



ORDER OF SERVICE

09 January 2022

Epiphany 1



The Arrival of the Magi

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 Lois Robertson Epiphany Sunday

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come from the busyness of life into this place of worship and peace.

***We gather here again for fellowship and to acknowledge your
presence.***

To the wise ones searching the night skies you gave them a star;
to the shepherds on the whispering hills you gave a voice;
to the fishermen working on the shore you gave greater work to be done.

What is your sign for us, O God?

Let us not be blind or deaf or resistant when you come.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 80 'Immortal, Invisible, God only wise'

Words: Walter Smith, Music: St Denio Welsh Melody, Public Domain

1. 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.
2. 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 the tree,
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

WELCOME

Kia ora tātou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

Dorothy McRae McMahan

O God, you are the gathering one
who calls us into community together
to love and work, support and heal.

You are the gathering one
who calls us into community with all people
to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.

You are the gathering one
who calls us into community with the whole creation
to live in harmony, to cherish and renew.

We worship you, the God who makes us one.

For our community gathered here

We give thanks.

For moments we have shared with others,
for times we have reached across barriers of distance and fear

We give thanks.

For weaving together out of many separate selves
this hour of celebration and reflection:

this beloved community of faith and hope

We give thanks.

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

Rosemary Lawrence

Hebrew Bible

Psalms 72: 10 – 15

New Testament

Matthew 2: 1-6

Contemporary reading

Searching for Identity and Founding the Church Vol 2

James Veitch.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a village to the south of Jerusalem in the area known as Judea. Herod the Great was King. Shortly after the birth, Astrologers from Persia arrived in Jerusalem searching for the child. They said that, according to their observations, the child was destined to eventually become the King of the Jews.

Their attention had been drawn to a star which they said had moved across the night sky and stopped over this part of Israel. They wanted to acknowledge and pay homage to the baby who would be king.

When Herod heard all this, he was very agitated and so was everyone else in the city of Jerusalem.

He asked all the chief priests and the scholars to meet with him and asked

“Where will the representative of God – the Messiah, the Christ – be born”?

He was told: *“At Bethlehem in Judea”.*

They quoted from Micah, one of the books in the Hebrew Bible

And you Bethlehem in the province of Judea

you are amongst the best in Judah!

From out of your town will come a leader,

who will care deeply for my people of choice

in the nation of Israel (5:1)

Herod called the astrologers to a secret meeting and asked them for details about the star they had seen. He then urged them to search carefully for this child in Bethlehem. He ordered:

“As soon as you find the child, come and tell me because I want to acknowledge him – just as you do”?

The astrologers listened to Herod and then left to continue their search, The star they had followed from Persia stopped over the building where the child was. The astrologers were glad to find the house and overjoyed with their success.

They entered and found the baby with Mary his mother.

They knelt before him and presented the gifts they had brought – gold pieces, sweet smelling incense and fragrant perfumes.

Because they had been warned in a dream not to report back to Herod, they returned to Persia using a different route.

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

Epiphany

Lois Robertson

COMMUNION HYMN

FFS 57 ‘Song of faith that sings forever’ vs 1-3

Words: Shirley Murray © Hope Publishing Co. 1999

Music: Abbeyfield Colin Gibson © Hope Publishing co. 1999

1. Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always, somewhere sounding,
though the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.

2. Song of faith in exaltation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
 song in chapel and cathedral,
 descant to our daily tone,
 song from sickbed or in prison,
 faith must often sing alone.
3. And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
 all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
 all who lift us to be strong,
 endless, endless are the voices
 of the faith that makes the song.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA 127 Take my gifts v1

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Music: ©1992 Colin Gibson Hope Publishing Co.

Take my gifts and let me love you
God who first of all loved me
gave me light and shelter
gave me life and set me free.
Now because your love has touch me
I have love to give away,
now the bread of love is rising
loaves of love to multiply

OFFERING PRAYER

We give these gifts in gratitude for what we have,
grateful that we can share

Amen

We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table, and those which wing their way electronically on r 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 Mali and the Church of the Province of West Africa. 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 Chris Penk (Kaipara ki Mahurangi) and Willow-Jean Prime (Northland). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Gisborne Presbyterian Parish.

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

FFS 63 'These Hills'

Words and music by Colin Gibson

Words and music © 1998 Hope Publishing Company

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.

BLESSING

So our worship ends
and we return to the busyness of life.

***But our God goes with us;
we will not be overwhelmed by living.***

The Lord is truly with us
and the peace of God is freely given.

***May we be granted strength
to know when we are weak,
the courage to call for help
and the faith to trust in God***

In that, may God's blessing be with you

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Judy Dumbleton

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

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

AVAILABILITY FOR ROSTERS FOR FEBRUARY TO MARCH

A reminder for those who help on our rosters that we will be putting together a new roster for the period February to March shortly. If you have any dates during this period that you know you will be away please notify the office at office@standrews.org.nz by 17th January. Thank you.

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

HOLIDAY PASTORAL SUPPORT

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

1 - 9 January: Katrina Harper 021 022 30535

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

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	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

On duty Sunday 16 January

Welcoming	Valerie and Alan Rhodes
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Graham Howell, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	David Douglas, Janet Horncy
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Cationa Cairns
Library	Ann Barrie
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 9 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Lois Robertson. followed by Followed by lunch out at a nearby café.

Wednesday 12th January:

10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

Sunday 16 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Sandra and Tony Kirby followed by Congregational Conversation .

Note: 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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