

ORDER OF SERVICE

24 January 2021

Epiphany 3



Image: Larry Short

The Book of Jonah

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 Fiona McDougal

GATHERING

We come on this summer day,
relaxed and glowing from days spent
in the garden, on the beach or in the bush.

***We give thanks for this beautiful land
and the freedom we have to enjoy it.***

We come on this summer day
looking ahead to a new year just beginning,
wondering what it will hold for good or ill.

***We give thanks for a sense of possibility
and resources to sustain us in difficulty.***

We come on this summer day
eager to catch up with others,
to sing of our hopes and refresh our spirits.

***May we worship with integrity,
love recklessly
and live wonderingly.***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 114 'Out of such sun and air'

Words and Music: © 1988 Colin Gibson 3 verses

1. Out of such sun and air
what Christ may come,
shining with new and lovely light
on our dim and shrouded lives;
stirring our sleepiness with dreams,
visions of life beyond compare.
Out of such sun and air
come, Christ, however you will come.

2. Out of such cloud and mist
what Christ may come,
blurring the clear and simple lines
of our settled scheme of things;
calling on faith and hope and trust,
daring to danger, trial and risk.
Out of this cloud and mist
come, Christ, however you will come.
3. Out of such sudden storm
what Christ may come,
sweeping across the startled sky
of our calm and peaceful ways;
driving with tempest winds of change,
testing with tumult and reform.
Out of this sudden storm
come, Christ, however you will come.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

As we trickle back from different places round the country,
we recall the last year of change and uncertainty.
So much has happened and so many of our expectations
have been overturned.
What will this year hold for each one of us?
We look ahead with mixed feelings,
grateful for our relative safety and stability
but concerned for those people and places we
know around the world which are in turmoil.
May our priorities this year be grounded in
values of justice, peace and compassion.
May we share the qualities and gifts we have been given
generously and imaginatively.
And if we find ourselves in deep waters of
loss, disappointment or pain,
strengthen and sustain us with
some sign of your presence,
a safe landing place,
and a new direction in which to go.

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!

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

There are some activities set up for children if they wish in the children's corner. Please feel free to use these.

BLESSING THE CHILDREN (All stand)

We give thanks for the life and energy children bring to our community.
Grow strong, learn something new every day and enjoy your time here!

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.

REFLECTIVE ACTIVITY

Introduction: We are going to reflect today on "Jonah". Lois will read the book and you are then invited to use the large A3 sheet on your table as a stimulus for reflection. Please try to involve all in your group who wish to contribute.

Each table will be asked to share one main point briefly with the whole gathering.

FYI Nineveh was the capitol of the Assyrian Empire, enemies and oppressors of the Israelites.

Enjoy!

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Lois Robertson

Hebrew Bible

Jonah Chapters 1-4

RESPONSE

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

Guidelines for Reflective Activity

Part 1

You are asked to discuss the following question at your table and write on the sheet provided.

“What Amazed, Bothered, Confused or Delighted you about the reading?”

(A bell will sound after 10 minutes to indicate time is up)

Part 2

In 20-30 words please write down the point that had most energy for your group. Choose a person who is willing to share that with the gathering in our “Jonah” Litany to follow.

(A bell will sound after 5 minutes)

“JONAH” LITANY

Each group shares their point and we respond-

For issues raised, insights received and understandings shared,

we give thanks.

“Five Fascinating Facts about Jonah” will be circulated at the end of the next hymn. Please write any burning questions about “Jonah” not answered there on the white board and we will get back to you.

HYMN

'Jonah'

Words: Fiona McDougal; Music The Ashgrove Welsh Trad 3 verses

1. Reluctant, rebellious when sent with a message,
scared Jonah set off on a different road.
He boarded a boat in the hope of escaping
his duty as prophet to pass on God's word.
Caught up in a storm and confessing his guilt
he was thrown overboard and gulped up by a fish!
He cried out to God in his time of great trouble
and promised in future to do better than this.
2. Disgorged and disgruntled he followed instructions;
his heart was still doubtful, his mindset was dark.
Imagine his shock when he made his announcement,
the Ninevites changed, donning ash and burlap.
Expecting bright fireworks or thunder and lightning,
our "hero" got grumpy and left in a huff!
His shady bush withered and sunburnt and blistered
poor Jonah cried out "God -enough is enough".
3. Concern and compassion, when most unexpected,
are signs of the presence of our loving God.
We fail when we narrow the place of God's presence
to those we are close to, familiar and fond.
In questioning Jonah, God asks all to listen,
so we must respond to those words, "Is it right?"
And live out our lives hearing those who are different,
to learn from and love them no matter the price.

OFFERING PRAYER

We offer our gifts of money, energy and prayer,
for the greater wellbeing of all.

***May our shared intention contribute to
the growth of peace and justice in our world.
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, 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 Cuba and the Council of Churches of Cuba. 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 Michael Woodhouse and Chris Baillie, list MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Bell Block/Lepperton Co-operating Church, New Plymouth.

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

FFS 14 'Faith has set us on a journey'

Words: © 1992 Shirley Erena Murray
Music Beach Spring CH4 252 3 verses

1. Faith has set us on a journey
past the landmarks that we know,
taking risks with no insurance
but the Word that tells us "Go!"
Friend or job or home or lover
we may need to leave behind,
outworn truths and ways of thinking,
baggage to the past consigned.
2. Some are swags of easy conscience
who with others hitch a ride,
some are tourist-package Christians,
dollar-safe, with Book and guide.
There are others on this journey -
those who long and pray and search,
heave the stones to free the structures,
love the Christ and leave the Church.
3. We are this unlikely people
in the Body knit as one,
company of clowns and cripples -
some are wise and some can run.
Prophets are our travel agents,
gospel-makers lay this road:
to the place of peace and promise
faith will take us into God.

BLESSING

*Bless us now as we go on our way.
May our ears be alert to hear anew,
Our eyes be wide and gaze with awe.
May our hearts open to others, softening in love
As we live and move through your precious world.
Amen*

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Peter Franklin

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 Qy, 02-0534-0004022-02

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

PASTORAL CARE FOR JANUARY

In the first instance please contact the office or Linda Wilkins 027 249 9741 or 04 970 1010.

WANT TO SING?

St. Andrews Singers, our choir for worship, is holding a workshop on Sunday, 31 January (12:30-5:00 pm). This opportunity will be a chance to join us as we will be looking at all the music for 2021. We normally rehearses for 4-5 weeks prior to each service. So if you want to sing at any point during the year, this workshop is for YOU! We will be singing for Easter (April), a Sunday in June, September and twice in December. Now is the time for you use your voice as we lead these times in worship throughout 2021.

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MINISTRY - FOODBASKET

DCM appreciates the food basket contributions that St Andrew's makes which help provide food and essentials for those in need in Wellington. Currently, they are especially in need of toilet paper and laundry powder. Soups, tinned, packaged or cup of soups, muesli bars, biscuits and crackers are always gratefully received too. Brian Burrell.

AVAILABILITY FOR ROSTERS FOR MARCH TO MAY

A reminder for those who help on our rosters that we will be putting together a new roster for the period March to May shortly. If you have any dates during this period that you know you will be away please notify the office by 2nd February. office@standrews.org.nz.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

FESTIVAL SINGERS' CHORAL WORKSHOP

Saturday 30 January 2021, 10am to 4pm. St Hilda's Anglican Church, 311 The Parade, Island Bay. All singers welcome.

You will learn about: vocal technique – how to approach a choral work (looking at the Benedictus from Dvorak's Mass in D major) – good posture & a new composition by Jonathan Berkahn.

To book your place and for more details, visit www.festivalsingersnz.org

CHILD PROVERTY ACTION GROUP

You're invited...

Would you like to hear more about what CPAG does nationally, and locally here in Wellington? Would you like to hear more about how you can be involved, or join the discussion about what we should be doing to gain traction on key issues?

Join members of the Wellington CPAG group for drinks and nibbles on 2 February at 5pm for an informal chat about all of the above. It's a chance to meet others, hear what's going on, provide your thoughts and learn more about how you can be involved.

All welcome! Please RSVP to Lisa - lisawoods81@hotmail.com or 021 1228 273

Tuesday 2 February, 5pm, University of Auckland, Wellington office

8th Floor, Petherick Towers , 38 - 42 Waring Taylor Street, Wellington

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	Linda and Norman Wilkins
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Joan Tyler, Katrina Harper
Coffee/tea	Andrew and Wendy Matthews
Readings	Lois Robertson
Prayers of the People	Wendy Matthews
Library	Gillian Feist
Musician	Peter Franklin

On duty Sunday 31 January

Welcoming	David and Pauline Patchett
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Margaret Rushbrook
Offering	James Cone, Graham Howell
Coffee/tea	Sandra and Tony Kirby
Readings	John Morgan
Prayers of the People	Fiona McDougal
Library	Trish McBride
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 24 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Fiona McDougal.

Wednesday 27 January 10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

Sunday 31 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Jim Cunningham

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	TBC
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	Kristina Zuelicke
Faith in Action Co-ordinator	Margaret Rushbrook
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jules Collinson
Centre Manager	Laetitia Brunell
Office Administrator	Jillene Everett
Facilities Assistant(s)	Tom Crichton
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller

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