



Hato Anaru o Te Parehua Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

14 February 2021

Transfiguration



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.*

GATHERING

We have come into this place of hope where our hearts and minds are opened to the future. We have come into this place of justice where we set aside our fear to name freely every oppression. We have come into this place of song where we unite our voices in the somber and the beautiful melodies of life. *So let us celebrate this richness and diversity of life.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 80 'Immortal, invisible, God only wise'

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908) alt. Music: St Denio WOV 80

- Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above, thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree, and wither and perish: but nought changeth thee.
- Creator of glory, creator of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; of all thy rich graces this grace, God, impart – take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.

5. All praise we would render: O help us to see, 'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee; and so let thy glory, Almighty, impart through Christ in the story, thy Christ to the heart.

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.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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.

Ellen Murray

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

FFS 47 'Maker of Mystery'

Words: © Marnie Barrell. Tune: Down Ampney WOV 310

- 1. Maker of mystery, dreamer of what will be, well-spring and fertile ground of all our growing: tending the buried seed, foreseeing every need, you draw us into life beyond our knowing.
- 2. Christ, strong and living vine, spreading through space and time, deep rooted in the love of God our mother: dying, you live and share your strength with us, to bear ripe fruit in season for the life of others.
- 3. Wild Spirit, springing green, coiled in the depths unseen, promise of fruit within the seed maturing: new life, you grow and swell, burst from the outgrown shell, hundredfold yield in every age ensuring.
- 4. Living and loving God, sing in the pulse of our blood, help us to know you in your own creation, love you, the life of all, serve you and hear your call from our first forming to our full salvation.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Gospel

Contemporary reading

"Transfiguration" by Walter Wink

Excerpt from an article in Interpretation

Transfiguration is living by vision: standing foursquare in the midst of a broken, tortured, oppressed, starving, dehumanizing reality, yet seeing the invisible, calling to it to come, behaving as if it is on the way, sustained by elements of it that have come already, within and among us. In those moments when people are healed,

Linda Wilkins

Mark 9: 2-13



transformed, freed from addictions, obsessions, destructiveness, self worship or when groups or communities or even, rarely, whole nations glimpse the light of the transcendent in their midst, there the New Creation has come upon us. The world for one brief moment is transfigured. The beyond shines in our midst—on the way to the cross.

RESPONSE

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

Music for Reflection: "Ode to simplicity "from the album "The Secret Garden"

Composer Rolf Lovland

A READING

(I believe the glimpse of glory in Christ they saw on the mount of the Transfiguration was given in order to sustain the disciples through darkness that would lead to Good Friday. Indeed it is for a disciple, looking back at the transfiguration from Good Friday, that I have voiced the poem.)

For that one moment, 'in and out of time', On that one mountain where all moments meet. The daily veil that covers the sublime In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet. There were no angels full of eyes and wings Just living glory full of truth and grace. The Love that dances at the heart of things Shone out upon us from a human face And to that light the light in us leaped up, We felt it quicken somewhere deep within, A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope Trembled and tingled through the tender skin. Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.

HYMN

'We wait upon the mountain'

Lyrics: Mary Pearson, Tune: Thornbury, WOV 389

1. We wait upon the mountain, our hearts and minds confused. to penetrate the mystery of love by light suffused. The darkness of our living obscures our sight till we, with fear changed into boldness, find life in Christ set free.

by Malcolm Guite

- We find new inspiration in glimpses of your grace; we see once more before us, your love with human face. We see again the mystery of Christ on earth, and find life given for the needy, and poor of humankind.
- 3. No selfish place of safety will keep us in the light; it's only in life's valleys we truly find our sight, O help us heed the prophets, and clear our eyes to see: the way you show before us, where now our steps should be.

A LITANY

'Light of the World'

(Adapt.Rebecca A. Edmiston-Lange)

Our tradition says that Jesus is the light of the world...

We all can be the light of the world if we seek to act in ways that enlarge the realms of love and justice. When we share another's pain or offer a comforting ear to a friend in need,

We are the light of the world. When we give bread to the hungry

or support ways to house the homeless,

We are the light of the world. When we fight temptations to wrongdoing within ourselves and treat our neighbours with respect,

We are the light of the world. When we try to overcome differences with understanding and solve conflict with peaceful means,

We are the light of the world. When we look for the good in other people and in ourselves,

We are the light of the world. When we do not stay quiet in the face of prejudice, but speak our minds firmly and gently,

We are the light of the world.

When we fight despair within ourselves and side with hope, *We are the light of the world.*

When we use our powers justly and in the service of love for humanity, *We are the light of the world.*

Amen and Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER (said together)

Faithful God, you ask us to be faithful people.

In this community, you ask us to be people of justice. In this community, you ask us to be people of mercy. In this community, you ask us to be people of peace. Be with us as we try to be faithful in large ways and in small ways so your eternal community may come in every way. 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 <u>briefly</u> from the lectern. For the benefit of newcomers, please introduce yourself before you begin.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sandra Kirby

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Denmark and the National Council of Churches in Denmark. 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 Phil Twyford (Te Atatū) and Hon Louise Upston (Taupō). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St Andrew's Presbyterian 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

POEM

"Boroka Lookout - The Grampians"

By Richard Treloar. Searching & Finding/57

We arrived at the hilltop; the sun shone despite the cloud, invigorated, delighted, we paused, drew breath, drinking in the beauty, the wonder, the vision splendid. Briefly our hands touched, grasped lightly yet firmly. There was beauty, the beauty of life, of birdsong, of wildflower, of panorama, of togetherness. We turned from the hilltop; the cloud shadowed the sun, the panorama disappeared, the hilltop was but a brief glimpse of joyous beauty. We could not stay, but the memory remains.

HYMN

AA 155 'Where Mountains Rise'

Words © 1971, Shirley Erena Murray Music by Vernon Griffiths © 1971 Faber Music Ltd. 5 verses

- 1. Where mountains rise to open skies your name, O God, is echoed far, from island beach to kauri's reach, in water's light, in lake and star.
- Your people's heart, your people's part be in our caring for this land, for faith to flower, for aroha to let each other's mana stand.
- From broken word, from conflict stirred, from lack of vision, set us free to see the line of your design, to feel creation's energy.
- Your love be known, compassion shown, that every child have equal scope: in justice done, in trust begun shall be our heritage and hope.
- 5. Where mountains rise to open skies your way of peace distil the air, your spirit bind all humankind, one covenant of life to share!

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

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.

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 Andrew's on The Terrace, BNZ Lambton Qy, 02-0534-0004022-02

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

CONGREGATIONAL BRUNCH IN HALL

Reminder: Congregational Brunch in the Hall after the service today.

LECTIO DIVINA GROUP

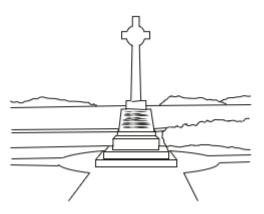
Our regular Lectio Divina group meets again on **Tuesday16th February** at 7pm in the St Andrew's Centre.

We spend some time in silent meditation before contemplating a poem or passage and sharing a little of our response as desired. Each time we follow this practice we gain some insight into ourselves, our world or what is meaningful and important for us. Newcomers are welcome and we can provide support and information to help with this process if it is new to you.

Please contact Fiona <u>fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com</u>

REMEMBER WHEN ...

On the Tuesday 23rd of February, we remember that it will be 181 years since our first members arrived on the Petone Beach on the Bengal Merchant. Last year we celebrated the 180 years at the "Gathering at the Cross" . This year we ask you to remember the arrival and those first members. They faced disappointment in the land, floods, fire and an earthquake, and then removed to Thorndon but helped established the Wellington settlement and raised money for their first church.



Our history tells us the parish has faced many challenges over the years such as boundary changes when the motorway went through, the fall and rise of the membership, and the Saving St Andrew's campaign.

During last year, we learnt some of our history and we sang some old hymns such as "Abide with me" and "All people that on Earth do dwell" as well as some new ones. These may help you to remember past members and the achievements of our church. Today St Andrew's is a proud church holding a special place in the Wellington musical scene, upholding Social Justice issues, Peace, and Gay Rights. We live in changing times and still face several challenges.

Let us Remember our first members and past members on the **23rd on February**.

SEMINAR TO HELP OUR THINKING ABOUT THE CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSIONS REPORT

We are very fortunate to have Dr Kennedy Graham give a seminar on **Thursday 25 February** at 6 pm here at St Andrew's in Conference Room 3. Kennedy has had a very long involvement in this area both before being in Parliament as a member of the Greens Party and subsequently as a director of a New Zealand organisation that has particular focus on climate and related issues. As the notice last week said, the Climate Commission's draft report, released recently, is now available for public consultation until 14 March 2021. This is a vital topic for our city, country, and our planet and in the St Andrew's tradition of our interest and contribution to social justice issues we plan a process of learning, understanding, and submitting our ideas on this topic. There is much information on the website:

https://www.climatecommission.govt.nz/get-involved/our-advice-and-evidence/ We look forward to your questions and what information you would like to help us and contribute to submission we plan to make.

THE FOODBASKET FOR DCM (DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MINISTRY) Helping those in need in Wellington

What to donate:-

Tinned soups and stews, tinned fish, jam, peanut butter, pastas and sauces, muesli bars, biscuits, crackers, soap, washing powder.

FINISHED A LOAF OF BREAD?!!!

A friendly reminder to save the bread bag and the clip/tie with the use by date printed on it. There's a collection box on the North Vestry table:- the bags go to the soup kitchen to put "take away lunches" in, the tags are recycled also. Thanks for helping – Brian, Kath and Trish.

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE

CWS are grateful for the generous donations that mean our partners in countries like Fiji and South Sudan can share the tools, plants and knowledge to grow good gardens. Many like our Sri Lankan partners are raising matters of food security and fair wages with government and others who can make changes that will sustain life. Thank you for remembering them, often at the same time as you prayed for people who are hungry here in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Last December we followed news of Cyclone Yasa slamming into Fiji and claiming the lives of four people. Already this year the country has experienced three more cyclones destroying homes and livelihoods. Around 10,000 people are living in shelters. Trish and Rob in our programmes team have been talking to our partner SEEP (Social Empowerment and Education Programme) about how best to help – probably with building materials.

They have also spoken to Rev James Bhagwan, General Secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches featured in this appeal. James speaks for us all when he says we should not accept increasing extreme weather events as the new norm. Instead, he reminds us of how much more we can do to limit climate change.

This Christmas Appeal marked 75 years of New Zealanders sharing what we can with people who do not have food for each day. There is much more we can do by working together to make sure no one goes hungry.

As always, we value your prayers and the work of our partners. Please watch and share our video. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcAf3jFpa4s</u>.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

SUPPORT FOR PRIDE WORKSHOP FOR TRANS FEMININE PEOPLE

David Earle is organising a workshop for trans women and trans feminine people on skin care and makeup as part of Wellington Pride.

Managing appearance is a major challenge for many trans people. Having the right look, that is comfortable, can go a long way to building confidence, reducing dysphoria and feeling included. It is much more than just a fashion statement. Many of us who transition at older ages feel lost and confused by all of the information and products. The aim of this workshop is to help people find a place to start and learn about the important basics.

At this stage, he has secured the services of one of Wellington's top makeup artists, and the free use of a hair salon (Blow Up Hair Design).

David would love to provide some free makeup products to participants and we also need some money to cover the time and costs of the facilitator. Things that would help would be donation of unopened makeup products and/or cash contributions. <u>http://davidearle.wordpress.com/</u> davidearlenz@gmail.com

Wellington Trans Feminine Meetup

Sunday 21 February 2021 – 2pm to 4pm, Picnic Café, Wellington Botanic Gardens (by the Rose Garden and Begonia House)

This is a friendly, casual meet up for trans feminine people in Wellington. Open to trans, non-binary, gender diverse and gender questioning people.

We will meet for coffee at the cafe from 2pm, and maybe go for a walk around the gardens.

There will be a rainbow or trans flag on our table.

Note - there will be an all gender trans meet up on March 14 as part of Pride. Watch the Facebook groups for details.

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION'S REPORT

The Commission's draft report released this week is now available for public consultation until 14 March 2021. This is a vital topic for our city, country, and our planet and in the tradition of our interest and contribution to social justice issues we plan a process for learning, understanding, and submitting our ideas on this topic. There is much information on the website

https://www.climatecommission.govt.nz/get-involved/our-advice-and-evidence/ and we will also arrange a seminar after service one Sunday morning so that members can participate and contribute ideas to the submission, which we will forward before 14 March.



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	Gillian Feist, Patricia Booth
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Cameron Smart
Offering	Fiona McDougal, Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Lois Robertson, Linda and
	Norman Wilkins
Time with the Children	Ellen Murray
Readings	Linda Wilkins
Prayers of the People	Sandra Kirby
Rainbow Room Helper	Lois Robertson
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

On duty Sunday 21 st February	
Welcoming	Brian and Lynette Burrell
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Margaret Rushbrook
Offering	Tony Pears, Joan Tyler
Coffee/tea	Richard Owen, Janet Horncy, Kath Kerr
Time with the Children	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Marilyn Wallace
Prayers of the People	Patricia Booth
Rainbow Room Helper	Sandra Kirby
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Mark Stamper

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 14th February 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Jim Cunningham Followed by Congregational Brunch.

Wednesday 17th February 10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre **Sunday 21st February 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Ross Scott Followed by Congregational Conversation.

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	Rev. Reg Weeks
Supply Minister	Rev. Dr Jim Cunningham
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	Vacancy
Centre Manager	Laetitia Brunell
Office Administrator	Jillene Everett
Facilities Assistant(s)	Tom Crichton
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller

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