



ORDER OF SERVICE

18 JUNE 2023

Pentecost 3

“and Sarah laughed”

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

Diapason Movement

by John Keeble (1711 – 1786)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Life is a journey, on many different roads.

We have come here today

from east and west

and north and south

each of us bringing that which is God within us.

We arrive at this place and time

our paths merging.

We meet as the family of God.

As we move forward in faith,

exploration brings new insights

and we must face changes and choices.

We need courage for the journey

and vision to discover, dream and grow.

The Spirit of God is moving among us.

SILENCE

GATHERING

We come to re-weave the unravelling fabric of community;

to reconnect once more to the larger human family;

to find once more that place of calm;

to remind ourselves that we belong;

and to remember what it is that we belong to.

Let us celebrate life in the presence we name God.

HYMN

AA114 'Out of such sun and air'

Words: Colin Gibson

Tune: NORTHLAND

1. Out of such sun and air
what Christ may come,
shining with new and lovely light
on our dim and shrouded lives;
stirring our sleepiness with dreams,
visions of life beyond compare.
Out of such sun and air
come, Christ, however you will come.
2. Out of such cloud and mist
what Christ may come,
blurring the clear and simple lines
of our settled scheme of things;
calling on faith and hope and trust,
daring to danger, trial and risk.
Out of this cloud and mist
come, Christ, however you will come.
3. Out of such sudden storm
what Christ may come,
sweeping across the startled sky
of our calm and peaceful ways;
driving with tempest winds of change,
testing with tumult and reform.
Out of this sudden storm
come, Christ, however you will come.

WELCOME

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

Ou te faatalofa atu I le Suafa o Iesu Keriso
Talofa lava, we too greet you in the name of Jesus Christ

Special welcome to those who are visiting us, please join us for fellowship in the hall after church.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Sometimes it is easier to imagine you staying far away from us, O God.
We hold to a hope that, if you are in the distance, you cannot address our lives so directly.
But then, a distant God might not understand the complexities with which we struggle, and that feels lonely and we become anxious that you will not forgive us.....

SILENT REFLECTION

So, here we are, in our humanness, O God with all its messiness and pretences.
If we tend to hold you in some romantic green and glorious place:
Forgive us limiting your presence among us.
If we are tempted to push you away from us,
Forgive our lack of faith in your love.
When we think you do not see us:
Be present on the road before us and remind us of our calling again.
For we know there is no place which is distant from the love of God.
Thanks be to God.

JESUS PRAYER

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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 wrong doings. 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. Amen.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

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

FAMILY TIME

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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

Pat Booth

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 18: 1-15 (21: 1-7)

New Testament

Matthew 9: 35-38

Contemporary Reading

"and Sarah laughed"

Augustine Yirideme

Then came Sarah's turn
God's angels visited her at her tent
Good news they bore
For she who never had a baby born
The angel said to Abraham her husband
'Your wife shall bear thee a son'
'Hahaha', Sarah laughed for disbelief
When it should have been for relief
But that didn't stop the Lord
From accomplishing what was her lot
One that was adjudged barren,
One that age had disqualified,
And menopause had written off
Would she have a baby?
How possible? Impossible!
Well, impossible.... so it always seems
Until God comes into the scene
Sarah conceived and gave birth
Just as the Lord had said
O barrenness where is thy girth?
Menopause where is thy pause?
How dare you pause God's cause?
She who God has remembered

Age remaineth only just a number.
And Sarah laughed again,
Not for disbelief
But for relief

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA 59 'He came singing love'

Words and Music: Colin Gibson

Tune: SINGING LOVE

1. He came singing love
and he lived singing love;
he died singing love.
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.
2. He came singing faith
and he lived singing faith
he died singing faith.
He arose in silence.
For the faith to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.
3. He came singing hope
and he lived singing hope;
he died singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

4. He came singing peace
and he lived singing peace;
he died singing peace.
He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

REFLECTION “God and Barrenness”

Rev Dr Fei Taule’ale’ausumai

HYMN

IECS 11 ‘Come Celebrate the Women’

Words: Shirley Murray ©1992 Hope Publishing Company

Music: Gesangbuch der H. W. K. Hofkapelle

Tune: ELLACOMBE

1. Come, celebrate the women
who brought the Church to birth!
the gentle revolution
that shall transform the earth:
whose faith was salt and leaven,
whose hearts and minds were free,
and this was their direction –
to peace and unity.
2. The teachers, saints and mothers
who lived and died unsung
kept safe the gospel story
and taught it to the young;
the Christ child Mary cradled,
the living Word to be,
was crucified for pleading
this peace and unity.
3. Daughters of the disciples,
you weave the story still,
the fabric of the future
with warmth and love and skill,
you make the bread of wholeness,
the wine of harmony –
and all shall share your feasting
in peace and unity!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

'Hereford'

by Samuel Wesley (1810 – 1876)

OFFERING HYMN

'Willing Hands'

Tune: Duke Street WOV 24

Willing hands, to lead the blind,
heal the wounded, feed the poor.
Love embracing all our kind,
charity with liberal store.

OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God, you ask us to be faithful people.
In this community, you ask us to be people of justice.
In this community, you ask us to be people of mercy.
In this community, you ask us to be people of peace.
Be with us as we try to be faithful
in large ways and in small ways
so your eternal community may come in every way.
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: If you have a notice to share, please come forward. Thank you.

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

Lynne Dovey

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Benin and the Protestant Methodist Church of Benin. 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 Mark Cameron (List) and Naisi Chen (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of St Ronan's Presbyterian Church (Eastbourne).

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 cities in which we live
that they may be places
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*

CLOSING HYMN

CH4 533 'Will you come and follow me'

Words: John L Bell and Graham Maule

Tune: KELVINGROVE Trad Scottish arr John L Bell

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known?
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
5. Lord your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

BLESSING

Spirit of God, brooding over the waters of our chaos,

inspire us to generous living.

Wind of God, dancing over the desert of our reluctance,

lead us to the oasis of celebration.

Breath of God, inspiring communication among strangers,

make us channels of your peace.

SUNG BLESSING

FFS 29 'God speed you on your way'

Words by Shirley Murray, © Hope Publishing

Music: Shona Murray 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

Tambourin

by François-Joseph Gossec (1734 - 1829)

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

RENT-A-BACH OPPORTUNITY

Two families have made their houses available to rent with the proceeds going to St Andrew's to help cover the considerable COVID-caused deficit.

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

The other is 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 a 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 Richard Owen an email if you would like to book the Whanganui house on rjc.owen@xtra.co.nz or Marilyn Wallace on wallcork@xtra.co.nz for a Whatamango Bay booking. They will follow up with you direct.

FINISHED A LOAF OF BREAD OR BOTTLE OF MILK?

Please save the bread bag and the clip (plastic only) 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 since 1969 and one way we can offer our support is to FILL the food baskets at the back of the church each Sunday.

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)

For other ways to support the work of the DCM visit <https://www.dcm.org.nz>.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Upcoming concerts are:

Wednesday 21 June 12:15pm - 1:00pm

Duo Tapas – Rupa Maitra, violin and Owen Moriarty, guitar

Wednesday 28 June 12:15pm - 1:00pm

NZSO National Youth Orchestra – chamber music

Wednesday 5 July 12:15pm - 1:00pm

Aroha String Quartet International Music Academy 2023 Tutors Concert

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES



Towards Theological Education
for Leadership for Justice

29 May 2023

Dear Ecumenical Friend,

Library Appeal for Theological Colleges in the Pacific

Bula Vinaka! Warm greetings from the Pacific Theological College in Suva, Fiji Islands. PTC is starting a library appeal to assist our local theological schools in the Pacific region. After several travels to the region, and will continue to do so this year and next, the most common issues I have witnessed faced by most theological schools is the need to upgrade their libraries with new recent research materials. Most of the books found in Pacific theological libraries are either old or outdated.

One of the issues of injustices faced by the Pacific region is access to recent research and publications due to costs controlled by mainstream publishers, hence the reason why PTC has launched its own Press last year to serve the needs of our local theological schools and churches: <https://ptc.ac.fj/ptc-press>. Fortunately, there are other organizations who are able to assist with free access to articles and books such as SBL. But we still have a long way to go in terms of printed materials. This issue is not limited to the Pacific, but to many theological schools in the global south.

We are seeking your kind assistance on this matter. We are requesting for any books that you can donate would be very much appreciated. Theological e-books or e-copies would be a good start. I've enclosed a link below to upload any ebooks or e-copies of books, <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/139IDFvqO3aefARBO1gfkizubCERyq2yR?usp=sharing>. A Google login page appears where you login using your Google accounts or if you are already logged in. Once in, you can right click anywhere on the page and select "Upload Files", browse your e-files to upload. I've copied here our IT staff, Nitesh, if help is needed for uploading.

However if you wish to donate printed books, PTC is willing to pay for the freight to be shipped to PTC plus duty. All donated books will be distributed evenly to all theological schools in the Pacific region. We are looking forward to your kind donations and support.

Sincerely,

Upolu Lumā Vaai
PRINCIPAL

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	Trish McBride, Pam Fuller
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Katrina Harper, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Sally Gray
Family Time	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	Trish McBride
Musician	Peter Franklin

On duty Sunday 25 June

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	TBA
Coffee/tea	Katrina Harper, Kath Kerr, Janet Horncy
Family Time	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Hamish Dick
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 18 June: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai, followed by Congregational Conversation and Younger Members' Group

Wednesday 21 June: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm – Lunchtime concert – Duo Tapas – Rupa Maitra, violin and Owen Moriarty, guitar

Sunday 25 June: 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.
3rd Sunday	Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group meets after morning tea/brunch
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	Vacant
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Concert Coordinator	Kristina Zuelicke
Eco Church Coordinator	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Faith in Action Coordinator	Margaret Rushbrook
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Vacant
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
Office Administrator	Christine Wilkinson
Facilities Assistant(s)	Maddie Fenn, Oscar Ruegg
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller

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