

ORDER OF SERVICE

25 September 2022

Creation 4 - Pentecost 16

Liturgy for the Celebration of Life



Honour the mind, Live the questions, Explore the adventure of humanity

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 Rev Doug Lendrum

PRELUDE

"Nimrod" Sir E. Elgar (1857–1934)

In honouring the mind, one begins the journey toward Christian wholeness with a life-changing recognition of the power of one's own choices.

Being able to arrive at the end of one's life, rejoicing present, and increasing the measure of freedom so that one can live more fully.

Exploring the adventure of Humanity is about enjoying an unshakable Christian love, walking with confidence into the future and doing it in divine intimacy.

GATHERING

To be at home on our own ground
our minds reach below the horizon,
we descend below the light-fall
off ridge and steep to seek the valley floor
and receive the false calm
from lives of the dead, we ask
as if they will awaken
our comfort to give.

We stand in awe and listen but fail to hear
the creek and the woods cry.

We hear the birds sing high in the wind
and choose the beat of our own footsteps.

Our sight sees what it wants.

The old man still leans on his cane,
the old woman busy still
works out a selflessness of love.

They were our teachers
and we listen no more.

In these early days we call Springtime, we remember the storms of the cold, the storms of the heat, the storms of life in all their forms and we give thanks for the opportunity we have to worship and celebrate this day. May we be surrounded with a very real sense of the sacred as we spend this time seeking together.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Let All the Beauty

Words: Dana McLean Greeley, Tune: 'Danby', LM

1. Let all the beauty we have known illuminate our hearts and minds.
Rejoice in wonders daily shown, in faith and joy, and love that binds.
2. We celebrate with singing hearts the loveliness of sky and earth,
the inspiration of the arts, the miracle of ev'ry birth.
3. Life's music and its poetry surround and bless us through our days.
For these we sing in harmony, together giving thanks and praise.

SILENCE

WELCOME

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

Kia ora tātou.

Talofa lava.

Talofa.

PRAYER OF AWARENESS

The spirit of Creativity God has hovered over the waters... and today we invite the elements of the storm to gather with us.

The wild winds and the dark clouds, the lightning flash and the thunder roll.

We invite the hurricane to join us in wonder:

the fierce gales and blinding rains, the crashing waves and swaying trees.

But with our invitation we note that we have questions.

Where is Creativity God in all of this? In the storm? In the cyclone? In the tsunami?

In the thunder of the storm,
or in the stillness after the storm?

There is a song in creation.
It has always been the gift:
the gift of every voice
oft unsung by most.

Listen again to hear the song:
its changes and its returns,
life passing into life,
a moment when earth and song and mind
become living and dead as one.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

We light the rainbow candle to show that we are an inclusive community and also for our children.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Ellen Murray

BLESSING THE CHILDREN (*All stand*)

Sung as they go to the Rainbow room to hear stories, ask questions and have fun together.

HYMN

We Are the Earth...

Words: Kenneth L Patton, Tune: 'Ein' Feste Burg'

1. We are the earth upright and proud; in us the earth is knowing.
Its winds are music in our mouths, in us its rivers flowing.
The sun is our hearthfire; warm with the earth's desire,
and with its purpose strong, we sing earth's pilgrim song;
in us the earth is growing.
2. We lift our voices, fill the skies with our exultant singing.
We dedicate our minds and hearts, to order, beauty bringing.
Our labour is our strength; our love will win at length;
our minds will find the ways to live in peace and praise.
Our day is just beginning.

THE PEACE

"Peace be with you"

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

Margaret Rushbrook

Hebrew Bible

Jeremiah 8: 18–9: 1

Intro: 'Is this loss of joy a loss of imagination?'

Contemporary reading

Intro: 'Why is this post Covid storm a time for imagination?'

The Australian musician Nick Cave said of Covid –

"Together we have stepped into history and are now living inside an event unprecedented in our lifetime. Every day the news provides us with dizzying information that a few weeks before would have been unthinkable. What deranged and divided us a month ago, seems, at best, an embarrassment from an idle and privileged time. We have become eyewitnesses to a catastrophe that we are seeing unfold from the inside out. We are forced to isolate – to be vigilant, to be quiet, to watch and contemplate the possible implosion of our civilization in real time...."

Gospel Reading

Luke 16: 1 – 13

Intro: Given that the master is not a metaphor for 'God' and that the economic system presumed by the parable is not capitalism. And given that all parables have a concern for what God's Reign might look like, 'Imagination is required for interpretation'

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION:

Rev Doug Lendrum

**'Storm as Precursor to Life and
the Art of Imagination'**

HYMN

Imagining Stars

Words: G Stuart Tune: 'Stuttgart'. 87.87

1. When, at night, the stars shine on us
light years from our tiny earth,
songs and psalms provoke the questions
of our fragile human worth
2. These gigantic specks are burning
balls of fire, as at play;
stars in billions share their light and

thus create a Milky Way.

3. We still gaze in raw amazement,
contemplating timeless space;
numberless, the stars keep stories
hidden from our human race.
4. Tiny holes in heaven's flooring
letting light beyond shine through;
stars invite us to imagine
what it is we cannot view.
5. Myst'ry stride across the canvas
of the picture we might paint;
sacredness is grandly present;
let us praise without restraint.

THE OFFERING

"Hyfrydol" R Prichard (1811 - 1887)

People remain standing as the offering is brought forward and placed at the front.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for imagination as the catalyst for valuing the old and inviting us to risk the new. We give thanks for the opportunities in the early morning, to greet the day. To notice the sunrise, sky, and the weather. To take a few deep breaths and step outside, breathe in the air, and take in the sights and sounds. We give thanks that we can notice if birds or other natural neighbours are out and about. We can visit with plants and see what they're up to, and we can even care and tend them a bit, all as well as walk or exercise within the creation. We give thanks for imagination as an alternative to a world with cell phones, things to do, money to make, problems to solve, conflicts to avoid, and we can imagine a world of peace, adventure, wonder and beauty. We can welcome ambiguity, difference, struggle, storm, unfairness, inequity and value the flower's beauty, the unexpected change, the unlikely outcome. We can marvel at the complexity without fear.

We give thanks for the choices we have to act differently in the interests of the plants, trees, or water; we can choose not to increase our carbon footprint, we can choose to see and love the natural and the beautiful and the immediacy of the natural world around us. We can enjoy meals that have no harmful waste,

that are wonderful in taste, texture and aroma. We can give thanks for those who share our lives with us.

We give thanks for the sunset, the moon, and the night sky. We can take time to sit outside to observe them and feel the night air remembering the gifts we received from the Earth that day and maybe even read a few poems that invite us into the natural world and to share our discoveries with a loved one something we are grateful for, or perhaps an experience from your day. Amen.

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

Wendy Matthews

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Sweden and the Christian Council of Sweden. We hold all refugees in our hearts. We pray in particular for the 122 refugees still detained in 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 James McDowall (list) and Nicole McKee (list). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the Pahiatua - St Paul's Union Church (Presbyterian-Methodist).

COMMUNITY PRAYER

God - heart of the world:

***revealed through every aspect of creation:
understood through our awareness.***

***May we honour the holiness of creation and act accordingly
so that your love is reflected in the way we live.
May we always be thankful for the food we eat***

and the friends we have.

May we forgive those who transgress against us

and be forgiven for our own.

*In the freedom of love may we live as your heartbeat
and not be compromised by hesitation.*

*Through our freedom, may your justice
be seen and heard and experienced
forever and ever.*

HYMN

Hurricane, WOV 431

Words: Andrew Pratt Tune: 'Martyrdom'

1. The mingled tears of memory,
of present grief and fear,
reminders for humanity
that death is always near.
2. The hurricane, the tidal wave,
the terrorist attack,
that fracture faith, unsettle hope,
can cause belief to crack.
3. For where is God? And what is love
within this finite frame,
where life is trampled underfoot,
destroyed by winds that maim?
4. Can God be found in broken lives,
where chaos seems to rule?
Forsaken on a cross Christ hung,
made wisdom look a fool.
5. His broken hands reach out to heal,
through human hands today;
compassion sees the need for love
and God still makes a way.
6. And so, amid these mingled tears
we cling to those who care,
and in the silence come to feel
the love of God is there.

WORDS OF PARTING

Remembering again the elements – storm and silence, we shall imagine how to care for our Pale Blue Dot called Earth.

We will wonder at the elements around us and imagine our future.

We will protect those of our fauna kin and imagine a new relationship.

We will empathize with the Oceans and imagine our interdependence.

We will be sensitive to the cries of creation and imagine a new Jerusalem.

We will imagine and celebrate life!

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

“St. Clement”/Fanfare/God Save The King

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.

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

COMBINED SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION GROUP WITH THE WIDER ST ANDREW'S CONGREGATION

After morning tea, Sunday 25 September, 11.45 am – 1 pm, in the Church Hall. The aim is to discuss the Eco-Church movement and get an indication of how we as a congregation feel about joining St Andrew's to this movement. Information can be

found on the EcoChurchNZ website (<https://www.ecochurch.org.nz>) . There is a self-assessment worksheet on the site (<https://www.ecochurch.org.nz/self-assessment-worksheet>) which gives an idea of areas in which we might take action, whatever we may decide. We need a good turnout if we are to get a clear picture of where the community stands on this. For more information, have a chat with Sue Hirst or Margaret Rushbrook.

EXPLORING FAITH READINGS

Chapters 4 & 5 for Exploring Faith (2 October) will be available for collection in the north vestry from Sunday the 25th. It really helps the discussion of you've read it before the session.

Sue Hirst

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

It's that time of year when we write the annual report in preparation for reporting to you the members of the congregation at the AGM, to the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, and to the Charities Services.

Various members of Parish Council and others have been working hard on the report. This includes preparing the financial statements so they can go to the auditor for review.

The financial review is carried out in September and October and we expect the reviewers' report in late October or early November.

Accordingly we give notice that the Annual General Meeting of St Andrew's on The Terrace will be held on Sunday 13 November 2022, following morning tea. The meeting is usually held in the church and we will confirm this closer to the time.

Lynne Dovey

Parish Council Convenor on behalf of Parish Council

"PREPARING FOR DEATH AND DYING" WORKSHOP

St Andrews on the Terrace Conference Centre.

Sunday 16th October 1pm-4pm.

As part of our response to the recent deaths we have experienced in our community, we plan to hold a workshop to help us think more about what we can do to prepare for the end of life. Are there practical actions we can take? What sort of decisions may need to be made? How can we strengthen ourselves spiritually and emotionally to cope with death and grieving?

We will draw on resources from within our own community and beyond in this afternoon workshop. Programme to be confirmed shortly.

Please contact Fiona McDougal with any queries fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com 021 253 8911

FUNDRAISING - MARMALADE

I am planning to bring **lots** of marmalade for sale on Sunday the 9th of October. I have the usual Seville orange, but also some lime, some grapefruit, and a mixed marmalade (Seville orange, navel orange and lemon). Please bring lots of cash.

If anyone else has surplus preserves they would like to contribute, please let me know.
Sue Hirst

RECYCLING OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

As a result of the last Congregational Conversation, Brian Burrell has provided a list of Wellington City locations where used household batteries can be dropped off for FREE. They are Karori Library, Kilbirnie Library, Manners Street near Willis (inward bus stop), Island Bay Community Centre, Newlands Community Centre, Tawa Community Centre, and the Southern Landfill Tip Shop. Thanks, Brian.

MESSAGE FROM REG WEEKS

Reg's email has been hacked. Please do not respond to any pleas for money, Amazon cards etc. And delete messages. It's not really him!

BID FOR A BACH 2022

How about a Spring or Summer break away from Wellington?

As a fundraiser for St Andrew's on the Terrace to help boost finances affected by Covid-19 cancellations for the St Andrew's Centre, we have 3 holiday homes on offer for a short holiday. The owners of these 3 holiday homes have generously agreed to donate all rent received to St Andrews.

Bid for a date at:

- 1) A classic cottage in Greytown at \$90 per night;
- 2) A house in Whanganui, with a view over the city and all mod cons including Sky TV, for \$100 per night;
- 3) A holiday home at Whatamango Bay, nestled in native bush in the Marlborough Sounds, accessible by car with a 15 minute drive from Picton, for \$100 per night.

The Cottage in Greytown sleeps up to 4 people (2 bedrooms: one queen, two singles). A separate sleep out has 2 single beds for a larger group.

The house in Whanganui and the house near Picton both sleep up to 6 people.

You need to provide your own towels and sheets.

For the houses in Greytown and Whanganui, you are responsible to leave the property as you found it.

For the holiday home at Whatamango Bay there is a \$50 end cleaning fee.

Send me an email to see if the property you would like to rent is available. Weekends tend to be at a premium so book early.

If your requested dates are available, you will be sent confirmation and detailed information about the holiday home and how to reach it, how to get in, instructions about water and power, and you will be sent bank account details for you to pay for your stay,

Contact me, Andrew Matthews at: wa.matthews@gmail.com

WEARING OF NAME TAGS TO MORNING TEA

As a result of this matter being raised at the last Congregational Conversation, Parish Council requests that we wear our name tags to morning tea please. At the end of morning tea, leave your name tag in the basket provided in the Hall. It will be returned to the name tag board in the Church for you, ready for the next Sunday.

LIBRARY NEWS

A book I have been reading recently that I have really loved is "Overstory". By Richard Powers. He won the Pulitzer Prize for this book a couple of years ago. It has deeply changed and enriched the way I relate to, observe and love our native forest. Here is a summary sentence from Goodreads. - "The Overstory is a sweeping, impassioned work of activism and resistance that is also a stunning evocation of - and paean to - the natural world."

We don't have a copy in the library. But in fact - I have not read it, I have listened to it on Audible. This is a phone app. This costs me about \$15 / month and allows me to listen to a huge range of wonderful books using my phone.

Someone at church last Sunday told me they are having trouble reading at the moment but they still want to engage with thoughtful and beautiful writing. Audible is a possible solution.

Thanks, Mike Wespel-Rose

NOTICES FOR THE SUNDAY ORDERS OF SERVICE

If you have notices or require help in any way please email the office in the normal way - with Notices in the subject line and copy Adelina in: manager@standrews.org.nz

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

OCTOBER 2022 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – NORTHLAND KIDZ CLUB

With the weather hopefully improving, we'll be doing lots of activities outdoors – the Botanic Gardens, Otari/Wilton Bush, the Brooklyn Central & George Denton Park play areas,

and mini-golf at Carlucci Land. The Little Dog Barking puppet theatre will be presenting

“Party Pigs”, we'll be making cards and Maori fried bread , & having yummy afternoon teas.

Our favourite Time Cinema will be putting together another selection of early films & cartoons which we'll see after stopping at Lyall Bay Beach for morning tea.

\$45 per child per day (third child onwards :\$20), 8.30 a.m to 6 p.m each day.

For details, check out our website (www.nkc.org.nz) , or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612) , e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com).

JOY COWLEY RETREAT

"The Sacred Way: Gratitude for life as a pilgrimage.

Saturday 1st October 2022 0930-1600

St James' Anglican Church, Lower Hutt.

Cost \$20 or a koha.

Contact Maureen Lamb maureen@lamb.org.nz or 021 1763669

PAKISTAN FLOOD APPEAL

Request from the Moderator of PCANZ, Right Rev Hamish Galloway, to please generously support this appeal through Christian World Service to help people in Pakistan who need food, safety, water and shelter. Donate to the Pakistan Flood Appeal at cws.org.nz or 0800 74 73 72.

SPIRITUALITY FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

SOFiA Annual Conference - St Andrew's on the Terrace, Friday 7 October and Saturday 8 October, 2022.

Friday:

15:00 John Thornley: Black Theology in African-American Music illustrated by recordings,

19:30 Lloyd Geering lecture - Ian Harris: Spirituality for an eco-human future

Saturday:

09:00 Rob McKay - Interrelationship with Creation,

10:30 Pushpa Wood - What role can spirituality play in securing a sustainable future for the next generation

14:00 Speakers and youth panellists to discuss and question

Some fliers are available at the back of the church.

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	Pat Booth, Pat McGiven
Sound system	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Tony Pears, Katrina Harper
Coffee/tea	Wendy and Andrew Matthews, Richard Owen
Time with the Children	Ellen Murray
Readings	Margaret Rushbrook
Prayers of the People	Wendy Matthews
Rainbow Room Helper	Lois Robertson
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Peter Franklin

On duty Sunday 2 October

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Margaret Rushbrook
Offering	Bridget Martin, Lynnette Burrell
Coffee/tea	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Kath Kerr
Time with the Children	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Anna Smith
Prayers of the People	Lois Robertson
Communion	Sonia Groes-Petrie, Sandra and Tony Kirby, Janet Horncy, Hamish Dick
Library	Ann Barrie
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 25 September 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Doug Lendrum followed by Eco Church discussion

Wednesday 28 September:

10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm Wednesday Lunchtime Concert - NZSM String Ensemble

Sunday 2 October 10am Communion Service led by Rev Ross Scott followed by Exploring Faith

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	Caitlin Thomas
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
Parish Administrator	Hayes Francis
Facilities Assistant(s)	Amy de Bruin
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller

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