



Hato Anaru o Te Parehua Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

15 May 2022

Easter 5



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.

Printed copies of the reflection are available at the back of the church for people with extreme hearing loss. For others they can be picked up at the end of the Gathering.

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 Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us acknowledge the awesome mystery embodied in every person.

Through us God comes to unique and personal expression.

Let us give thanks for the abundance of life on this earth.

Through it we and all creatures may be nourished.

SILENCE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

FFS 63 'These Hills'

Words and music by Colin Gibson Words and music © 1998 Hope Publishing Company

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.

- 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.
- 3. 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.

GATHERING

I believe, I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining.

I believe in love, even when feeling it not.

I believe in God even when God is silent.

Let us celebrate life in the presence we name God

WELCOME

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

Kia ora tātou.

Talofa lava

Talofa

PRAYER

God who gathers us in and sends us out, welcoming and challenging God...we pray for all who gather in your name today, where worship is offered in different traditions in places far away from here; in small rooms as well as ancient abbeys, in hospital wards, prison chapels, in the here and now — may they find companionship, share bread for the journey.

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

The rainbow candle represents the inclusive nature of our church where all are welcome and also celebrates our children.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Cameron Smart

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

John Harper

Hebrew Bible Psalm 148

Gospel/New Testament

Acts 11:1-18

Contemporary reading

Reflection

by Adrienne Coleman

If my eyes work, may I see the beautiful things in life.

From the ladybirds on the roses to the mighty snow capped mountain peaks.

From a tiny, newborn baby to an old man on his deathbed,

from a snail in the garden to the tiger in the zoo

thank you for my sense of sight.

If my ears work, may I hear the interesting songs of life.

The songs of birds and the children's laughter.

Wonderful music and conversation,

cries for help and praise for ourselves

thank you for my sense of hearing.

If my legs work, may I enjoy walking, running, skipping and jumping through life. Move me to the coast to feel the grainy sand and wade through the refreshing water,

to skip through the crunchy autumn leaves, and may I feel the textures of home, the wooly carpet, cold tiles and tickly grass, cotton socks, cool sheets and leather shoes.

Thank you for my healthy limbs.

If my hands work, help me appreciate the ordinary tasks of life, the dressing, cleaning, feeding and patting of my pets, all the crafts I can do and the children I can hold, the weeds I can dig and the plants I can grow, the tasks I can do for others in need.

Thank you for my hands that give independence.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN: WOV 561 'Kneels at the feet of his friends'

Words: Tom Colvin (c. 1965) and people of Ghana; Music: Ghana Folk Melody

 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet: master who acts as a slave to them.

> Yesu, Yesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.

2. Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we were slaves: this is the way we should live with you *Yesu*, *Yesu*,

Yesu, Yesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.



REFLECTION

"FORBIDDEN FOOD"

Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

HYMN

AA 100 'Now to your table spread'

Words: Shirley Erena Murray Music: "Love Unknown" John Ireland

- 1. Now to your table spread we come, each one, in faith that you alone provide the words of life and death: in wine and bread, in promised food we find your loving heart, O God.
- 2. Hands of the world stretch out, your mystery to touch in longing to believe a truth beyond our reach, to sing in joy, to cry in grief, to know your meaning in our life.
- 3. Here is our common wealth in sharing what is good, as though all humankind around one table stood, this bread to break, this wine to taste one people in the name of Christ.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

'Give thanks for life'

Words © Shirley Murray, verse 4 (AA 45) Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams (CH4 736&WOV 384)

Give thanks for hope,
that like the wheat, the grain
that lies in darkness
does its life retain
in resurrection
to grow green again, Alleluia! Alleluia!

OFFERING PRAYER

Compassionate God, who calls all people to be one family, teach us to share your gifts with each other, strengthen us to make peace by working together, and challenge us with a vision of the feast where all are welcome. 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

Ken Irwin

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Philippines and Christian World Service Partners in the Philippines working to improve family health and nutrition, income generation and community participation in vulnerable rural areas. 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 Tim van de Molen (Waikato) and Tangi Utikere (Palmerston North). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Levin Uniting Church.

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

WOV 658 'Let us talents and tongues employ'

Words: Frederik Herman Kaan Music: Linstead (Jamaican Folk Melody

 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy; bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again,
earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around:
loaves abound.

 Christ is able to make us one; at his table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

Jesus lives again,
earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around:
loaves abound.

3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God-Immanuel everywhere.

Jesus lives again,
earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around:
loaves abound.

SUNG BLESSING

FFS 49 'May the God of new beginnings'

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May the God of new beginnings start with you and me. May the God of continuing story speak through you and me. May the God of infinite wisdom shine in you and me. May the God of safe homecomings welcome you and me.

AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU Bruce Corkill

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 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 has introduced a COVID response package which includes some temporary changes to street parking in the city. On Saturday and Sunday the time limit for most metered parks has been extended to 180 minutes, 8am-8pm (compared to weekdays 8am-5pm when it is 120 minutes but extends to 180 minutes 5-8pm). The weekend charge had been reduced to \$1/hour. This change is set to run from 21 March to 30 June 2022. 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

CONCERTINA DIVIDER DOOR BETWEEN CONFERENCE ROOMS 1 AND 2

If you have booked Conference Rooms 1 and 2 for a function or event please check with Adelina about how to operate the door prior to the event when you make the booking. Please don't attempt to open or close it unless you have been shown how it works. If the door is not operated correctly it jams and this can result in considerable damage which could incur expensive repair or replacement costs. This would impact on our ability to rent out these rooms which are very popular. Neither of these scenarios is desirable at the best of times but they would be especially challenging at present when we are running a large deficit due to COVID.

If the door does jam on your watch please get in touch with Adelina as soon as possible to advise her.

ROSTERS FOR JUNE TO JULY

Please let us know if you are interested in helping with the weekly services e.g. Welcoming, Offering and Morning tea.

A reminder for those who help on our rosters that we will be putting together a new roster for the period June to 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 May. Thank you.

JAMS, JELLIES, CHUTNEYS FUNDRAISER

We will have a sales table at morning tea in the Hall on Sunday, 22nd May. Stock up your pantry and bring some CASH. If you have some surplus full jars of jam you can donate, please contact Sue Hirst or Maxine Cunningham. No empty jars needed at this stage.

SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON ZOOM APRIL 27-29, 2022

Theme: Empowering Generations

St Andrew's on The Terrace attendees: Paul Barber and Margaret Rushbrook as commissioners; Marilyn Wallace as Acting-Convenor of the Book of Order Committee Those interested in information should go online to https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/about-us/general-assembly/special-assembly-2022

where you can find :-

- The three succinct, but fairly full, daily **Special Assembly News** bulletins.
- All the <u>short videos</u> that were played during the Special Assembly: the Opening Service led by the Moderator, Right Rev Hamish Galloway; Presbyterian Children and Families Ministry; Presbyterian Youth Ministry; A Rocha – Eco Church NZ; Presbyterian Church Schools; Presbyterian Support NZ; parish case studies of our churches' ministry throughout NZ during Covid
- The full two and a half days of Special Assembly proceedings as recorded on <u>You</u> Tube.

There may be opportunity for questions/discussion at the next Congregational Conversation (Sunday 15th May).

SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION GROUP RELAUNCH

With the move along the light spectrum from Red to Orange we are able to relaunch the Social Justice Education Group.

Sunday 22 May is the fourth Sunday, and our own Frank Cook will present some videos about how a local community can help with climate change, be it waste reduction, regeneration, emission reduction. We meet after morning tea; 11:45am-1pm.

June is 26th is Refugee Sunday and I hope to get someone from the refugee community. I am aware our borders have been closed to refugees, our Government and Australia have finally resolved the issue of people from Manus and Nauru being able to settle here, and even after settlement, feeling welcome cannot always be assumed just because somewhere like St Andrew's is inclusive.

At some point in the year I want to try and see if we can visit Zealandia, either actually or virtually, and we have the local body elections happening, and I also want to see how we as a Peace Church can respond to the victims of war - not only in Ukraine but elsewhere. If you have ideas, please contact me. Graham Howell

SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS

Parish Council is looking for volunteers to run Spirited Conversations this year now that Tony Kirby and Janet Martin have stepped aside.

Thanks Tony (and Sandra) and Janet for all your hard work and some very interesting sessions with guest speakers.

Fei has some ideas for speakers and I am sure others will have too. We need someone/s - preferably 2 or 3 people - to help with arrangements including creating a meal if that is what people would like to continue doing. The other option is to dispense with the meal and have an evening session with a cup of tea and a biscuit.

Sue and Fei will raise this matter in Congregational Conversation on Sunday 15 May to seek your feedback and gauge your level of interest.

Spirited Conversations usually runs once a month from May till September or October. At this stage there are no bookings made.

Lynne, Parish Council Convenor

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)

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

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

St Ronan's Presbyterian Church, Eastbourne, is hosting a chamber music concert on tonight, **May 15**, 4pm. Trio Muritai comprises flautist Rebecca Steel, cellist Roger Brown and pianist Rosemary Barnes playing three pieces from the German romantic repertoire. More information and ticketing from parish clerk Sandy Lang on slang@xtra.co.nz.

FLINN WORKS PRESENT: GLOBAL BELLY (Zoom)

An interactive online performance about transnational surrogacy

The unfulfilled desire to have children drives couples from Germany and Switzerland abroad. They entrust surrogates in India, the US and Ukraine to deliver their children. These 'intending parents' duck legal boundaries and enter unknown moral ground. Flinn Works has undertaken research in all five countries in order to gain a deeper understanding of gestational surrogacy. Is it a blessing of modern medicine or a neocolonial act? Is bearing the child of a stranger work or charity? How do we compensate this 'labour of love'? Since transnational surrogacy became illegal in countries such as India and Thailand, follicles, embryos and surrogates are being flown around the globe. Where the desire for a child meets biotechnology, children will find a way into the world. So they exist and they need passports. But which ones? *Global Belly* portrays people embroiled in the surrogacy industry. Professional agents meet content surrogates and argumentative feminists encounter loving fathers-to-be. With its ethical complexity and emotional polarisation, its legal grey zones and its medical realities the industry comes alive on the Zoom stage.

The performance is interactive. Audiences are kindly requested to participate from a laptop or desktop with camera and microphone.

Date: Saturday, 21 May, 8pm (NZ time)

Language: ENGLISH

Duration: 90 Minutes followed by Q&A

flinnworks.de/en

Performance Anne Hoffmann, Matthias Renger, Sonata, Crystal Travis, Jennifer Lynn Tune, Lea Whitcher Direction Sophia Stepf Research & Text Team Global Belly Consultation Dr. Anika König Costume Design Philine Rinnert Music Jörg-Martin Wagner Video Design Marc Jungreithmeier Zoom Host Konradin Kunze Production Assistant Alice Harrison Production Management Marit Buchmeier, Lisanne Grotz / xplusdrei Produktionsbüro The 2021 Zoom Performance is a Flinn Works and SOPHIENSÆLE Production. The 2022 shows are funded by Fonds Darstellende Künste as part of Neustart Kultur using funds from the German Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media.

Further information and trailer:

https://www.goethe.de/ins/nz/en/ver.cfm?event_id=22818898

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	Lynette and Brian Burrell		
Sound	Tony Cowdry		
Laptop	Margaret Rushbrook		
Offering	Fiona McDougal, John Morgan		
Coffee/tea	Jenny and Gavin Watson, Lois Robertson		
Time with the Children	Cam Smart		
Readings	John Harper		
Prayers of the People	Ken Irwin		
Rainbow Room Helper	Ellen Murray		
Library	Catriona Cairns		
Musician	Bruce Corkill		

On duty Sunday 22 May		
Welcoming	Maxine and Jim Cunningham	
Sound and laptop	Sue Hirst	
Offering	Graham Howell, Kath Kerr	
Coffee/tea	Laura and Melissa van Echten, Sally Gray	
Time with the Children	Ellen Murray	
Readings	Pat Booth	
Prayers of the People	Lois Robertson	
Rainbow Room Helper	Fionnaigh McKenzie	
Library	Gillian Feist	
Musician	Peter Franklin	

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 15th May 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by congregational conversation

Wednesday 18th May:

10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm - Wednesday Lunchtime Concert - Baroque Ensemble: two flutes,

bassoon & harpsichord

Thursday 19th May: Lunchtime Concert – Guitar Students of the NZSM

Sunday 22nd May: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Social Justice Education Group.

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 and Younger members' (Y) group meets after morning tea/brunch.

3rd Sunday Congregational Conversation

4th Sunday Social Justice Education Group

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

Minister	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
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	Vacant
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
Office Administrator	Jillene Everett
Facilities Assistant(s)	Hayes Francis and Matthias Barber
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller

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