



# ORDER OF SERVICE

17 SEPTEMBER 2023

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**Creation 3**

**Mountains (Taranaki)**

**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**

**'Canzona dopo l'Epistola'**

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1635)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Still, us in this moment as we arrive with our own concerns and worries,  
hold us in your embrace as we allow ourselves to let go and let God.

We come expectant wanting to listen wanting to become active participants  
in the healing of your creation.

Bless our worship this morning. Amen.

**SILENCE**

**GATHERING**

Mountains soar above the plains

***reaching upwards, massive and mighty.***

Mountains inspire and invite

***journeys of risk, adventure, requiring courage.***

Mountains are meeting places of holy moment

***places for reflection and refreshment, places of peace.***

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**AA 155 'Where Mountains Rise to Open Skies'**

Words: © 1971 Shirley Erena Murray; Music by Vernon Griffiths

Music: © 1971 Faber Music Ltd

Tune: DUNEDIN

1. Where mountains rise to open skies  
your name, O God, is echoed far,  
from island beach to kauri's reach,  
in water's light, in lake and star.

2. Your people's heart, your people's part  
be in our caring for this land,  
for faith to flower, for aroha\*  
to let each other's mana\*\* stand.
3. From broken word, from conflict stirred,  
from lack of vision, set us free  
to see the line of your design,  
to feel creation's energy.
4. Your love be known, compassion shown,  
that every child have equal scope:  
in justice done, in trust begun  
shall be our heritage and hope.
5. Where mountains rise to open skies  
your way of peace distil the air,  
your spirit bind all humankind,  
one covenant of life to share!

\* aroha = Maori word for "all-embracing love"

\*\* mana = Maori for "dignity, prestige"

## 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

God who moves mountains,  
sweep over us with your embracing grace and peace.  
create in us a mind for reflection.  
a heart for loving  
and a conscience for justice and action.

## **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**

**Frank Cook**

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

*Our practice is to pass the peace without shaking hands and say "peace be with you".*

## **THE WORD IN TEXTS**

**Marilyn Wallace**

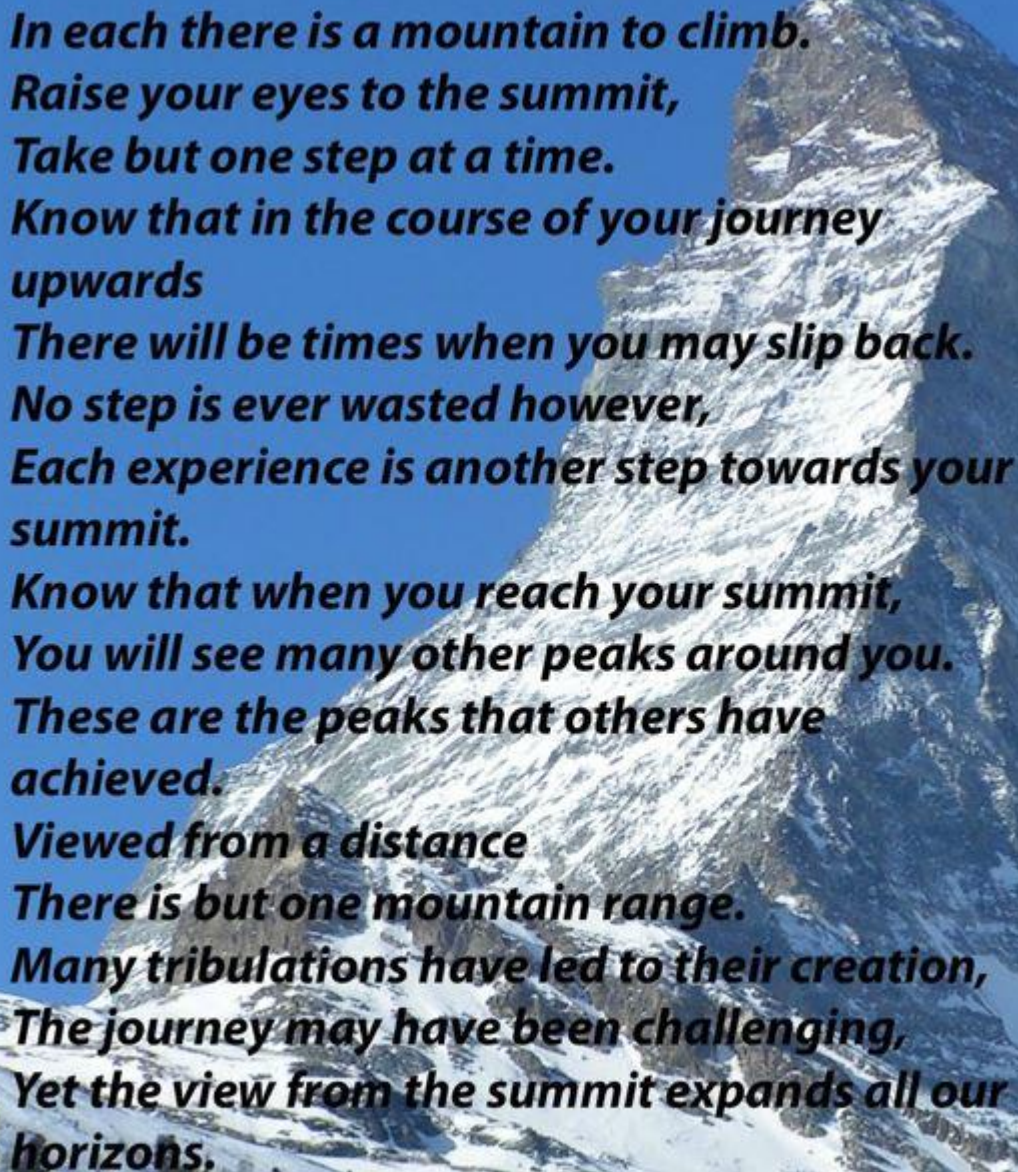
**Hebrew Bible**

**Genesis 50:15-26**

**New Testament**

**Matthew 18:21-35**

## ***Climb Your Inner Mountain***



***In each there is a mountain to climb.  
Raise your eyes to the summit,  
Take but one step at a time.  
Know that in the course of your journey  
upwards  
There will be times when you may slip back.  
No step is ever wasted however,  
Each experience is another step towards your  
summit.  
Know that when you reach your summit,  
You will see many other peaks around you.  
These are the peaks that others have  
achieved.  
Viewed from a distance  
There is but one mountain range.  
Many tribulations have led to their creation,  
The journey may have been challenging,  
Yet the view from the summit expands all our  
horizons.***

## **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.***

## HYMN

## TIS 648 'Help us accept each other'

Words: Frederik Herman Kaan

Tune: AURELIA WOV 385

1. Help us accept each other  
as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother,  
each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us  
and bring us to believe  
we are *ourselves* accepted  
and meant to love and live.
2. Teach us, O God, your lessons,  
as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human  
and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people,  
for all – not just for some,  
to love them as we find them  
or as they may become
3. Let your acceptance change us,  
so that we may be moved  
in living situations  
to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance  
until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness  
and laughter's healing art.
4. God, for today's encounters  
with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance,  
for righteousness and bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing,  
new hands for holding on:  
renew us with your Spirit;  
God, free us, make us one!

**REFLECTION “HOW HARD IS IT TO FORGIVE?” Rev Dr Fei Taule’ale’ausumai**

**MUSIC VOICE STUDENTS FROM PORIRUA COLLEGE**

The students singing are Tairi Mataio, Indy Leti Alofa, and Laisha Mokalei-Leiataua. They are students in the Years 9 and 10 Music Voice class at Porirua College. They will be singing traditional Cook Island songs of worship.

**OFFERING MUSIC**

**‘Canzona post il Communio’**

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1635)

**OFFERING HYMN**

**AA 127 ‘Take my gifts’ verse 1&2**

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Colin Gibson

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE

1. Take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first of all loved me,  
gave me light and food and shelter,  
gave me life and set me free.  
Now, because your love has touched me,  
I have love to give away;  
now the bread of love is rising,  
loaves of love to multiply!
2. Take the fruit that I have gathered  
from the tree your Spirit sowed,  
harvest of your own compassion,  
juice that makes the wine of God;  
spiced with humour, laced with laughter –  
flavour of the Jesus life,  
tang of risk, and new adventure,  
taste and zest beyond belief.

**OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Forgiving is a gift of love, freedom and peace.  
These more tangible gifts make our heart’s generosity increase..  
May these movements of the spirit release our compassion,  
and inspire us in our everyday lives to caring action.

*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 Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Gambia and Mauritania and the Gambia Christian Council. 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 Barbara Kuriger (Taranaki-King Country) and Ingrid Leary (Taieri). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Levin Uniting Church.

### **PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S**

*Bless your people, God  
and renew our life in this place  
Refresh us with a spirit of love and respect  
for all who follow the Jesus Way,  
for those whose pathways differ from our own,  
and for care of the Earth and its creatures.*

*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

## AA 113 'Our Life has its seasons'

Words: Shirley Murray Music: Colin Gibson

Tune: KOTUKU

1. Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons  
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,  
for there's a connection with our resurrection  
that flowers will bud after frost and snow,  
*so there's never a time to stop believing,  
there's never a time for hope to die,  
there's never a time to stop loving,  
these things go on.*
2. But there's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,  
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,  
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,  
a time to be waking, a time to sleep,  
*but there's never a time to stop believing,  
there's never a time for hope to die,  
there's never a time to stop loving,  
these things go on.*
3. There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,  
a time to be saving, a time to spend,  
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,  
a time for beginning, a time to end.  
*but there's never a time to stop believing,  
there's never a time for hope to die,  
there's never a time to stop loving,  
these things go on.*

## BLESSING

May God who links forgiveness and laughter,  
lighten our hearts,  
may Jesus who heals and forgives,  
set us free.  
May the Spirit of love, let us taste her deep joy.

## **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**

## **'Fugue in C major' BWV 547**

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

## **THANK YOU**

**Bruce Cash**  
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***

### **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.

### **ST ANDREW'S SUSTAINABILITY TIPS...**

*As part of our St Andrew's sustainability group activities we have a regular space in the enews to share events and resources. If you have ideas or events to share this month please contact Sonia (while Anna is away. My email: [soniapetrie@gmail.com](mailto:soniapetrie@gmail.com))*

## **Season of Creation**

This month is [Season of Creation](#) and the theme this year is 'Let Justice and Peace Flow'.

In the congregational conversation the sustainability group would like to discuss and hear your views on planting some natives in the small garden area behind the carpark. If you can't make it to the conversation you can share your thoughts with Sonia (contact details above).

*"In this Season of Creation, let us dwell on these heartbeats: our own, those of our mothers and grandmothers, the heartbeat of the created heart and that of God's heart. Today they are not in harmony, they do not beat together in justice and peace. Many are prevented from drinking from this vigorous river. Let us listen then to the call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to this senseless war against creation," - Pope Francis (part of his 2023 Season of Creation message).*

## **Events for your diaries**

### **An invitation from Degrowth**

We hope you can join us, in person or online, for the Beyond Growth Aotearoa conference <<https://events.humanitix.com/beyond-growth-aotearoa>> in Wellington on Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 September, 2023.

Contact Dick Keller on [rwk.trip11@gmail.com](mailto:rwk.trip11@gmail.com) for more information.

## **UPCOMING WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS**

*Wednesday 20 September 12:15pm – 1:00pm*

NZSM Cello Ensemble

*Wednesday 27 September 12:15pm – 1:00pm*

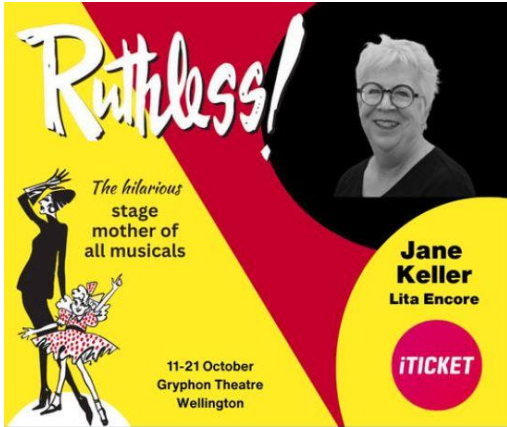
NZSM String Ensemble

## WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

### ELECTION FORUMS COMING UP

**Living Wage Election Forum** Friday 29th September 6.30 - 8pm St Peters on Willis St

### 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.

A St. Andrew's group is going on Saturday 21st October. If you're interested in joining the group let Fei know, or, you can purchase your own tickets.

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	Pat Booth, Pam Fuller
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	John Harper, Mike Wespel-Rose
Coffee/tea	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Sally Gray
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Marilyn Wallace
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Bruce Cash

#### On duty Sunday 24 September

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Tony Pears, Lynette Burrell
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, David Douglas, Kath Kerr
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 17 September: 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Congregational Conversation and Younger Members (Y) group meets Jenny and Gavin Watson's home in the Wairarapa.

**Wednesday 20 September: 10:30am** - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

**12:15pm** - Lunchtime concert: NZSM Cello Ensemble

**Sunday 24 September: 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

<b>Minister</b>	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
<b>Parish Council Convenor</b>	Sue Hirst
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Barber
<b>Facilities Management Group</b>	Sandra Kirby
<b>Pastoral Care Team</b>	Pat Booth, Brian Burrell, Maxine Cunningham, Katrina Harper
<b>Theologian in Residence</b>	Lloyd Geering
<b>Presbytery Representative</b>	Lois Robertson
<b>Church Music Coordinator</b>	Vacant
<b>Eco Church Coordinator</b>	Sonia Groes-Petrie
<b>Faith in Action Coordinator</b>	Paul Barber
<b>Rainbow Room Coordinator</b>	Vacant
<b>Roster Coordinator</b>	Pam Fuller
<b>Concert Coordinator</b>	Kristina Zuelicke
<b>Centre Manager</b>	Adelina Reis
<b>Office Administrator</b>	Christine Wilkinson
<b>Facilities Assistant(s)</b>	Maddie Fenn, Oscar Ruegg, Liam Oakley, Mattias Barber

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