

ORDER OF SERVICE

19 December 2021

The Fourth Sunday in Advent



“Two pregnant women poor and vulnerable but blessed”

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 The Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai Davis

PRELUDE

GATHERING

We gather in early summer
when the sun is high,
when the nights are short,
when the days are warm,
wind light and warmth are plentiful.

As we gather

We give thanks for this place.

We give thanks for light and the summer breeze.

We gather in this place:
to sing our hymns,
to pray our prayers,
to hear the Word read,
the word spoken.

As we gather

We give thanks for freedom

to join worship with others.

We come together:
from our varied lives
to meet and greet,
with our hopes and dreams,
with our doubts and fears.

As we come together

We give thanks for this community

where we can explore our faith.

We come to this special place
where others have sat,
who were part of our life,
who helped shape this place,
who are no longer with us.

We come giving thanks
*For our spiritual ancestors
whose legacy enriches our lives.*

*God of all places and all peoples
be with us in our living, in our loving
in our giving and our dying. Amen.*

SILENCE

Let us celebrate life in the presence we name God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

COC 7 Carol our Christmas

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1. Carol our Christmas, an upside down Christmas;
snow is not falling and trees are not bare.
Carol the summer, and welcome the Christ child,
warm in our sunshine and sweetness of air.
2. Sing of the gold and the green and the sparkle,
water and river and lure of the beach.
Sing in the happiness of open spaces,
sing a nativity summer can reach.
3. Shepherds and musterers move over hillsides,
finding, not angels, but sheep to be shorn;
wise ones make journeys whatever the season,
searching for signs of the truth to be born.
4. Right side up Christmas belongs to the universe,
made in the moment a woman gives birth;
hope is the Jesus gift, love is the offering,
everywhere, anywhere here on the earth.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy spirit, Ocean of mystery,
Wellspring of life and love...

You are the peace of all things calm
You are the place to hide from harm

***You are the light that shines in dark
You are the heart's eternal spark***

You are the door that's open wide
You are the guest who waits inside

***You are the stranger at the door
You are the calling of the poor***

You are the Way and with me still
You are my joy, keep me from ill

***You are the light, the truth, the way
You are our Companion this very day***

Celtic Oral Tradition, 1st Millennium

WELCOME

E the whānau a Te Karaiti
ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa.

PRAYER:

Advent God, made known to us in Jesus Christ, known to us in the rush of the wind, in the bending of the trees, in little flowers smiling among rocks and thorns, in seabirds hovering over the foaming waves, you come into our lives like the wind sweeping off the ocean and coursing across the land. We seek you amidst our busy days, we cry for your attention as we cling to this stony ledge we call land.

Creator God come close to each one gathered here. May each one find something of you amid our songs, our prayers, our words, and our silence before you. Amen.

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 THE CHILDREN

The Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai Davis

CHILDREN'S CHAT:

The legend of my name
and my ordination cross

MEETING A CWS PARTNER &

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

On this fourth Sunday of Advent
we remember God's gift of love
and that we are called to be people of God's love.



READ THE PARTNER STORY

Maura stands in her flourishing garden, surrounded by her family. She has always worked hard but the new skills she is learning from CEPAD are lowering her costs and increasing production. But it is the tomatoes, peppers and papayas she grows that make her proud.

Her family is eating a more nutritious diet, even when there is drought. With her own garden and good skills, she is more confident at a time of so much uncertainty. Having enough good food is the first step towards a fair economy.

We seek economic justice.

LIGHT THE CANDLE

Together we say:

God of spacious love

*May we be people who shine the light of love
in your world through our words and by our
actions.*



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 pass the peace without shaking hands.

HYMN:

AA31 E Te Atua

arr. Nicola Jansen and Guy Jansen, Tune Kum Ba Ya

1. E te Atua aroha mai
E te Atua aroha mai,
E te Atua aroha mai,
Ake ake tonu e, ake ake tonu e.
2. E te Atua manaaki mai,
E te Atua manaaki mai,
E te Atua manaaki mai,
Ake ake tonu e, ake ake tonu e.
3. E te Atua awhina mai,
E te Atua awhina mai,
E te Atua awhina mai,
Ake ake tonu e, ake ake tonu e.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Valerie Rhodes

Hebrew Bible

Micah 5: 2-5a

The Ruler from Bethlehem

Gospel

Luke 1:39-55

Mary visits Elizabeth

Contemporary Reading

(Church of Scotland Advent 4)

Out of smallness comes greatness.
Lift up the poor and send the rich away empty.
Joy rings out a greeting, and our spirit leaps -
God's mercy, extending.

Lift up the poor and send the rich away empty.
Bethlehem bore Jesus, bringer of joy and liberation;
Mary bore Jesus, bringer of joy and liberation.
God's mercy, extending -
Your hands are free from the load.

Bethlehem bore Jesus, bringer of joy and liberation;
Mary bore Jesus, bringer of joy and liberation.
Joy rings out a greeting, and our spirit leaps -
Your hands are free from the load.
Out of smallness comes greatness.

REFLECTION

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HYMN:

COC 48 'Where is the room?'

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1. Where is the room,
where is the house of Christmas?
Where shall we welcome Jesus,
where are the signs of home?
2. Let Christ have space,
place at the heart of living,
centre for birth's new breathing,
cradle for hope and peace.
3. Let there be room,
room for the friend and stranger,
room without hurt or anger,
room for whoever come.
4. Let love be here,
love for the Christmas stable,
love at our open table,
love to be shared all year.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

Tune: Duke Street WOV 24

Willing hands, to lead the blind,
heal the wounded, feed the poor.
Love embracing all our kind,
charity with liberal store.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving Creator, we thank you for the richness of experience in your world – the times of high resolve, the moments when we feel quite swamped by the needs of others, the extent of the task, our own inadequacies. We thank you for the blessed reassurance of your presence and so we bring these gifts with us now as a sign of your blessing in our lives. 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

Jenn Keenan

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Serbia, Montenegro and the Republic of Macedonia and the Ecumenical Council of Churches in Serbia and Montenegro. 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 progress that has been made and pray that their calls for justice might yet find a compassionate response. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Ayesha Verrall and Louisa Wall list MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St Andrew's Union Church, Featherston.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREWS

*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:

WOV 672 Where the road runs out

Words and Music: © 1992 Colin Gibson

1. Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
where we come to the edge of today,
be the God of Abraham for us;
send us out upon our way.

*Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

2. When the coast is left and we journey on
to the rim of the sky and the sea,
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ;
lead us on to eternity.

Lord, you were.....

3. When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,
when tomorrow's storm draws near,
be the spirit bird hov'ring overhead
who will take away our fear.

Lord, you were

BENEDICTION:

In our remembering may we have peace....
In our sharing stories may we have joy....
In revealing our pain may we find restoration....
In sharing our guilt may we find forgiveness....
In our hospitality may we find pleasure....
In our giving may we find delight....
In our friendships may we find understanding....
In our doubts may we find hope....

*May our families and communities be strengthened by our past,
and committed to building a better future.
May we and they be blessed with love.*

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus from "Messiah"

by G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

THANK YOU

Peter Franklin

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

CHRISTMAS DAY - POT LUCK LUNCH AT ST ANDREW'S

This year, as in past a small group of people are arranging a pot luck lunch upstairs in Conference Rooms 1 and 2 straight after the Christmas Day 10.00 a.m. Service. If you would like to be part of this festive occasion please let Lois, Sally or Rosemary know if you haven't already, for some catering and table logistics. This year the menu will be completely pot luck, cold contributions only please. An invitation to visitors to the Service will be extended on the day. ALL WELCOME - vaccine passes a must.

REGISTER OF VACCINE PASSES

We have been scanning and sighting Vaccine Passes for two weeks now and are pleased about how smoothly the process is running although we have needed extra people on the door. Thanks to everyone for adapting to the new system so well. This week we are going to begin creating written registers of people who come to church regularly so that you do not have to present your vaccine pass every week, beginning with afternoon tea on Saturday. This means that those people on welcoming/door duty will no longer have to scan everyone each week. Once you are on the register, your name will need to be checked off as you enter the church. Door duty people will also have to continue to scan those people whose names do not appear on the register. We think this will be a somewhat faster process than scanning everyone (but that is yet to be proven). We imagine that compiling a comprehensive register could take several weeks so please bear with us. Lynne, Sue, Pam, Katrina

STILLNESS IN YOUR BUSY DAY

Centering Prayer together

Take a breather, rest in silence, fill your tank.

First Thursday every month except January 12:30 to 1:00 pm, (The first Centering Prayer for 2022 will be on 3 February).

Facilitated by Diane Gilliam-Weeks 027 4978374 dianegw@outlook.com

FILMING IN ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

The following request is from a young Wellington filmmaker who met with Jim Cunningham and me in October to discuss his project. We were satisfied that Floris would treat the setting with respect and that the filming would be consistent with our kaupapa of supporting the arts.

Sue Hirst, Deputy Parish Council Convenor

"Hello, my name is Floris and I'm an independent filmmaker based here in Wellington City. Here is a call-to-action for all you aspiring movie stars (or humble fans of cinema). I'll be filming a scene at St Andrew's Chapel on the 12th of January 2022. This falls on a Wednesday and we will commence setting up at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The expected duration is no more than a few hours.

The film is a suspense/drama with lots of twists and turns along the way. The scene will be led by local stage & screen legend Mark Hadlow and shall contain a disagreement during the conclusion of a funeral.

Here is where you come in. We are searching for a handful of background extras to fill some of the seats in the Church. As it is a funeral scene, you would be required to turn up in formal attire such as a suit or dress appropriate for that setting. Your task will simply be to appear concerned when the argument between the two lead characters becomes impassioned. Further instruction will be given on the day.

Thank you so much and I do hope I will see you in the new year!"

FAITH IN ACTION

Ben Gray has taken on the role of Coordinator for Submissions to Select Committees for our Parish. He will welcome ideas and initiatives from our membership and seek support in this role. Thank you in anticipation, Ben, and thank you to Barrie Keenan who held the role over the past two years. (Margaret Rushbrook, Faith in Action Coordinator).

FINISHED A LOAF OF BREAD OR BOTTLE OF MILK?!!!

Please save the bread bag and the clip (plastic only)/tie and milk bottle tops. The bags are used at the Compassion Soup Kitchen for "takeaway" lunches and the tags and milk bottle tops get recycled. Please fold the bags and pack separately. There is a collection box on the North Vestry Table. Thanks- Kath, Trish and Brian.

SUPPORT FOR DCM (DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MINISTRY)

We are grateful for the many services provided by the DCM and one way we can offer our support is to FILL the food baskets at the back of the church each Sunday. They are collected every Monday by a DCM worker.

Suggested items:

Tinned - soup, fish, baked beans, stews and fruit

Pasta and curry sauces

Jam, Honey Marmite/Vegemite and peanut butter

Porridge, Biscuits and muesli bars

Instant coffee and tea bags

Soap, toilet paper, toothpaste and tooth brushes

(Please no fresh fruit/vegetables)

Some extra Festive Treats for Christmas would be appreciated.

DCM has been working in the city of Wellington since 1969 with a mission to "focus on the needs of, and to help empower those marginalised in the city, with a current focus on people experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness."

For other ways to support the work of the DCM visit <https://www.dcm.org.nz>.

Brian Burrell

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA -

Season's greetings, killer robots, nuclear disarmament and more

Kia ora, this message is to wish you a happy solstice, Christmas, New Year and summer break, to thank you for your support during the past year, to provide an update on the annual survey of our work, information on what we'll be working on over the holiday season, some funding opportunities in the new year, and Peace Movement Aotearoa's holiday arrangements.

*** Thank you for your support:** Our thanks to everyone who has supported Peace Movement Aotearoa, and the national humanitarian disarmament campaigns we coordinate, during 2021 - whether through your gifts of time, energy or donations, and for sharing with us the issues of concern to you and your thoughts on them. We really appreciate your generosity and input, which has contributed to another busy and productive year, especially with so many of our meetings, briefings and consultations now held online.

*** Public survey of our work:** Our output this year is reflected in the initial response to the 2021 annual public survey of our work - 95% of respondents so far have said the analysis and information Peace Movement Aotearoa provides is extremely or very useful. We haven't had a chance yet to fully analyse the results of the 2021 survey, so there is still an opportunity to contribute to it at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/peace2021> if you wish.

*** Work over the holiday season:** From Monday, 20 December, there are three main topics we will be working on over the holiday season:

i) Killer Robots (autonomous weapon systems): we will be updating the Aotearoa New Zealand Campaign to Stop Killer Robots (ANZKRC) site, <http://stopkillerrobots.org.nz> with ANZKRC resources, and with information about the two Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons' meetings this month, which regrettably have not achieved anything substantive despite the urgent need for action on this unprecedented threat to humanity.

If you haven't already, you are welcome to contribute to the 'Help Shape The Future: #TeamHuman vs #KillerRobots' discussion document and survey at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/killerrobots> and the Youth Call for Action (if you are up to 35 years old) at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YouthCall> - both will remain open during January and February 2022.

ii) Nuclear disarmament: we will also be updating the ICAN Aotearoa New Zealand site, <http://icanw.org.nz> with links to information about recent nuclear disarmament meetings NZ has been involved in, and updates on the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) Review Conference which begins on 4 January. We will also be continuing to contribute to consultations on, and preparing resources for, the first Meeting of State Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) which is currently scheduled to be held in March.

iii) Submissions on Budget Policy Statement: we will be preparing our own submission (and resources for anyone to use) on the recent Budget Policy Statement, which will be focussed on the critical need to divert military spending to socially useful purposes, including climate justice. We will circulate information about that through

our email lists, and it will be available on the Aotearoa New Zealand Campaign on Military Spending site, <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/gdams.htm>

* **Funding opportunities in the new year:** we will be re-advertising the availability of the White Poppy Peace Scholarships - in the interim, if you know anyone who may be interested in applying, please refer them to the guidelines at <http://www.peacescholar.org.nz> We will also be inviting applications for funding for new youth projects around the TPNW first Meeting of State Parties.

* **Peace Movement Aotearoa holiday arrangements:** As well as the web pages listed above, news and updates over the next month will mainly be posted at <https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa> and <https://twitter.com/PeaceMovementA> (you do not have to have a Facebook or Twitter account to read our posts), with ANZKRC updates at <https://twitter.com/KillerRobotsNZ> Any new New Zealand disarmament statements will be available at <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/nzdist.htm>

We will be sending messages to some of our topic focused email lists over the summer, but will only be sending general list messages on the three topics listed in the 'Work over the holiday season' section above from now until the last week of January 2022. Email messages sent to us will be downloaded but not processed unless they relate to our work over the summer break. Our office will be open for reduced hours throughout the holiday period.

We wish you, your friends, and your family a peaceful, restful break, and safe journeys if you are travelling, from everyone at Peace Movement Aotearoa.

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

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| Welcoming | Sandra and Tony Kirby |
| Sound | Sue Hirst |
| Laptop | Sue Hirst |
| Offering | Kath Kerr, Bridget Martin |
| Coffee/tea | Frank Cook, Maxine Cunningam |
| Time with the Children | The Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai Davis |
| Readings | Valerie Rhodes |
| Prayers of the People | Jenn Keenan |
| Rainbow Room Helper | Catriona Cairns |
| Library | Peter Franklin |
| Musician | Sandra and Tony Kirby |

On duty Sunday 24 December

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| Welcoming | Lynne and Brian Burrell |
| Sound | Tony Cowdry |
| Offering | Tony Pears |
| Readings | Lynne Dovey |
| Prayers of the People | Pat Booth |
| Communion | Lynne Dovey, Vhari McWha, Sandra and Tony Kirby, Kath Kerr, Janel Martin |
| Musician | Peter Franklin |

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 19th December 10am Sunday Gathering led by The Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai Davis followed by morning tea.

Christmas Eve - Friday 24th December led by TheRev. Dr. Jim Cunningham

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO REFRESHMENTS BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE. THE SERVICE WILL START AT 8:00PM.

Christmas Day - Saturday 25th December - 10am led by Fiona McDougal

Christmas 1 - Sunday 26th December - 10am led by Rev Ross Scott

Note: Cuppa and Chat resumes 12th January

Wednesday Lunchtime concerts resume 16th February at 12:15pm

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

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| 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 |
| 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 | Riah Tahana-Dawson |
| Centre Manager | Adelina Reis |
| Office Administrator | Jillene Everett |
| Facilities Assistant(s) | Matthias Barber and Evelyn Barber |
| Roster Coordinator | Pam Fuller |

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