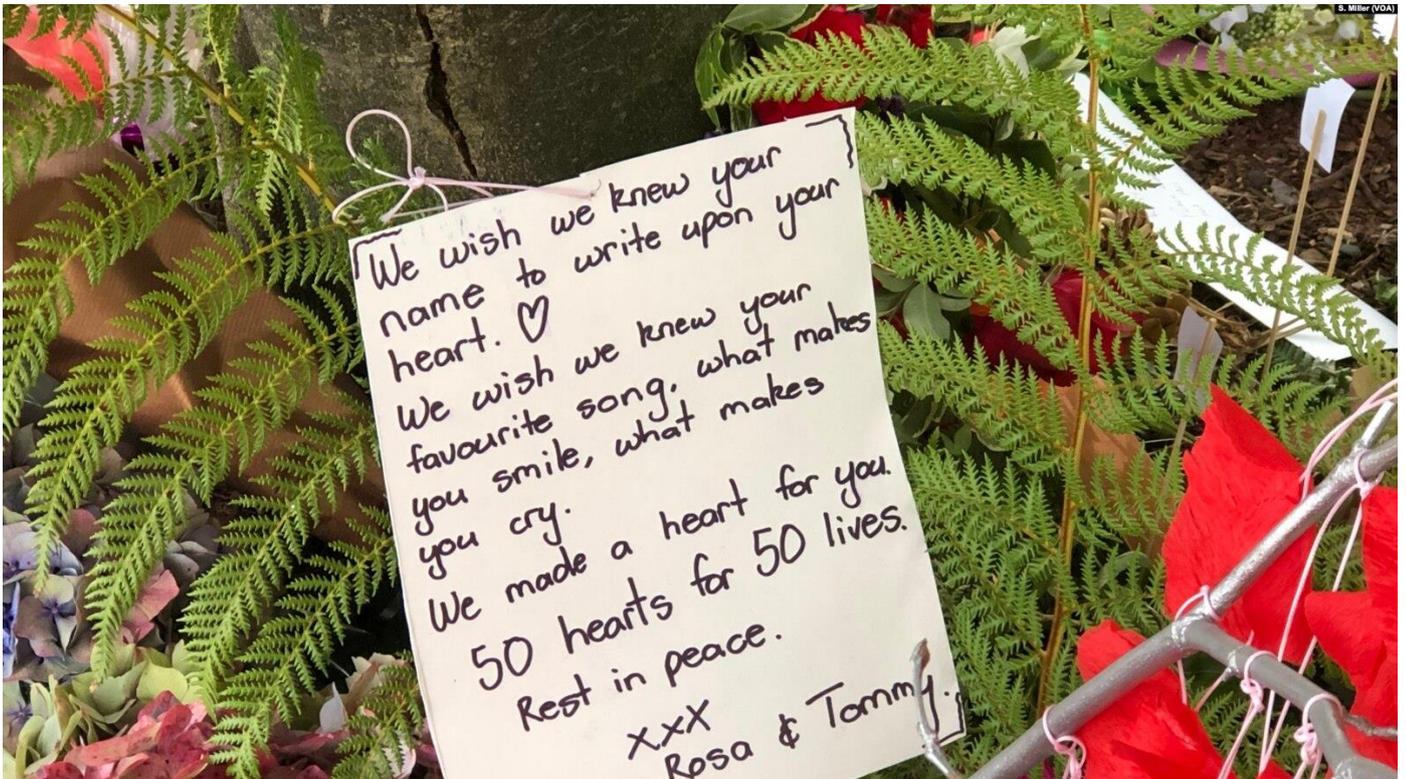


ORDER OF SERVICE

19 MARCH 2023

4TH Sunday in Lent



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 Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

PRELUDE

'Folk-Song'

C Armstrong Gibbs (1899 - 1960)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and find the quiet centre,
where wisdom, love and peace hold us gently.
Breathe deeply and inhale the fragrance of God.
We join in the dance of love
and celebrate the mystery we name God.

SILENCE

GATHERING

Distant music calling us close,
we feel the echo in our hearts.
Alluring fragrance drawing us to source,
deep within we know we are yours.
Still, small voice calling us home,
we recognise your loving tones.
Joyful dance with open invitation,
we run to join the celebration.
Let us worship the One we name God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 455 'Be Thou my vision'

Words Irish c. 8th cent. *tr.* Music: Slane (Public Domain)

Tune: SLANE (1) irregular

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.
3. Be thou my battleshield, my sword for the fight,
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower:
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

WELCOME

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

Talofa lava
Talofa.

OPENING PRAYER

As we gather in the silence of this sacred place,
let us become aware we are in
a sustaining, life-giving presence,
active in our universe,
since the first moment of its existence.

A time of silence.

“Breathing in, breathing out,
let the silence teach us wisdom”.

Give us clear eyes to see the world as it is
and ourselves and all the people as we are;
but give us hope to go on believing
in what you intend us all to be.

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

We light the rainbow candle as a sign of our inclusivity and for our children.

FAMILY TIME

Dawn Cowdry

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

Anna Smith

Hebrew Bible

1 Samuel 16:1-13

New Testament Reading

John 9:1-41

Contemporary Reading

'WHAT IF'
by Rev. Doug Lendrum

What If?

What if the Divine is the persisting and pervading presence of justice, mercy, and compassion in which we live and move and have our being?

What if the Divine is persisting with all of Creation and with all of its creatures as the relentless energy that nudges us to what is just and merciful and compassionate?

What if prayer doesn't change a thing?

What if the power of prayer is its potential to change us?

What if prayer is a way for us to open to that persisting Presence of the Sacred in everything in the Universe—a way to be open to a Universe that is saturated with the Sacred?

What if prayer is a path to consciousness—a practice to strengthen our intention to work toward that for which we pray?

What if we pray for the sake of our hearts—to keep our hearts in the right place—to keep our hearts tender and broken—broken open—to keep our hearts from being shielded?

How then would we pray?

We would pray to be moved into right relationship with ourselves and with our community and with the More in which we live and move and have our being.

We would pray for the sake of our hearts—to be open to the persistent presence of the Sacred.

We would pray to see clearly, to pay attention, to connect, to care about all around us, to correct our sense of alienation by creating conditions for communion with the Sacredness of all being. We would be a walking, talking prayer for justice and compassion.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

WOV 16(i) 'The Lord's my shepherd'

Music by Jessie Seymour Irvine 1336-87 arr. David Grant 1833-93

Tune: CRIMOND

Psalm 23 (22)

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
2. My soul he doth restore again
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own names' sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.
4. My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

REFLECTION

'Healing our blindness'

David Douglas



HYMN

AA 160 'Will you offer me compassion?'

Words: John Weir, Music: Douglas News

Tune: MISERICORDIA

1. Will you offer me compassion?
Will you walk the road with me?
Brother, sister will you feed me
ripe fruit from the Mercy Tree?
2. Will you utter words of comfort?
Will you bless me with your peace?
Mercy is the gift I long for:
mercy from the Mercy Tree.
3. I do not deserve your loving,
Brother, sister, yet I plead -
I am human, I have need of
mercy from the Mercy Tree.

4. If you offer me your friendship,
if you make your peace with me,
mercy will most surely touch you:
mercy from the Mercy Tree.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

'Triumphal March'

by Richard Popplewell (1935 - 2016)

OFFERING HYMN:

'Give thanks with a grateful heart'

Words and Music ©Henry Smith 1978

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given many gifts to us.
And now let the weak say I am strong,
let the poor say I am rich,
because of what our God has
done for us, give thanks.

OFFERING PRAYER

*Surprising God,
we give thanks for your many blessings to us
and pray that these gifts will be used
to bless others through us
in wild, risky and imaginative ways. 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

Hamish Dick

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of American Samoa and the National Council of Churches in American Samoa. We hold all refugees in our hearts and pray in particular for those who are still detained in Nauru. We give thanks for recent progress and pray that their calls for justice might yet be answered with

compassion. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall (List) and Rawiri Waititi (Waiariki). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Whanganui.

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

'God, We've Known Such Grief and Anger'

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (2002)

Tune: WOV 439 HYFRYDOL

1. God, we've known such grief and anger
as we've heard your people cry.
We have asked you, "How much longer?"
We have sadly wondered, "Why?"
In this world of so much suffering,
may we hear your word anew:
"I will never leave you orphaned;
I will not abandon you."

2. By your grace comes resurrection;
by your love, you cast out fear.
You give strength and sure direction
as we seek to serve you here.
You give comfort to the grieving,
and you bless the ones who mourn.
May we trust in you, believing
out of chaos, hope is born.

3. Hope is ours for, God, you love us!
You have claimed us by your grace.
And through Jesus, you have called us
to bring hope to every place.
In each rescue worker's caring,
in each faithful volunteer,
in each Christian's love and sharing,
God, we glimpse your kingdom here.

SUNG BLESSING

FFS 29 'God speed you on your way'

Words by Shirley Erena Murray, © Hope Publishing

Tune: STAFFORD

1. God speed you on your way,
safe keep you ev'ry day,
give you wing, cause to sing--
all this we wish and pray.

2. God give you space to thrive,
all senses kept alive,
health and hope, means to cope,
joyfully to arrive.

3. God lead you to the new,
places and points of view,
paths to take, friends to make,
more life to travel through!

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

'Processional'

C Armstrong Gibbs (1899 – 1960)

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

JARS NEEDED

It's the pickling and jamming season again. If you have spare jars, peanut butter/mayonnaise size or smaller and ideally with lids, I would be very grateful to receive them. Thanks, Sue.

WANT TO SING FOR EASTER?

ALL are welcome!

St. Andrews Singers is open to all who are keen to come to a few rehearsals and join us for Easter worship. The anthem is fun, rhythmic, and energetic.

Rehearsals will be:

Sunday, 19 March (9:00-9:45 am)

Sunday, 26 March (9:00-9:45 am)

Sunday, 2 April (9:00-9:45 am)

Sunday, 9 April (9:00-9:45 am) Easter service

If you are keen to sing with us for this service, please come along and/or email Mark Stamper (t3maestro@yahoo.com). We look forward to having some of you join us!

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday Passover Meal 6th April 6.30pm Conference rooms 1&2. Please RSVP to Fei asap and let her know what you will be bringing from the following list:

Roast lamb joint to share, unleavened bread, green salad, parsley and salt (bitter herbs), BYO wine, grape juice.

Look forward to seeing you there. Fei

GOOD FRIDAY

We will be doing 12 meditations at the 12 stations of the cross and are seeking 12 volunteers to do 1 meditation at each station. Please email the office your meditations by 31 March. Fei

RENT-A-BACH AND FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Over the summer months three holiday homes have been available to St Andrew's people for rent as a fundraiser to help overcome last year's COVID-caused deficit. The owner of three holiday homes have generously donated all rent received to St Andrew's.

As at the end of February 2023 the amount raised through this initiative was \$5,060.00 Together with cake and jam sales the total fundraising effort has reached \$6,493.00. Thanks to all who have contributed to this effort.

If you would still like to take advantage of this opportunity, the houses in Whanganui and Whatamango Bay are still available. The Greytown cottage is no longer available.

Details are:

1. A house in Whanganui, with a view over the city and all mod cons including Sky TV, for \$100 per night.

2. A holiday home in Whatamango Bay, nestled in native bush in the Marlborough Sounds, accessible by car with a 15 minute drive from Picton, for \$100 per night.

Both sleep up to six people. You need to provide your own sheets and towels. For the house in Whanganui you need to leave the property as you found it. For Whatamango Bay there is a \$50 end cleaning fee.

Send Andrew Matthews an email if you would like to book either of these houses: wa.matthews@gmail.com He will follow up on availability and details for access and payment.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Upcoming concerts are:

22 March - 12:15pm - 1:00pm

Classical Voice Students of the NZSM

29 March - 12:15pm - 1:00pm

Kugels

RELIGIOUS STUDIES EVENTS AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY—TE HERENGA WAKA

Kia ora koutou, Warm greetings from Religious Studies at Victoria University of Wellington—Te Herenga Waka. It is a pleasure to invite you to two upcoming events hosted by the Religious Studies Programme.

On Friday 17 March (5:30pm-7:30pm) Prof Gerald Pillay will deliver a public talk on “Personal Encounter: The Missing Dimension of Peace-Making.” Prof Pillay is Vice Chancellor of Liverpool Hope University, President of Initiatives of Change International, and an outstanding scholar and communicator. This talk will be accessible and engaging. It will take place Hunter Lecture Theatre 220. Refreshments will be served before the talk. This event is co-hosted by Initiatives of Change.

On Wednesday 5 April (12-1pm) Dr Jameel Haque will present a seminar on “Anti-Muslim Racism in the Historical Narrative.” Dr Haque is an Associate Professor of History at Minnesota State University, Mankato and is the Director of the Kessel Peace Institute. The seminar will take place in Alan MacDiarmid 106. It is also open to the public.

You do not need to rsvp to attend either of these events. Please do just come along.

STITCHES AMONG THE FLOWERS



Johnsonville Uniting Church and Johnsonville Floral Art Club invite you to an exhibition of handwork and floral arrangements.

Johnsonville Uniting Church

Friday 14 April 2023 – 7pm to 9pm

18 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE TÜRKIYE SYRIA EARTHQUAKE ONE MONTH ON

CWS is grateful to our donors for supporting people affected by the magnitude 7.8 earthquake on February 6 local time. Local partners immediately opened churches and other buildings to people who had lost their homes. In northern Syria, the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and the Near East (GOPA-DERD) continues to provide food, health kits, medical services and psychosocial care to families

One month on the extent of the damage is becoming clearer. The political situation has made the humanitarian response challenging especially given aid in the region was already below what was needed. The freezing winter temperatures have also added to the suffering.

According to UNICEF the health situation in Syria was already overstretched because of the 12-year conflict, Covid and an outbreak of cholera. The situation is dire as many people struggle to find water, food, shelter and emergency medical and psychosocial support. Almost three million people have been displaced in Türkiye and 8.8 million affected in Syria where many had sought safety from the conflict in much of the country.

ACT Alliance members were already working with Syrians and Palestinians when the first earthquake struck and are also working in Türkiye, host to 3.6 million Syrians and Palestinians, the largest refugee population in the world. The Arab Protestant Church in Aleppo is sheltering around 1,200 people in its schools and buildings, providing them with bedding, meals, hygiene items and basic medical care including psychosocial support with support from ACT Alliance. The next stage is to provide cash assistance and repair bakeries and other infrastructure. Bread is in short supply and the prices have risen because of the shortage and spike in wheat prices.

Donations to the Turkey Syria Earthquake Appeal can be made online at cws.org.nz or by phone at 0800 74 73 72.

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, Pat McGiven
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Bridget Martin, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Sandra and Tony Kirby, Sally Gray
Family Time	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Anna Smith
Prayers of the People	Hamish Dick
Rainbow Room	Margaret Harper
Library	TBA
Musician	Peter Franklin

On duty Sunday 19 March

Welcoming	Brian and Lynette Burrell
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Margaret Rushbrook
Offering	John Harper, Katrina Harper
Coffee/tea	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Janet Horncy
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	Gillian Feist
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Rainbow Room	Wendy Matthews
Library	TBA
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 19 March Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai, followed by Congregational Conversation

Wednesday 22 March: 10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

Sunday 26 March 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	Sue Hirst
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	Christine Wilkinson
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Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller

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