



ORDER OF SERVICE

26 September 2021

Creation 4 – Pentecost 16



Mountains

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. Ross Scott

PRELUDE

GATHERING

We gather grateful that we can gather,
that we can find companionship of hearts and minds seeking to speak the
truth in love.

We remember those who cannot gather.

We gather grateful for our heritage,
for the women and men before us
whose imagination, dedication and
prophetic words and deeds make possible
our dreams and our insight.

And we gather grateful for the gift of life itself,
mindful that to respect life means both to celebrate what life is
and to insist on what it can become.

May we always rejoice in life,
and work to cultivate a sense of its giftedness. *(Adapt.M S Milnor)*

SILENCE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 72 'In this familiar place'

Words and Music: Colin Gibson

1. In this familiar place
I know the mystery of your grace.

Refrain

For the love that I receive, for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you for this here and now.

2. In halting song and word
the music of your voice is heard.

Refrain

3. Among these friends of mine
I taste the company divine.

Refrain

4. Within this narrow sphere
I learn that you are everywhere.

Refrain

WELCOME

Kia ora tātou.

Kia ora.

OPENING SENTENCES

We invite the mountains to worship with us:

***Mighty ranges and deep forests,
sliding glaciers and swirling snow.***

We invite the wild to join us in wonder:

***Takahe and Kea,
mysterious moths and silver ferns.***

We join with the mountain creatures in praising God:

***Leaping trout and crawling creatures,
Matagouri and honey bees.***

We call the depths of the mountains to celebrate:

***All pounamu and sparkling stones,
lava and rich forest soil.***

We enter the mountain of God today:

***And we worship in God's presence,
a sacred place on our planet.***

JESUS' PRAYER in a COVID world

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,***

We see your creation as being far greater than just us.

***Loving God, in whom is heaven:
the hallowing of your name
echo through the universe!***

We are being humbled by one of the smallest of your creatures COVID 19

***The way of your justice be followed
by the peoples of the world!***

Our response to the pandemic is spawning disruption and disharmony, separation, isolation and death. Enclose us in your loving embrace that we might know your kingdom as it comes to us in these times.

***Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.***

Your love for the world brought Jesus to us; you spoke your Word to us in him. We have not always listened. Our misuse of your gifts has surely contributed to our present distress. Help us to honour your will in all things.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the face of the Pandemic, and driven by our fear of death, we have isolated ourselves from one another, starving ourselves of company and the means to live in the joy of community. Feed us now with awareness of how necessary our connection is to one another and to all creation. May our care and love become the daily bread that feeds every life.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

We have wasted and spoiled much of your creation. Many throughout history have thought only of themselves and our species, and we are no different. Shake us awake to our indifference. Forgive our selfishness, our neglect, our greed.

It is easy to feel hard done by, to blame others for our own ills. Yet forgiveness is so healing, calming, it brings peace to our soul. Rid us of all resentment which, like we are doing in the face of the pandemic, isolates and destroys. Withholding forgiveness 'locks down' mercy.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

A small virus is showing us the negative side of exclusion. The price of discrimination now affects us all. Save us from any temptation to exclude others, or belittle or devalue other parts of creation. This is the trap that is before us. Protect us.

***From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.***

Bring us through this terrible time with our faith and love stronger, with a clearer vision of your precious gift of life, a deeper appreciation of death, and with a fuller understanding of our responsibility to the world.

***For you reign in the glory
of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.***

(Inspired by James B. Lyons)

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Cameron Smart

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-19 is here we ask that you remain standing, where you are, and pass the peace with your eyes.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Valerie Rhodes

Hebrew Bible

Job 38:1-7

Gospel/New Testament

Matthew 4:1-10

Contemporary youtube

"These are my Mountains"

For fame and for fortune I've wandered the earth,
But now I return to the land of my birth,
I brought back my treasures but only to find
They're less than the pleasures that I left behind.

**For these are my mountains, and this is my glen,
These days of my childhood I see them again,
No land ever claimed me though far I did roam
For these are my mountains and I'm going home.**

The stream by the road side sings at my going by,
The lark overhead wings a welcoming cry,
The lake where the trout lie, once more I will see
For it's there that my heart lies, it's there I must be.

**For these are my mountains, and this is my glen,
These days of my childhood I see them again,
No land ever claimed me though far I did roam
For these are my mountains and I'm going home..**

Kind faces will meet me and welcome me in,
And oh how they'll greet me back home again,
This night round the fireside, old songs will be sung
At last I'll be hearing my own mother's tongue.

**For these are my mountains, and this is my glen,
The days of my childhood, I see them again,
No land ever claimed me, though far I did roam,
For these are my mountains, I have come home.**

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION: The twin messages of the mountains Rev. Ross Scott

*Time to reflect on your mountain and what it says to you while I play
my flute*

HYMN

FFS 63 'These Hills'

Words and music by Colin Gibson

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1. These hills where the hawk flies lonely,
beaches where the long surf rolls,
mountains where the snows meet heaven,
these are our care.
Pastures where the sheep graze calmly,
orchards where the apples grow,
gardens where the roses cluster,
these are our prayer.
2. Forests where the tree ferns tower,
rivers running strong and clear,
oceans where the great whales wander,
these are our care.
Race meeting race as equals,
justice for age-old wrong,
worth for every man and woman,
these are our prayer.
3. Cities where the young roam restless,
lives brought to deep despair,
homeless and powerless people,
these are our care.
Places where the Word is spoken,
hands held in serving love,
faiths of our many cultures,
these are our prayer.
4. All that the old world gave us,
all that the new world brings,
language, ideas, customs,
these are our care.
Life finding joy and value,
faith seeking truth and light,
God heard and seen in all things,
this be our prayer.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA 127 'Take my gifts'

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Take whatever I can offer—
gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen,
talents of the hand 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.

OFFERING PRAYER

*All that we are, and all that we have, and all that we may become,
comes from this planet, from God
for we are made from its dust.
So we bring these offerings and ourselves
to bring restoration to our relationships.
Male to female,
old to young,
nations to nations,
ethnic group to ethnic group,
and humanity to the rest of creation.
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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lois Robertson

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Japan and the National Christian Council
in Japan. We hold all refugees in our hearts. We pray in particular for
those detained for many years in Papua New Guinea & Nauru. We give
thanks for the recent progress and pray that their calls for justice might
continue to find a compassionate response. In New Zealand, we
remember those in Parliament, and today we name Hon Chris Hipkins

(Remutaka), Barbara Kuriger (Taranaki-King Country). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St John's in the City Presbyterian Church, Wellington.

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

AA 26 'Come to our Land'

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1. Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of peace, Spirit of truth
bring in the spring, the hope and the green,
Spirit of growth and Spirit of youth.

*And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God!*

2. Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of life, breath of new birth,
teach us to care for water and air,
nourish the seed and cherish the earth. *Refrain*

3. Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of bush, Spirit of bird,
speak to the soul of Aotearoa
joy in your world, and joy in your Word. *Refrain*

BLESSING

May the places where you walk become
sacred spaces as you see the Creativity of God...
The places where you take your stand
be signposts to the love of the Human One...
The places where you rest be filled with
the renewing grace of the Spirit.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Mark Stamper
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.

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

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT US DURING THE PANDEMIC

At our last worship committee meeting we discussed how we could support each other through the pandemic and how that could contribute to our times of worship together. Have you any resources that you have found helped you during this time that you could share with others? eg poems, prayers, readings, books, podcasts, articles, websites, spiritual practices, photos, pictures, activities.....We would like to find a way to share these with each other or make them available as a resource for worship leaders to draw on as they wish during services.

Please get in touch with Fiona McDougal fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING FOR THE ORGAN - WE MADE IT!

Thanks to all of your superb work, we need raise no further funds for the organ refurbishment and any money raised or donated now will be for the general funds. More detail about the organ fundraising will follow at a later date.

JAM JARS

On the subject of fundraising: it's marmalade season again and, although I find it very hard to believe, I'm in need of jam jars (with lids if possible, but without will be fine). Ideally the 400-500g size, or the Rose's marmalade jars. Thanks. Sue Hirst.

SPIRITED CONVERSATION

Given the uncertainty surrounding COVID the final Spirited Conversation this year is cancelled. Thanks to everyone who made this year's series a success.

NEWS FROM BRAZIL

It's been awesome to see so many friends during the last zoom gathering at St Andrew's. Our video and audio wasn't working, but we could see and hear you all. Some more good news from here. Darla has been invited to work here as a barista! And tomorrow she will start the training with the machines here, which are different from New Zealand.

And I am still helping with some volunteer work around here. Now, especially helping in some research on Near-Death Experiences, relations between Health and Spirituality and translating things from English into Portuguese.

Thanks to the support of you all, Cauê was able to finish his course last week. And with a final grade of 9.5! Now, he just needs to wait a bit for his certificate.

Much love, Antonio and Darla.

GOOD NEWS - 33 refugees released from detention!

This notification relates to part of the circle of prayer...more progress and more to do.

Graham Howell and Jim Cunningham

Over eight years ago, refugees made the dangerous journey to seek safety in Australia.

They only sought freedom, something we all hold dear to our hearts.

Yet when they arrived here they were met with a Government and a policy that has kept them detained for nearly a decade, both offshore and here in Australia.

But today, because people like you are willing to stand up and keep fighting for change, that freedom has finally been granted to some refugees.

The Maghames family, who have been detained at the Darwin APOD (Alternative Place of Detention) for more than a year, were finally released on Sunday into community detention whilst they await resettlement in the United States. "I can breathe free and I walk free with no security."

The Maghames family originally spent over seven years detained on Nauru before being brought to Australia for medical treatment.

Email your MP and demand the Government release all remaining refugees and accept New Zealand's resettlement offer now.

EMAIL YOUR MP

In Melbourne and Brisbane, the Government has released more than 30 refugees. This is a huge win for people power and it doesn't happen without thousands of people like you standing up and demanding change.

Yet despite this, approximately 90 refugees from offshore detention remain detained around Australia, with approximately 230 still trapped in PNG and Nauru. For them, we must keep fighting.

Demand the Government release and resettle all remaining refugees now.

These releases are a step in the right direction, however they further highlight the arbitrary nature of Australia's offshore detention regime, with refugees still detained given no indication by the Government of if or when they will be released. There is no reason to keep refugees detained while they await resettlement, and these releases prove that.

The Australian Government has the power to grant people their freedom, and when we stand up collectively and demand change, they hear us. So let's keep up the pressure!

A FAIR CHANCE FOR ALL

Greetings members

The following link is into a significant process being undertaken by the Productivity Commission. Its current head is Dr Ganesh Nana who was one of the Welfare Expert Advisory Group members and was head economist for BERL. As indicated, the next step is a terms of reference, then a project into the issue. I missed the opportunity to submit on stage one, but will on stage two. The list of those who did include many church based social justice groups and secular groups and individuals. The submissions make interesting reading, and the next stages will be interesting to see if the aim can be achieved. A fair chance for all? Hope so.

Graham Howell

<https://mailchi.mp/productivity/thankyou?e=77317924e3>

LIBRARY NEWS

In lockdown what a great time for more reading and contemplation. No books from the congregational library at the moment I am afraid. But here is a recommendation to an interesting modern author.

Alain de Botton is a modern day British philosopher who believes that the understandings of Philosophy and Psychology can help people (all of us) to navigate the vicissitudes of this modern life. He has become very popular with readers these days. I have several friends who really enjoy his writing. And I do as well. Together with others he has established a group in London called "The school of Life". He also delivers highly entertaining, engaging and informative lectures on Youtube. One such lecture is titled "Alain de Botton on Art as Therapy"

It can be accessed at this link:

Alain de Botton on Art as Therapy - YouTube

Let me know what you think of him.

Mike Wespel-Rose (Congregational Library Head Monitor)

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

PEACE AOTEAROA

Links to share: Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1271843013270407>
Tweet, <https://twitter.com/KillerRobotsNZ/status/1440534598409097217> Register,
<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/killer-robots-petition-to-parliament-handover-tickets-176754506487>

Feeding the Mind - Three studies

Exploring notions about God, God as creator and God as Trinity.

At 7:30pm on October 7,14, 21

Ngaio Union Church.

Led by John Howell

Leibniz: Why is there something rather than nothing?

The three series will explore the arguments by Ray L Hart in his book: God Being Nothing.

This is an in-depth study, but will aim to de-mystify the theology involved.

RAINBOW WELLINGTON

Spring Lunch

We're sorry we haven't kept you in the loop with this event. We've decided to postpone by a week or two (we're currently sorting out a new date).

We can only apologise! I'm sure you can understand that the past month has been a bit hectic for us, both for Rainbow Wellington but especially in the personal lives of our volunteer board members!

We'll get back to you on a new date and the venue as soon as we can!

Monthly Drinks

5-7 PM Friday 8th of October at El Barrio

We can't wait to see you again in just two weeks time!

OCTOBER TWO-WEEK HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – NORTHLAND KIDZ CLUB

Come and join us in learning how to make a puppet & put on a puppet show, see Nigel Kennedy & Mr Bunny's Magic Show, join in a Circus Workshop, and design (and do) your own outdoor scavenger hunt. We'll be making bread, painting rocks and enjoying the play area at the George Denton Park in Highbury.

Of course we're going to Time Cinema again to see another selection of early cartoons & films, (stopping at Lyall Bay Beach beforehand to have morning tea). And we'll be enjoying any fine weather at local parks and play areas.

\$45 per child per day (third child onwards :\$20), 8.30 a.m to 6 p.m each day.

For details, check out our website (www.nkc.org.nz) , or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612), e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com).

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, Michael Parker
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Tony Pears, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Pam Fuller, Janet Horncy
Time with the Children	Cameron Smart
Readings	Valerie Rhodes
Prayers of the People	Lois Robertson
Rainbow Room Helper	Ellen Murray
Library	Mike WespelRose
Musician	Mark Stamper

On duty Sunday 3 October

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Katrina Harper, Graham Howell
Coffee/tea	Jenny and Gavin Watson
Time with the Children	Frank Cook
Readings	Lois Robertson
Prayers of the People	Ken Irwin
Communion	Maxine Cunningham, Sonia Groes-Petrie, Sue McRae, Cameron Smart, Laura Van Echten, Margaret Pannett
Rainbow Room Helper	School holidays
Library	Ann Barrie
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 26th September 10am: Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Ross Scott followed by Social Justice.

Wednesday 29th September:

10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm - Wednesday Lunchtime Concert – String Ensemble of the NZSM

Sunday 3rd October 10am: Communion service led by Rev. Jim Cunningham followed by Exploring Faith

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 Team	Pat Booth, Brian Burrell, Maxine Cunningham, Katrina Harper, Lois Robertson
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Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Concert Coordinator	Kristina Zuelicke
Faith in Action Co-ordinator	Margaret Rushbrook
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Riah Tahana-Dawson
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Office Administrator	Jillene Everett
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Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller

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