



ORDER OF SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE **2021**



THE EYE OF THE STORM

*Congregational responses are printed in **bold**. We will sing the carols without announcement. Stand if you are able, but feel free to remain seated if that is more comfortable for you.*

During the service an offering will be gathered for the Christian World Service Christmas Gift Appeal.

The Service is conducted by The Rev Dr Jim Cunningham

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Peter Franklin

GATHERING

In this southern place
pohutukawa stands all year
green and murmuring
wind whipped
clinging to rocky shore lines.

Barbara Sampson (adapted)

But when pohutukawa breaks
glorious red
against a clear blue sky
to the roar of rolling surf
we know that Christmas has come.

Pohutukawa Christ,
you stand in our midst all year
singing your ever-green song of love.
But at Christmas you break out
blood-red, flesh soft
to the sound of a baby breathing.
Gift beyond description we welcome you!

Let us celebrate life in the presence we name God.



PROCESSIONAL HYMN

CH4 303 'It came upon the midnight clear'

Words Edmund H. Sears; Music (arr) Arthur Seymour Sullivan

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
with news of joy foretold.
"Peace on the earth, good will to all
From heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come,
love's banner all unfurled;
and still their heavenly music floats
over all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
old echoes plaintive ring,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.
3. For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever circling years
shall the time foretold;
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendours fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

E te whānau a te Karaiti
Ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa
Kia ora tātou

AN ADVENT WREATH LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

Lynne Dovey and Ben Gray

This **first candle of hope** we light is to remember those whom we have loved and lost.



(First candle is lit)

We pause to remember their name, their face,
their voice, the memory that binds them to us
in this season in the hope they will
continue to make a difference to our lives
May God's caring love surround them and us.

This **second candle of peace** we light is to mend the pain of loss; the loss of relationships, loss of jobs, loss of health and home.

(Second candle is lit.)



We pause to gather up the pain of the past
and offer it to God,
asking that we receive the gift of peace.

***Refresh, restore, renew us we pray,
and lead us peacefully into the future***

This **third candle of joy** we light is for ourselves.

(Third candle is lit.)



We pause to remember past weeks and months and
years:

the disbelief, anger and 'down' times,
the poignancy of reminiscing,
hugs and handshakes of family and friends,
who stood with us.

***Let us remember dawn defeats darkness
for 'joy comes in the morning'***

This **fourth candle of love** we light is to remember
the gift of love which the Christmas story offers us. (Fourth candle is
lit.)



We remember Creativity - God companions us,
sharing our life, Being -With -Us, Emmanuel
Let us look for new possibilities now, in the present.

***Spirit of God, calm our hearts
so we can hear your still, small voice.***

SILENCE

ST ANDREW'S SINGERS

Do you hear what I hear?

arr Emily Crocker

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We have waited with hope

for God to bring justice and righteousness.

We have waited with peace

for God's shalom to be felt.

We have waited with joy,

celebrating the things God has already done.

We have waited with love,

awed by how God's love has been shown to us.

Tonight we light this candle

to celebrate the light of God, coming into the world
in the birth of Jesus.

O God of hope and peace, joy and love:

from that stable so long ago

your light shines out

into every corner of the world.

Help us to sing with angels

of the joy of your coming.

Help us to live by your light not only today,

but throughout the whole year,

so that tidings of peace and goodwill to all

will truly transform everything.

PASSING THE PEACE

The Holy Child of peace has come to dwell among us!

Let us share the peace with one another.

Christ has come among us!

The peace of Christ

and the joy of Christmas

be always with you.

And also with you.



THE WORD IN TEXTS & MUSIC

Gospel

Luke 2: 1-7 Anne Manchester
The Birth

Luke 2: 8-14 Gavin Watson
The Angels

Luke 2: 15-20 Wendy Matthews
The Shepherds



Solo

Ella Briggs

Gesu Bambino

by
Pietro Yon

Contemporary Reading

Maxine Cunningham

Christine Robinson
UUA Worship Web

May this time together
lead us to the heart of the season, which is peace.
May we breathe deeply of peace in this safe place,
and let our hearts be open to the evening's story.
Like the wandering couple, may we find
that our greatest trials issue forth from our greatest joys.
Like the harried innkeeper, may we find
ways to be of help to others.
Like the lumbering beasts, may we be
silent witnesses to the unfathomable glory of life.
Like the shepherds on the hill, may we know
that we need never be afraid.
Like the journeying wise, may we always
have the courage to follow our stars.
Like the angels, may we cry peace to a troubled world.

St Andrew's Singers:

The First Nowell/ Pachelbel's Canon
arr Michael Clawson

RESPONSE

For the Word in scripture and music,
For the Word among us,
For the Word within us,
We give thanks

REFLECTION

Jim Cunningham

The Eye of the Storm

CAROL

CC52 'You are born in us again'

Words © 1996 Mark Wilson. Music arr. Shona Murray, descant Colin Gibson

1. You are born in us again.
Like the warmth of the summer wind you come,
to melt away the icicles of vanity and pride;
you come to blow the very doors of loving open wide.
Like the warmth of the summer wind you come, *(repeat last line)*
2. You are born in us again.
Like the scent of the summer rain you come.
You come to quench the thirsty and to freshen up the land;
you come to clean away the dust that's settled in our hand.
Like the scent of summer rain you come, *(repeat last line)*
3. You are born in us again.
Like the light of the summer sun you come,
to give light to the places that have never seen the Son:
you come now to embrace us, you're the holy, holy one.
Like the light of the summer sun you come, *(repeat last line)*

OFFERING FOR CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Pat Booth

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's table.

Wherever you are on your faith's journey, wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to, whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome to share in the communion. This is God's meal for all people.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

At this Table we give thanks for justice, love, peace and freedom.

At this Table we give thanks for friends and strangers together in community in this safe place.

For everyone born a place at the Table.

We are all invited.

COMMUNION HYMN

COC 14 (ii) 'Come now, Lord Jesus'

Words: © 1992 Shirley Murray Music: Traditional Zulu arr. Roy Tankersley

1. Come now, Lord Jesus,
enter our Christmas,
be to us no stranger
in this new made manger.
2. Come, small and human,
born of a woman,
yet a child much greater,
of our own Creator.
3. Come, cold and crying
comfort denying,
no place to receive you,
few yet to believe you.
4. Come, poor and simple,
our flesh your temple
in your body feeling
hurt as well as healing.
5. Come, gift and token,
bread to be broken —
star and sign still point you,
myrrh will anoint you.

THE STORY...

We remember the stories from our tradition....

How on many occasions Jesus would share a meal with friends.

Bread and wine, the very basics of life, shared in community.

How bread would be taken, a blessing offered, and then shared amongst them. And all ate.

How some wine would be poured out, a blessing offered, and then passed amongst them. All of them drank.

When they gathered in this way it was a time of concern, conversation and celebration.

The bread and the wine symbolised human lives interconnected with other human lives, and the power of giving and receiving.

We remember that on the night before his death he shared the Passover Meal with his disciples and gave the meal a new significance and purpose.

May the passion for life as seen in Jesus and in the lives and struggles of many other committed and faithful people then and now, enable us to dream and to risk....

Together may we re-imagine the world.

Together may we work to make all things new.

Together may we celebrate the possibilities and hope we each have and are called to share.

For everyone born, a place at the Table.

THE BREAD IS BROKEN

We break the bread for the broken Earth, ravaged and plundered for greed.

May there be healing for our beautiful blue and green planet.

We break the bread for our broken humanity, for the powerful and the powerless trapped by exploitation and oppression.

May there be healing for humanity.

We break the bread for those who follow other paths; who travel on a different road from us; those who think and act differently; those whose belief system is different to ours; those who see our world through different eyes of ethnicity and culture.

May there be healing where there is pain and woundedness.

We break this bread for the unhealed hurts and wounds that lie within us all.

May we, too, be healed.

THE WINE IS POURED

This is the cup of peace and of new life for all.
A sign of love for the community of hope.

***A reminder of the call
to live life fully,
to love wastefully,
and to be all that we can be.***

Come then, life-giving Spirit of our God,
brood over these bodily things,
and make us one body with Christ;
that we may no longer be in bondage
to the principalities and powers that enslave creation,
but may know your liberating peace
such as the world cannot give.

THE BREAD AND THE WINE ARE SHARED

The bread and wine will be served **AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH**. *During this "Covid Time" we celebrate Communion using **ONLY** gluten free bread. Wine is served in small glasses – the lighter colour is fermented wine – the darker colour grape juice)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***We give thanks
that we have gathered together
on this Christmas Eve
in this sacred place,
and that we have been refreshed at this meal.
We thank you for each person here.
We recommit to being your community
for each other
for our city
and our world. Amine***

CAROLS

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above the deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by:
yet in the dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship Christ, the newborn King
Come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!

To the weary comes refreshment,
To the grieving, strength and peace;
To the anxious, sweet contentment,
To the captive soul, release:
Come and worship.....

Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn king,
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'
Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn king.

Child of Christmas story, stable straw, and star,
small and sweet and gentle: tell us who you are.

Child whose baby finger round our own is curled,
come to melt our hearts, and come to change the world.

Child of Jew and Gentile, child of white and black –
teach us how to love you, teach us what we lack.

Child of Mary's courage, birthed in human pain,
tell us what your name is – be our hope again.

Joy to the world! A new age dawns.

It comes, shalom to bring

Let ev'ry heart prepare a room,

and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Graceful and true, the Saviour brings

compassion all may share

for poor and homeless, so may they find

their life becomes more fair, their life becomes more fair
their life, their life becomes more fair.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;

come and behold him born the king of angels:

O come let us adore him, o come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,

'Glory to God, glory in the highest'

O come let us adore him, o come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

THE CALL TO SERVICE *(standing)*

Go as far as your courage takes you,
for we cannot go beyond the reach of God.
Give as extravagantly as you may,
for we cannot spend all the riches of God.
Care as lavishly as you are able,
for we cannot exhaust the love of God.
Keep journeying and searching,
for God will always travel with us.

BLESSING & SUNG AMEN

May the love that gives to life its beauty,
the reverence that gives to life its sacredness,
and the purposes that give to life its deep significance
be strong within each of you
and lead you into ever deepening relationships
with all of life.
And the Grace.....

RECESSIONAL CAROL

Words: Shirley Murray, Music: Colin Gibson COC 7

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.

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.

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.

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.

ORGAN POSTLUDE



Thank you to everyone who participated in the service this evening and to Peter Franklin (organ) and Mark Stamper (piano)

Soloist Ella Briggs

the St Andrew's Singers

those who were welcomers

those who read

those who led prayers

those who served Communion

and all the others who contributed to this act of worship



Christmas Day 10am Gathering led by Fiona McDougal.

Sunday 26 December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Ross Scott

Sunday 2 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Pat Booth

Sunday 09 January led by Lois Robertson

HOLIDAY PASTORAL SUPPORT

First point of contact for pastoral care and any building issues
(in the case of an emergency dial 111):

24 December - 31 December: Lynne Dovey 029 279 8120

1 - 9 January: Katrina Harper 021 022 30535

From 10 January the office will be the first point of contact.



Jasper and Kezia arranged this nativity scene

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	Lynnette 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

On duty Christmas Day

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Ken Irwin
Musician	Peter Franklin

On duty Sunday 26 December

Welcoming	Michael Parker, Graham Howell
Sound/Laptop	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Offering	Bridet Martin, John Morgan
Readings	Ken Irwin
Prayers of the People	Lois Robertson
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Christmas Eve - Friday 24th December - 8:00pm led by

The Rev. Dr. Jim Cunningham

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

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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