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ORDER OF SERVICE

27 AUGUST 2023

Pentecost 13

“The slaughter of innocents”

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eternal Spirit,
because the world is full of beauty and
beauty is a tender thing,
and we are keepers of creation:
we need to be won again and again
to your way of loving,
to your way of justice,
to hope and harmony.

(Adapted from " Be Our Freedom Lord" edited by Terry C Falla)

SILENCE

GATHERING

We gather in this place:
in our community of St Andrews on The Terrace
all hoping for different things.
We look for belonging
kindness
generosity
learning
peace
affirmation
recognition
and more.

He wairua te Atua

God is spirit

He marama te Atua

God is light

He aroha te Atua

God is love

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'In this place where now we gather'

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In this place

1. In this place where now we gath-er, we have lived our com-mon life,
In this place we've learned to-gether, mov-ing through both joy and strife,
In this place hope's grown with-in us as we shared the bread and wine,
In this place where all are wel-come, we have known a love that shines.

1. In this place where now we gather,
we have lived our common life.
In this place we've learned together,
moving through both joy and strife.
In this place hope's grown within us
as we shared the bread and wine.
In this place where all are welcome,
we have known a love that shines.
2. In this time of fresh beginnings,
opening our hearts with hope.
In this time of great adventure,
seeking out God's greater scope.
In this time we stand together,
reaching to our world anew.
In this time we make commitment
to this city's greater good.

3. Let us join in celebration
making joyful harmony.
Let us join our hands and promise
to treat earth respectfully.
Let us join and share our vision
of a world that's just and free.
Let us join in deep intention
to live gently, lovingly.

WELCOME

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

Kia ora tātou.

Ou te faatalofa atu I le Suafoa o Iesu Keriso

Talofa lava, we too greet you in the name of Jesus Christ

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

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Today we contemplate generosity.

It can take many forms:

money given, kindness shown, forgiveness offered,
emotional support, a listening ear,
a shoulder to cry on,
time made available,
understanding,
open hearts,
and ears ready to listen.

***Let us open our hearts
to generosity
and kindness.***

***Let us commit to practicing both –
in our families, communities
and in the breadth and depth
of our country that is Aotearoa New Zealand.
So let it be. Amen***

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

Dawn Cowdry

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 (we wish Jennifer Bon Voyage)

Jennifer Bush

Hebrew Bible

Exodus 1:8-2:10

New Testament

Matthew 16:13-20

Contemporary Reading

The horrors of mass infanticide, as felt by the Irish and translated by Kuno Meyer in Ancient Irish Poetry. This is one of several poems that escaped Viking destruction, dating to the 8th-11th Century.

The Mothers' Lament at the Slaughter of the Innocents

Then, as the executioner plucked her son from her breast, one of the women said:

Why do you tear from me my darling son,
The fruit of my womb? It was I who bore him,
My breast he drank.
My womb carried him about,
My vitals he sucked,
My heart he filled.
He was my life,
'Tis death to have him taken from me.
My strength has ebbed,
My speech is silenced,
My eyes are blinded.

Then another woman said:

It is my son you take from me.
I did not do the evil, But kill me—me! Kill not my son!
My breasts are sapless, My eyes are wet, My hands shake, My poor body
totters.
My husband has no son, And I no strength. My life is like death.
O my own son, O God!
My youth without reward, My birthless sicknesses Without requital until
Doom.
My breasts are silent,
My heart is wrung.

Then said another woman:

Ye are seeking to kill one,
Ye are killing many.
Infants ye slay,
The fathers ye wound,
The mothers ye kill.
Hell with your deed is full,
Heaven is shut,
Ye have spilt the blood of guiltless innocents.

And yet another woman said:
O Christ, come to me!
With my son take my soul quickly!
O great Mary, Mother of God's Son,
What shall I do without my son?
For Thy Son my spirit and sense are killed.
I am become a crazy woman for my son.
After the piteous slaughter
My heart is a clot of blood
From this day till Doom.

RESPONSE

For the word of God in scripture and story
for the word of God among us
for the word of God within us
we give thanks.

HYMN:

FFS 27 'God of unexplored tomorrows'

Words: © Beverley Jones Music: © Colin Gibson
Tune: MARCHING (165 Tis)

1. God of unexplored tomorrows,
of today and yesterday,
God of rock and flowing river,
be our refuge, be our way.
2. Guardian rock above, before us,
strong foundation where we build,
landmark through the haze of doubting,
shelter where our fears are stilled.
3. Be the cleansing, quenching water,
irrigate, disturb and move,
stir us from our easy shallows,
current of refreshing love.
4. God of rock and flowing river
now and ever with us stand,
to transform our land of promise
into each one's promised land.

HYMN**CH4 265 ‘Pray for a world’**

Words: ©1996 Ruth C. Duck;
Tune: WARRINGTON WOV 136

1. Pray for a world where every child
finds welcome in a sheltered place,
where love is tender, undefiled,
and firmness intertwines with grace.
2. Pray for a world where passion’s fire
burns not in force or careless lust,
where God’s good gift of deep desire
is safe in arms of faith and trust.
3. Pray for a nation just and fair
that seeks the welfare of us all,
where leaders guide with prudent care
and nurture life for great and small.
4. Pray for a world where all have voice
and none will batter, rape, abuse.
Till then, may all have rightful choice
and pray for wisdom as they choose.

OFFERING MUSIC**OFFERING HYMN****AA 36 ‘Every day I will offer you’ (v1)**

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Every day I will offer you,
loving God, my heart and mind,
every way I discover you
in the work your hand has signed;
help me see I’m your image, and
you have dreamed what I might be,
every day in your Spirit,
I’ll find the love and energy!

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We have enough from what we gain
through income or benefit, legacy or gifting;
enough to give to others.

This money we bring
***so this church can continue its work of justice, peace and
compassion.***

This food we bring
so others who have little, will have some.

May both money and food find the need they have been given to fill,
and do their work.

May those who use both money and food be blessed in the using.

So may it be

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 Cambodia and the Christian World Service
Partner Church World Service Cambodia and their work with communities to
deliver food security, health services, savings and credit schemes, and
training of volunteers to provide village services. We hold all refugees in our
hearts and pray in particular for those who are still detained in Australia. 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 Dr Emily Henderson (Whangārei) and Harete
Hipango (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and
people of St Ninian's Uniting Parish, Karori.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

*Renew your people, God,
and renew our life in this place.
Give us a spirit of ecological responsibility,
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

'We shall go out with hope of resurrection'

Words: June Boyce Tillman © 1993 Stainer & Bell Ltd
Tune: Londonderry Air

1. We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.

2. We'll give a voice to those who have not spoke;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer;
wibrating love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping;
chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief;
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all within the circles of our love.

BLESSING

Let us reach down deep
in order to stretch right up,
Let us think seriously
in order to live joyously.
Let us celebrate the breath of life within us
with plenty of oil to sing and dance by
so we can live in union deep within,
knowing Love surrounds us
every moment of every day.

SUNG BLESSING (in Māori)

Ma te ma-rie a te A-tua
The Peace of God
ta tou ka-toa e ti-a-ki;
keep us all.
Ma-na a-no e wha-ka-u
God will confirm
O ta-tou nga-kau ki te pai.
our hearts in goodness.

WOV 679 'Ma Te Marie'

Tune: Old Hundreth, Public Domain

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Judy Dumbleton
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

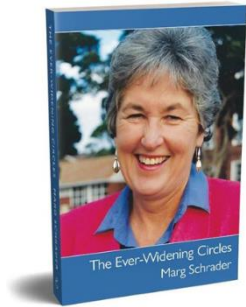
St Andrew's depends on the generous giving of members and friends. If you would like to make a donation or support our work through planned giving, please contact our Parish Office or Treasurer. Bank account for donations is: St Andrews on The Terrace, BNZ Lambton Qy, 02-0534-0004022-02

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

The Social Justice group meets after church this Sunday in Conference Room 3 and will be discussing 'Pressing Issues for 2023 Election'. The general election takes place on 14th October so it is time to turn our minds to the pressing issues for this election. Paul Barber, senior social policy advisor, Social Policy and Parliamentary Unit of The Salvation Army will share some insights on pressing issues as part of the discussion.

BOOK LAUNCH



A reminder that St Andrews is hosting a Launch of Marg Schrader's biography "Ever Widening Circles" this afternoon at 2pm in Conference Rooms 1 and 2.

Copies of the book \$35 will be available to buy.

HELP NEEDED WITH SET-UP OF THE TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR MORNING TEA

If you are able to come to church a little earlier and could help with this please check in with the team in the kitchen to see if they need any assistance.

EXPLORING FAITH GROUP

The next Exploring Faith Group will be on Sunday 3 September, when we will continue our exploration of what it means to have chosen to be part of a progressive faith community here at St Andrew's.

Our two speakers this month will be Vivienne Mountier and Michael Parker.
Pat Booth

CHURCH LIFE SURVEY

During the month of August, we hope parishioners will take the 15-20 minutes needed to participate in the Church Life Survey, which is being run by the Christian Research Association. It is particularly useful post-COVID, as it will provide some indication of the impact that the pandemic has had on church life in Aotearoa NZ. Here is the QR code for St Andrew's on the Terrace:



Or you can use the web link:

<https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rldawic/01H5X084TXH2C8JZHMFC4SM9XZ/en>

For those wishing to fill in the survey in print, copies will be available at St Andrew's from this Sunday. Once filled in, print copies should be handed into the office.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Upcoming concerts are:

Wednesday 30 August 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Duo Enharmonics – Beth Chen and Nicole Chao

Wednesday 6 September 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Flute and Guitar Duo - Elsa Shih and Sirisan Sobhanasiri

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

UPCOMING SHOW - RUTHLESS WITH JANE KELLER



Our very own Jane Keller is performing in the stage musical Ruthless! This is an all-female musical with music by Marvin Laird and book and lyrics by Joel Paley that spoofs Broadway musicals, like Gypsy and Mame, and movies such as The Bad Seed and All About Eve. The show won the 1993 New York Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Off-Broadway Musical.

Will Tina become the diva she was born to be? Will Judy ever reach her potential? And why is Sylvia so enthusiastic about promoting Tina and Judy? But where is dad?

These questions may... or may not... be answered. You'll just have to come along to see what all the mischief is about! from 11-21 October at the Gryphon Theatre in Wellington. I'm really keen on going. It would be good if we could get a group from church to go together. Let me know if you are interested and we can organise tickets or we can choose a date and everyone purchase their own tickets for that date. Fei

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	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Paul Franken, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Sally Gray, Vivienne Mountier, Simon Miller
Family Time	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Jennifer Bush
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

On duty Sunday 3 September

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	John Harper, Mike Wespel-Rose
Coffee/tea	Sally Gray, Laura and Melissa Van Echten
Family Time	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Wendy Matthews
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Communion	Rosemary Lawrence, Fiona McDougall, Cam Smart, Sonia Groes-Petrie, Frank Cook, Janet Horncy
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 27 August: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai, followed by Younger Members (Y) group and Social Justice group.

2:00pm - "Ever Widening Circles" Book Launch.

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

12:15pm - Lunchtime concert: Duo Enharmonics – Beth Chen and Nicole Chao

Sunday 3 September: 10am Sunday Gathering 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.
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
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Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Church Music Coordinator	Vacant
Eco Church Coordinator	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Faith in Action Coordinator	Paul Barber
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Vacant
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller
Concert Coordinator	Kristina Zuelicke
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
Office Administrator	Christine Wilkinson
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