



ORDER OF SERVICE

31 January 2021

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany and Festival of Candlemas



The Gospel According to Mark

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 our 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

'Now Be Aware'

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1. Now be aware, and glory in
this fellowship with others,
that learns to give and take with grace;
where there is life it gathers.
It deepens joy, it eases strain,
it heartens those who live with pain,
each strengthens each, together.
2. The wordless touch where sorrow is,
the sharing of a vict'ry;
the flash of mind when insight leaps
to truth, provoked by query.
The freedom of our fellowship
accepts us as we are, and this
is God's own gift of liberty.

3. Now be aware that hearts and hands
and minds are rich when sharing;
for here within this fellowship
the strength of God is growing.
Now life has reason, love has powers
beyond our own, for into ours
the love of God is flowing.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

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.

CANDLEMAS CEREMONY

Introduction

Candlemas commemorates the ritual purification of Mary, 40 days after the birth of Jesus. It also marks the ritual presentation of the baby Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem. The Gospel of Luke says that Jesus was met by Anna and Simeon. Simeon held Jesus and called him a Light to the World. The festival is called Candlemas because this was the day that all the church's candles for the year were blessed.

Candles light up many sacred moments in our community throughout the year and at gatherings large and small.

Purple during Advent – a penitential colour – a longing for life to be different.

White during Christmas – the colour that speaks of Love.

Green during Epiphany – the colour of new growth and possibilities

Purple (again) during Lent – the colour for grief, sadness and regret as we follow Jesus to Calvary

White and Gold – for Easter and the triumph of LOVE

Red for Pentecost and the Sundays following – representing the fire of the Spirit warming and encouraging the fledgling Church.

Blue for the Season of Creation – the colour of the Earth when seen from Outer Space.

Green during the time between Creation and Advent. Sometimes referred to as “Ordinary Time” – green is the colour of vegetation and growth.

Our **Rainbow Candle** celebrates our children and our diversity.

The Blessing

So now we remember all those occasions
and bless these candles for the year ahead.

We give thanks for the warm light they shine within our gatherings
and the moments of illumination that come to us in this place.

May the radiance recognisable in the baby Jesus
shimmer within our lives

and bring light and healing to all those we encounter.

Bless these candles, light up our lives.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

BLESSING THE CHILDREN *(All stand)*

For all those of our community on summer holidays and especially for our children, we pray for fun, relaxation and adventure.

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."

HYMN

'How shall we find you'

Words: © 1996 Shirley Murray, (Admin. by Hope Publishing Company)

Music: Bunessan WOV 91

1. How shall we find you, God who is Holy,
captured by gender, colour and code?
How shall we worship, God of the Presence,
actions and essence, meaning and mode?
2. How shall we know you, God who is Wisdom,
argued by scholars, proofed on a page:
how to imagine, God of creation,
world beyond thinking, here on our stage.
3. How shall we trust you, God in the scriptures,
filtered through lenses biased and blurred:
how to revere you God of Tradition,
cased in our churches, Word bound to word?
4. How shall we see you if not in people
knit to your nature, focused in sight –
angels and artists, teachers and healers,
heart and soul people, children of light.
5. How shall we love you if not as human,
loving us wholly, fleshed on our frame,
known in our hunger, known in the meeting
spirit to Spirit, naming our name.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

John Morgan

Gospel

Mark 1: 12-28

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside,
He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same words:
"Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our
time.

He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple,
He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they
shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall
learn in their own experience Who He is.

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

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Jim Cunningham

A TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN

'Who is this man?'

Author: Mary Pearson

Music: Londonderry Air (Trad) CH4 729

1. Who is this man who gathered people to him
and touched their lives along each dusty way,
who spoke to all with passion and with peacefulness
and valued all their ordinary days?
Who is this man who at the day's long ending,
would draw apart to wait on God and pray?
Who, in the mystery that knows no ending,
would find God's wisdom and would know God's words to say?
2. Who is this man who gave to women dignity
in partnership of worth and equal grace?
Who listened to the stories that they told him,
and honoured each whatever was their place;
who let them choose to come and join his company
and learned with them God's love for every race,
who showed to each the courage of their nature
to care and tend each lonely and each suffering face?

3. Who is this man who spoke to men of gentleness,
showed them all the children at his side;
who taught of love and justice for all people,
who took a towel and washed away their pride?
In him they saw the strength of truth and mercy,
and how he trusted God to be his guide,
knew how he led them through misunderstanding,
and then forgave them when they ran away to hide.
4. Who is this man who calls us now to follow,
a shadow presence asking us to be
companions on the way through this life journey,
to live in truth, to set our tired world free?
So, let us find each other now in partnership,
with ears to hear and eyes awake to see,
that we might grow in grace and understanding,
and walk beside that man who comes from Galilee.

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*We give thanks to God for our life
and the courage we are given to live it.
Let our dreams be large and compassionate.
Let our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity.
Let our faith be expressed through living justly.
Let our hopes and dreams for the future
find full expression in our daily attitude of mind.
Amen.*

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

Fiona McDougal

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Cyprus and the Church of Cyprus. We are thankful for progress which has been made for some of the detainees in Papua New Guinea and Nauru and continue to hope for a satisfactory resolution for those who remain. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Chlöe Swarbrick (Auckland Central) and Rino Tirikatene (Te Tai Tonga). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the Church of Cyprus, 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

'When All the Good Is Gathered Up'

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Music: Ombersley WOV 626

1. When all the good is gathered up,
when all the pain is gathered, too,
then will an energy be born
to spark a world alight and new!
2. When all the spirit of the good
absorbs our suffering and fears,
then will an energy arrive
that grows creation out of tears.

3. Within a chemistry of change,
within the heart of all that beats
will be the energy of love
that nothing quenches or defeats.
4. Where all the elements combine
to fire new truth, to foster joy,
set loose that energy of love
to be in us God's strong alloy!
5. When goodness takes the place of gold,
when pain of war, of word and fist
becomes the energy of hope,
then peace and justice will have kissed.

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 Qy, 02-0534-0004022-02

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

WANT TO SING?

St. Andrews Singers, our choir for worship, is holding a workshop today, 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 rehearse 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

CHILD PROVERTY ACTION GROUP

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.

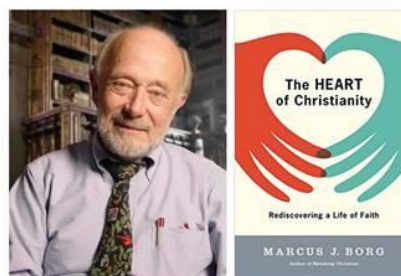
All welcome! Please RSVP to Lisa - lisawoods81@hotmail.com or 021 1228 273. Tuesday 2 February, 5pm, University of Auckland, Wellington office, 8th Floor, Petherick Towers, 38 - 42 Waring Taylor Street, Wellington

The Community of St Luke
Remuera-Newmarket Community Centre



'The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith'

By Marcus Borg



A four-part study group led by Rev Glynn Cardy

Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm

9, 16, 23 February and 2 March

Participants can attend these study group sessions in-person or via Zoom

Cost: \$10 for the series

Registration: stlukes.org.nz/events | pamela@stlukes.org.nz | 09 520 0740

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	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

On duty Sunday 7th February

Welcoming	Alan and Valerie Rhodes
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Laptop	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Offering	Jenn and Barrie Keenan
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Lois Robertson
Time with the Children	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Bronwyn White
Prayers of the People	Barrie Keenan
Rainbow Room Helper	Sandra Kirby
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 31st January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Jim Cunningham

Wednesday 3rd February: 10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

Sunday 7th February 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Jim Cunningham

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday Communion 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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