



ORDER OF SERVICE

3 SEPTEMBER 2023

Pentecost 14

Spring

Father's Day

First Sunday of the Season of Creation

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 Ross Scott

PRELUDE

"Diapason Movement"

by John Keeble (1711 - 1786)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We enter this space as spring starts in a world of climate change. Weather is less certain.

We enter this space on the first Sunday of the Season of Creation. Our urban lives leave us, and more so our children, in a state of disconnect from the natural world.

We enter this space on Father's Day, when the place and tasks of fatherhood are changing.

We come to be together in this time of change.

SILENCE

GATHERING

We enter with good will, openness to change and a desire to be people of The Way.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 26 'Come to our land'

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Colin Gibson

Tune: HAEREMAI

1. Come to our land, come to our hearts,
Spirit of peace, Spirit of truth,
bring in the spring, the hope and the green,
Spirit of growth and Spirit of youth.

Refrain:

*And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God!*

2. Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of life, breath of new birth,
teach us to care for water and air,
nourish the seed and cherish the earth,

Refrain:

*And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God!*

3. Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of bush, Spirit of bird,
speak to the soul of Aotearoa
joy in your world and joy in your Word,

Refrain:

*And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God!*

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

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

OPENING PRAYER

Father.

A word

overwhelmed with meaning, laced with experience, burdened with responsibility.

Tainted with: Trauma. Control...

Enhanced with: Caring. Support, encouragement...

Father, dad, the old man.

Father, we all have/had one

What a complicated word.

Used well and we are applauded
used poorly and we are cancelled

Father's Day

Who are these men.

Those who lost children to abortion or adoption. Some do not even know they are father's?

Those who lost contact with their children through broken relationships, economic necessity, conflict....

Those who have been part of the lives of their children from birth till their dying day.

Our dad's

Gay, straight, of every race and nationality, the men who are parents.

Father's.... The heart of the world.

JESUS' PRAYER

© Rev Sherri Weinberg

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

Mike Wespel-Rose

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

Wendy Matthews

Hebrew Bible

Genesis 37:17-36

New Testament

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Contemporary Reading

Maori proverb:

Ki taku puawaitanga kua henea ki a koe.
My flourishing is bound up in you.

RESPONSE

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

1. God who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people
in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward,
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,
love for God and love for neighbour
marks the way that Christ defined.
2. Exploration brings new insights,
changes, choices we must face;
give us wisdom in deciding,
mindful always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our bearings,
find it hard to do what's right,
we regain our true direction
focused on the Jesus light.
3. End our longing for the old days,
grant the vision that we lack –
once we've started on this journey
there can be no turning back;
let us travel light, discarding
excess baggage from our past,
cherish only what's essential,
choosing treasure that will last.
4. When we set up camp and settle
to avoid love's risk and pain,
you disturb complacent comfort,
pull the tent pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge
you are always at our side;
give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

REFLECTION**“My flourishing is bound up in you”****Rev Ross Scott****OFFERING MUSIC****“Op. 32, No. 3 ('Rustle of Spring')”**

by Christian Sinding (1856 - 1941)

OFFERING HYMN**AA 127 ‘Take my gifts’ verse 3**

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Colin Gibson

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE

Take whatever I can offer -
gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen,
talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others
in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me.

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*All that we are, and all that we have, and all that we may become,
comes from this planet, from God
for we are made from its dust.
So we bring these offerings and ourselves
to bring restoration to all our relationships.
Relationships between the people of this world
and humanities relationship with the rest of creation.
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**Pat Booth**

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Cameroon and the Council of Protestant Churches in Cameroon. 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 Rt Hon Chris Hipkins (Remutaka) and Hon Willie Jackson (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Khandallah Presbyterian Church.

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*

COMMUNION HYMN

FFS 17 'For everyone born, a place at the table'

Words: © 1998 Shirley Erena Murray Music: © 1998 Colin Gibson

Tune: MENSA/BRIAN MANN

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing
for everyone born, a star overhead.

REFRAIN

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice
justice and joy!*

2. For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair.

REFRAIN

3. For gay and for straight, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace.

REFRAIN

4. For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live.

REFRAIN

5. For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.

REFRAIN

THE COMMUNION: GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The peace of God be with you.

and also with you

In the presence of the living God

we lift our hearts in joy and give thanks.

Let us give thanks for the continuity of the universe; for the sun rising day by day, and the moon waxing and waning; for all the life with which we share this planet; for the interactions and connections that bind us to it, and the elements of which all is composed.

Let us give thanks and seek to live in harmony with all about us.

Let us give thanks for those who grow and prepare our food, for those who educate our children and care for us in old age, for those who nurse us when sick and support us when dying, for those who keep us safe.

Let us give thanks for all who contribute to our daily living.

Let us give thanks for the flow of human history; for the events that have shaped and moulded us and all our sisters and brothers; for the ones who question that history; for the ones who unearth the stories of the vanquished, the oppressed, the forgotten, the unrecorded.

Let us give thanks and take our place in the human story, struggling for the unity of humankind.

Let us give thanks for prophets and martyrs and poets; thinkers and preachers and healers; for the ones who have linked thought and action; for reformers and rebels and strikers.

Let us give thanks and join with them in the quest for justice.

Let us give thanks for all who have revealed or discovered deep and lasting truths; let us celebrate their lives and deaths, their thoughts and writings, their continuing witness in the world today.

Let us give thanks and share in spreading this prophetic vision.

Let us give thanks for the generations who preceded us;

the co-dependency of our ancestors;

for our mother's, for our father's,

and for our new world of independence as we find our way.

Let us give thanks for the legacy of those who went before us and the opportunities open to us today.

Today we give thanks for Jesus of Nazareth, in whom Christians believe God was especially present, one of the channels through which God was made known to humanity.

On the night that he was betrayed, he feasted with his followers; he took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying words like 'Take this and eat it, broken for you. Do this whenever you eat it in remembrance of me'. In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying words like 'Drink from it all of you, the wine of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

For all that Jesus of Nazareth means to us, we give thanks.

So today we share bread and wine together as a sign that we are one humanity, as a pledge that we will work for justice, as a foretaste of that which can be despite what is and what has been. May the Spirit that guides us all be present in this feast, taking this bread and wine, the concerns that we have expressed and the lives that we lead, transforming them all for the unity of all creation and the service of love. God, whose body is all creation, may we come to know you in all the earth and feel you in our blood. So no part of us, or the world, be lost to your transforming grace. Thanks be to God, say all who worship in spirit and truth. Thanks be to God, for the gift of life.

THE DISTRIBUTION

The bread of life broken for you The cup of blessing poured out for you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The feast is ended and the work of the world lies before us.

Many who work for change suffer resistance.

So make us strong.

Many who do new things sometimes feel afraid.

So make us brave.

Many who challenge the world as it is, arouse anger.

So grant us inner peace.

Many who live joyful lives are envied.

So make us generous.

Many who try to love encounter hate.

So we trust in you, O God of gracious love. Amen.

(Liturgy by the Rev Diane Gilliam-Weeks)

BENEDICTION

Ross Scott

SUNG BLESSING

‘God speed you on your way’ FFS 29

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!

POSTLUDE

“Badinerie”

by J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750) arranged by Philip Lane

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

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ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

EXPLORING FAITH GROUP

The Exploring Faith Group will meet after church where 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

August now having come to an end, the Church Life Survey has too. Thanks to those of you who took part. The surveys which were completed in print have been loaded onto the CLS site, although we weren't able to include comments. I'll try and get those through to the Christian Research Association.

TABLES & CHAIRS

If you've been in Conference Room 3 in the last week or so, you'll have noticed our lovely new tables. We now have 5 of the old ones available to anyone who would like one (or more). Melteca, 1600 x 800, legs fold away. Edges have seen better days. First come, first served. We also have some of the old red chairs available. We can't deliver them, so you need to be able to arrange to take them away. Contact the office if you're interested.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

I know of a young person suffering from anorexia. It is tough on her and her family. It can be hard to know what to do to help.

A couple of weeks ago I heard an interview with a young woman called Genevieve Mora, on RNZ "Afternoons with Jesse Mulligan". She is an anorexia survivor who now works to support eating disorder sufferers and their families and friends. She has written a book called "Bite Back". About her journey through anorexia to recovery. She has also created an activity book containing various helpful activities and tasks for anorexia sufferers. I have given copies of these two books to the family. I am also listening to the book, Bite Back, on audible. I am finding it a useful help to develop my understanding of this condition. Mike Wespel-Rose

JOHN MORGAN

It is twelve months since John died on 28 August 2022 and his funeral was here on Monday 19 September 2022. Tony Pears

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

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

Flute and Guitar Duo - Elsa Shih and Sirisan Sobhanasiri

Wednesday 13 September 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Baroque Ensemble – with Rebecca Steel (flute), Madeline Sakofsky (oboe), Oscar Laven (bassoon), Kris Zuelicke (harpsichord)

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

UPCOMING SHOW - RUTHLESS WITH JANE KELLER



Our very own Jane Keller is performing in the stage musical Ruthless! 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 P.S. General Admission i.e. no seat allocation.

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	Simon Miller
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	John Harper, Katrina Harper
Coffee/tea	Sally Gray, Sandra and Tony Kirby
Family Time	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Wendy Matthews
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Communion	Rosemary Lawrence, David Douglas, Fiona McDougall, Frank Cook, Janet Horncy, Pam Fuller
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Peter Franklin

On duty Sunday 10 September

Welcoming	Maxine and Jim Cunningham
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Kath Kerr, Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier, Laura and Melissa Van Echten
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	Trish McBride
Prayers of the People	David Douglas
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	Trish McBride
Musician	Bruce Cash

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 3 September: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Ross Scott, followed by Exploring Faith.

Wednesday 6 September: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre
12:15pm - Lunchtime concert: Flute and Guitar Duo Elsa Shih and Sirisan Sobhanasiri

Sunday 10 September: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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
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Eco Church Coordinator	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Faith in Action Coordinator	Paul Barber
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Vacant
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller
Concert Coordinator	Kristina Zuelicke
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