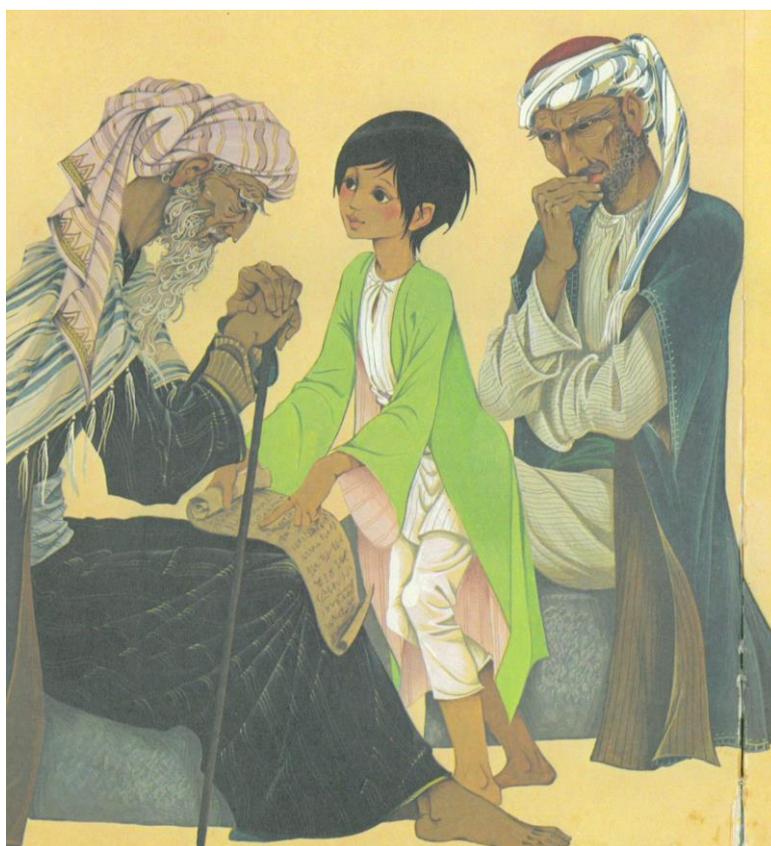


ORDER OF SERVICE

2 January 2022

Christmas 2



The boy Jesus in the temple

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 Pat Booth

PRELUDE

GATHERING

In this quiet space, we gather in community,
allowing the spirit born in a child to be known in us again
at this gentle time in silence and music and prayer.

SILENCE

Let us celebrate life in the presence we call God.

HYMN

'From Mother's Arms, We See the World'

based on the parable of the Lost Coin

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Music: O Waly Waly English melody, harmony John Weaver © 1990 Hope Publishing Co.

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1. From mother's arms, we see the world,
in mother's arms we look for food,
she gives us life, she holds us close,
and so may God be understood.
2. This God is home and warming hearth,
does not forget us when we leave,
is quick to welcome and embrace,
absorbs our pain when we must grieve.
3. God is the seeker of that coin,
the child she lost but longs to find,
the seamstress God who stitches peace
from all the tatters we've designed.

4. More than our minds can comprehend
more than our bodies can attest,
God is the love that mothers give
that every child be held and blessed.

WELCOME

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

A PRAYER FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

**Rev Kathleen McTigue
(Unitarian Association)**

The first of January is another day dawning, the sun rising as the sun always rises, the earth moving in its rhythms, with or without our calendars to name a certain day as the day of new beginning, separating the old from the new.

So it is: everything is the same, bound into its history as we ourselves are bound.

Yet we also stand at a threshold, the new year something truly new, still unformed, leaving a stunning power in our hands:

What shall we do with this great gift of Time, this year?

Let us begin by remembering that whatever justice, whatever peace and wholeness might bloom in our world this year, we are the hearts and minds, the hands and feet, the embodiment of all the best visions of our people.

The new year can be new ground for the seeds of our dreams.

Let us take the step forward together, on new ground, planting our dreams well, faithfully, and in joy.

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

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-19 is here we ask that you pass the peace without shaking hands.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Jenn Keenan

Gospel

Luke 2: 40 – 52

(Jesus in the temple)

Gospel

Luke 15: 8 – 10

(Parable of the lost coin)

Contemporary reading

'Troublesome Carol'

By Shirley Murray

It has always bothered me that "theology by rhyme" in the English language has led to Jesus being called "mild" and undefiled" (to rhyme with "child"), thus imprinting an idea of a youngster of limited and boring personality. The element in Jesus which shocked his disciples was surely his "troublesome" prophetic behaviour and his astonishing courage in being unconventional. This element, from before his birth to his death is what I am trying to capture.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

'The Christmas Child is a troublesome child'

"A Place at the Table" 38A

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1. The Christmas Child is a troublesome child,
as troublesome as the Word
that stirred the waters from the deep
and let God's voice be heard.
The Christmas Child is a spirited child
who questions given rule,
who flouts convention's pious face,
who laughs and plays the fool.
2. The Christmas Child is a generous child,
extravagant in excess,
who spends the coin of life and hope
to recreate and bless.
The Christmas Child is a dangerous child
when to a prophet grown,
whose vision takes a thorny path,
whose cross may be our own.
3. The Christmas Child is a troublesome child,
as troublesome as the Word
that stirred the waters from the deep
and let God's voice be heard.
The Christmas Child is a luminous child
whose peace the angels sing,
whose star no darkness overcomes,
whose life lights everything.

REFLECTION

'Mary's ponderings'

Pat Booth

HYMN

'I am standing waiting'

Words: © 1992 Shirley Murray, Hope Publishing Co.

Music: Au Clair de la Lune, Trad.

In every corner sing 43, Life into Life 62

1. I am standing waiting,
waiting at your door,
one of hunger's children
from a billion poor,
 though you cannot see me,
 though I am so small --
 listen to my crying,
 crying for us all.
2. I stand at your table
asking to be fed,
holding up my rice bowl,
begging for your bread,
 I stand at your schoolroom
 longing just to learn,
 hoping that you'll teach me
 ways to live and earn.
3. I stand at your clinic
begging for vaccine,
I stand at your wash place
where the water's clean,
 I stand at your office,
 beg the Heads of State,
 I am just a child, so
 I must hope and wait.
4. I stand in your churches,
listen to your prayers,
long to know a God who
understands and cares.
 If there is a God,
 a God who loves the poor,
 I'm still standing waiting,
 waiting at your door.

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

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.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Malaysia and Brunei and we pray for understanding between people of different faiths and religions. 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 Angie Warren-Clark and Helen White, list MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Shannon Co-operating Church, Foxton.

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

'We must leave home'

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Music Ron Klusmeier
A place at the table 41

Refrain

*We must leave home to feel the wind of the Spirit,
we must leave home to find our faith and to stir it!*

1. Taking the risky road that Jesus has travelled,
seeing the knotted threads of doctrine unravelled,
*We must leave home to feel the wind of the Spirit,
we must leave home to find our faith and to stir it!*
2. Better a tent than temple or institution
where there's no room for question or evolution,
*We must leave home to feel the wind of the Spirit,
we must leave home to find our faith and to stir it!*
3. We must leave home, but not alone in our seeking,
sharing new landscape, sharing new ways of speaking,
*We must leave home to feel the wind of the Spirit,
we must leave home to find our faith and to stir it!*
4. Courage will take us on to new exploration
leaving the robes and rules of old domination:
*We must leave home to find our faith and to stir it:
we must leave home to feel the wind of the Spirit!*

BLESSING

(Rev. Judith Walker-Riggs, Unitarian Minister)

May the power and the mystery go before us, to show us the way,
shine above us to lighten our world,
lie beneath us to bear us up,
walk with us and give us companionship,
and glow and flow within us to bring us joy. Amen

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Peter Franklin
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

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.

NOTES

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	Trish McBride, Jeni Bryant
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	Jenn and Barrie Keenan
Coffee/tea	Frank Cook, Sally Gray
Readings	Jenn Keenan
Prayers of the People	Cameron Smart
Library	Trish McBride
Musician	Peter Franklin

On duty Sunday 9 January

Welcoming	Lynnette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Cameron Smart
Offering	Tony Pears, Katrina Harper
Coffee/tea	Pam Fuller, Maxine Cunningham
Readings	Rosemary Lawrence
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 2 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Pat Booth

Sunday 9 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Lois Robertson

Note: Cuppa n Chat resumes on Wednesday 12th January 2022

Wednesday Lunchtime concerts resume 16th February 2022 at 12:15pm and

Centering Prayer in the Centre resumes on Thursday 3rd February at 12:30pm.

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 Coordinator	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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