG for 2020 is 29 November, not 22nd. The CEO (Eric Park) of Christian World Service will discuss its process and ethos. Planning is under-way for first half of 2021. It will be very thought provoking and educative. Graham Howell.

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MINISTRY AWARD

Congratulations to Joan Tyler (a member of St Andrew's since 1952 except for 12 years when she lived away from Wellington), who was awarded Life Membership of the DCM at its AGM held on 17 November. Joan served on the DCM Board for many years and this service was recognised in the award. Several members from St Andrews were at the AGM and witnessed this special event.

DCM Director for nearly 17 years, Stephanie McIntyre, finishes in this role on 2nd December. Stephanie spoke about the tremendous growth in the DCM over that time. It is in a healthy position both financially and has a strong team. Recruitment for a new Director has been completed and the new Director will commence on 14 December.

VOLUNTEERS FOR FOR RETIRED MINISTERS' LUNCH

On Monday 30 Nov, there will be a lunch for retired ministers and their spouses at St Andrew's in the hall beginning at 12 noon.

Maxine Cunningham and Linda Wilkins will be organising the food but it would be very helpful to have two people to help in the kitchen with serving and clearing away. Please let one of us know today if you are able to do this.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

SERAPHIC FLAMES AND HEAV'NLY LOVE

The Baroque orchestra, The Queen's Closet and the Bach Choir of Wellington are excited to start a new artistic collaboration with: "Seraphic Flames and Heav'nly Love." This sumptuous musical experience will feature Henry Purcell's "Hail! Bright Cecilia" and Heinrich Ignaz Franz Biber's glorious "Requiem in A Major"

Where: St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott St, When: 2pm-3pm, Sunday **22 November**. Admission: \$40, Unwaged/Concessions \$30, Child under 16 free

Tickets for sale via eventfinda; <u>https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/seraphic-flames-and-heavnly-love/wellington/tickets</u>. NO DOOR SALES AT VENUE.

CHANGEMAKERS AGM

Thursday **November 26th** 2020 6pm-8pm at Lifepoint Church, 61 Hopper St, Mt Cook. Guest speaker: Ibrahim Omer MP.

RSVP to info@crf.org.nz, phone 801 5812. Refreshments provided.

EfM SEMINAR GROUP

Do you sometimes struggle to make sense of how life in the twenty first century and being a follower of Jesus fit together? Do you long for fresh ways to talk about God? Are you looking for a safe place to discuss ideas that seem a bit radical? Do you want to go deeper in understanding the Bible and Christian tradition AND how people can worship the same God but see things so differently from each other?? Join us on Monday evening, **30th November**, from 7.00-8.30pm at St Peter's Anglican Church, 211 Willis Street, where there will be an opportunity to have a taste of EfM (aka Education for Ministry, or, Exploring Faith Matters). Come and find out why so many people in the last forty years have found it, (and still find it!) such a powerful way to grow their faith, to develop their ability to recognise God's presence in the world around them, and to be part of a group who travel the faith journey together. EfM is a four year program that participants commit to one year at a time. Study is done individually, and further learning happens within a weekly seminar group. In this group, learnings, insights and questions are shared, participants take turns in leading worship, and together the group share their stories and reflect theologically together. Please contact : Jean Malcom jean@stpetersonwillis.org for more information or Fiona McDougal fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com for more information

FESTIVAL SINGERS' DIGITAL ALBUM: *A HOPKINS GLORIA* by well-known Wellington composer Jonathan Berkahn.

The \$25 ticket package includes a personal copy of the digital album. (We will give you a download link at the concert.)

We will perform the whole Gloria accompanied by alto Eleanor McGechie, soprano saxophonist Genevieve Davidson, and the Composer on piano.

You will also see a video by Alexander Garside about the making of the recording. And we will serve supper!!

7:00pm Friday 4 December 2020, St James Anglican Church,

71 Woburn Road, Lower Hutt.

Book at EventBrite and get more details here: https://festivalsingersnz.org/ Tickets also available from Choir members.

Door sales also available: (Cash only: no EFTPOS or credit cards)

WELLINGTON LIGHT OPERA ON TOUR

Gilbert & Sullivan;s Trial by Jury - an Operatic Vision by Cynthia Fortitude St Andrews on the Terrace, **22 November** 3pm

Central Baptist Church, 26 November 12:30 and 7:30pm.

Tickets: wellingtonlightopera.nz

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	Jeni Bryant, Michael Parker
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Katrina Harper, Margaret Pannett
Coffee/tea	Linda Wilkins, Norman Wilkins
Time with the Children	Graham Howell
Readings	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the P eople	Bronwyn White
Rainbow Room Helper	Linda Wilkins
Library	Trish McBride
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

On duty Sunday 29th November	
Welcoming	Graham Howell, Heather Macfarlane
Sound	Norman Wilkins
Laptop	Bronwyn White
Offering	Fiona McDougal, James Cone
Coffee/tea	Jim and Maxine Cunningham
Time with the Children	Lois Robertson
Readings	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Norman Wilkins
Rainbow Room Helper	Pam Fuller
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Mark Stamper

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 22nd November 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Jim Cunningham Followed by Social Justice.

Wednesday 25th November:

10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm Wednesday Lunchtime Concert - Stringendo - Orchestra of young
 Wellington musicians. Selected movements from: Bach; Schubert; Vivaldi and Holst.
 Sunday 29th November 10am Sunday Gathering led by Lois Robertson followed by
 Social Justice Education Group.

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE
1st Sunday Communion during service, followed by Exploring Faith.
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 Assistant	Tom Crichton
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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