



Hato Anaru o Te Parehua Founded 1840

# **O**RDER OF **S**ERVICE

13 February 2022

## **Epiphany 6**



Rangi and Papa

The stories we live by

## 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 Lynne Dovey and Ben Gray

## PRELUDE

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come into the calm. As we set our busy thoughts to one side, we draw together as a Spirit community to reflect on stories ancient and modern Let us look around at our world. Let us celebrate life in the presence we name God. Let us trust in life itself.

## SILENCE

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

 Light of lights beholden we from days of olden sang this song for to understand that peace upon this planet was pledged to come. Each to other, sister, brother, born for life and song,

## AA89 'Light of Lights Beholden'

Indigo II—Words & music by Jenny McLeod ©1983

- Darkness all around us, light has always found us, light will come where the dark is deepest, greater light will keep us safe from harm. Troubled times will always find a voice of trouble doom,
- (Chorus) Look towards the light and carry on: let the simple heart and hope among us keep our family strong, let the simple heart and hope among us keep our family strong.

## WELCOME

Whakataka te hau ki te uru Whakataka te hau ki te tonga Kia mākinakina ki uta Kia mātaratara ki tai E hī ake ana te atakura He tio, he huka, he hau hū **Tihei mauri ora!**  (English translation for information only) Cease the winds from the west Cease the winds from the south Let the breeze flow over the land Let the breeze flow over the ocean Let the red tipped dawn come with a sharpened air A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day The breath of life!

Tena koutou, Tena koutou, Tena tātou katoa *Kia ora* 

## PRAYER

Protector God, we gather under this roof mindful of 182 years of the St Andrew's story here in Whanganui-a-tara. We give thanks that soon we will enter a new chapter in our own story, with the arrival of our new minister.

Creator God, we understand our need to cast our minds more widely to the whole country and the entire world to understand the stories which have shaped our pathways to the present day.

Hopeful God, help us to recognise that the global change needed to protect the earth and all its creatures and our societies is now part our of our 21st century story.

May we act as if our lives depended on it, because they do.

## God of all life, hear our prayer.

## 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 CHILDREN

## **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 pass the peace without shaking hands.

## THE WORD IN TEXTS

## **Hebrew Bible**

## **Contemporary reading**

## from 'Maori Philosophy: indigenous thinking from Aotearoa 2020'

By GT Stewart

At the heart of the Māori world is Papatūānuku, the primordial mother earth deity. Above is Ranginui, the primordial father sky deity. Their many children are guardians of various domains, including Tangaroa, god of the sea, Tāwhirimātea, god of winds, Haumiatiketike, god of wild foods, and Rongomatane, god of cultivated food, especially kūmara, hence 'god of peace'. Tūmatauenga is god of war, but the most important brother for humans is Tanemahuta (also known as Tāne, or sometimes Tāne-nui-a-Rangi), ancestor of mankind and all the trees, birds, insects and other land animals and plants. It was Tane who managed to separate their parents in the first place, to end their millennia-long tight

Ellen Murray

## Marilyn Wallace

Jeremiah 17: 5-10

embrace, with all their children crouched in the dark between them, and allow the light of day to enter the world. Tāne planted the trees of the forest and filled them with the birds and other living things. Tāne cloaked his father Ranginui with the night sky, adorned it with the stars, and begat humanity with Hineahuone, the primordial female ancestor god, whom he fashioned from clay. Tāne ascended to the heavens and returned with the three baskets of knowledge for humankind. The rain is likened to the tears of love from Rangi to Papa, and the mists her sorrowful sighs in return. The youngest unborn brother is Rūaumoko, god of earthquakes and volcanoes. When he moves inside his mother's belly, the earth shakes and rumbles: perhaps in the twenty-first century his time draws near?

## RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

## 'The stories we live by'

**Ben Gray** 

## HYMN:

WOV 672 Where the road runs out

Words and Music: © 1992 Colin Gibson

 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.

 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.....

 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 .....

## AFFIRMATION

**Rex AE Hunt (adapted)** 

Storytelling God, who speaks to us in myths and legends and parables, may we find ourselves in those stories and grow through them. May our hearts be touched with wonder so we can see ourselves more clearly in our fullness and complexity.

## A new year has begun. Life goes on.

Babies are born and we dedicate ourselves to them.

People die and we celebrate their lives, laughing and crying as we grieve our loss.

Marriages and partnerships are formed and blessed.

## Our lives go on.

Through stories everywhere we understand that it is the task of humankind to protect the earth and all that live on it.

We hear constantly about plastic in our oceans, the plundering of earth's riches, destruction of our forests and spoiling of our waterways.

## We pray for life to go on for future generations and so we must act now.

Our time in this sacred place tries to hold it all together:

the joys and the sorrows,

the pleasure and the pain,

the fullness and the emptiness,

the challenges and the gains.

## God of Life, may our coming together bear witness to the power of love, and the possibility of community to protect our future.

## **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

## **OFFERING HYMN**

## AA 127 'Take my gifts' verse 3

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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 heart 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 say together Take these gifts as a sign that we value community. We give what we can in order to share what we have in God's name. 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**

#### Pat Booth

#### **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

We think today of the people of Myanmar and the Myanmar Council of Churches. 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 the Hon Jenny Salesa (Panmure-Ōtāhuhu) and the Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Kelston) list MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St John's Presbyterian Church, Hastings.

#### **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 115 'Purea nei e te hau'

Purea nei e te hau Horoia e te ua Whitiwhitia e te rā Mahea ake ngā pōraruraru Makere ana ngā here.

E rere wairua, e rere Ki ngā ao o te rangi Whitiwhitia e te rā Mahea ake ngā pōraruraru Makere ana ngā here, Makere ana ngā here. Words and music © 2018 Hirini Melbourne

(English translation for information only) Scattered by the wind washed by the rain and transformed by the sun, all doubts are swept away and all restraints are cast down.

Fly O free spirit, fly to the clouds in the heavens, transformed by the sun, with all doubts swept away and all restraints cast down. Yes, all restraints are cast down.



#### **BLESSING**

#### **SUNG AMEN**

POSTLUDE

## March from "Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg"

by Richard Wagner (1813-1883)

## THANK YOU

## Peter Franklin (organ) and Mike Wespel Rose (guitar)

our musicians 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 nember, 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

## SUNDAY SERVICE – 20 February – 182 YEARS ON

On 21 February 1840, one hundred and twenty-two Scottish immigrants (89 adults and 33 children) arrived at Petone on board the ship the Bengal Merchant.

Among them was the Rev John Macfarlane, their minister, often referred to as the founder or forerunner of Presbyterianism in New Zealand. We regularly mark this event sometimes called Founders Day, with a special service. This year I will be leading the service in St Andrew's and it will be a musical one. If you have a favourite hymn that might have been sung by these hardy settlers, please let me know and I will endeavour to include it in the service. Thank you. Rosemary Lawrence <u>rosel@actrix.co.nz</u>

## A TOUCH OF TARTAN? Sunday 20 February - Founders Day Service

A reminder that the Service will be a musical one, so if you have a favourite hymn which that might have been sung by the Rev John Macfarlane and his flock please let me know. ALSO to add to the flavour of the day, if you have an item of clothing or jewellry with a scottish or 1840s connection please wear it this Sunday - a tartan scarf, a brooch, a kilt, ladies ... a hat? Thank you. Rosemary Lawrence <u>rosel@actrix.co.nz</u> or 021 2035 2612

## LIBRARY NEWS

There was a program I heard on national radio at 9.30 on my way to church last Sunday. About the Treaty of Waitangi. I feel it has salutary lessons and reminders for us all. This is a description of the program below. Under that, hold down control and click the link below to hear the program replayed.

"The way we as a nation mark Waitangi Day has itself gone through quite the transformation. Today, of course, the grounds are largely silent. But over generations, it's been a scene of carnivals and protests; reflection and commemoration; celebration and grievance. For much of the past 188 years, it wasn't marked at all. It wasn't until the 20th century that it started to be seen as a day to remember - although just how has proved contentious. Māori News reporter Jamie Tahana dove into the sound archive, to trace how Waitangi Day has changed in shape and appearance."

https://www.rnz.co.nz/audio/player?audio\_id=2018829501

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	Lois Robertson, Graham Howell	
Sound and Laptop	Sonia Groes-Petrie	
Laptop	Cameron Smart	
Offering	Katrina Harper, Graham Howell	
Coffee/tea	Richard Owen, Pam Fuller, Sue Hirst	
Time with the Children	Ellen Murray	
Readings	Marilyn Wallace	
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth	
Rainbow Room Helper	Lois Robertson	
Library	Catriona Cairns	
Musician	Peter Franklin	
On duty Sunday 20 February		
Welcoming	Michael Parker and Pam Fuller	
Sound	Frank Cook	
Laptop	Hamish Dick	
Offering	Bridget Martin, John Morgan	
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Janet Hornsby, Graham Howell	
Time with the Children	Cameron Smart	
Readings	Lois Robertson	
Prayers of the People	Ellen Murray	
Rainbow Room Helper	Fionnaigh McKenzie	
Library	Ann Barrie	
Musician	Judy Dumbleton	
This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's		

**Sunday 13 February 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Lynne Dovey & Ben Gray followed by morning tea (not brunch).

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February:

**12:15pm** - Wednesday Lunchtime Concert - TAIORO – NZ Chamber Music with Poetry, Viola, Cello and Piano (Sharn Maree Cassady, Donald Maurice, Inbal Megiddo and Sherry Grant)

Note: Cuppa and a Chat will be suspended for the time being.

**Sunday 20 February 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rosemary Lawrence followed by congregational conversation.

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
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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