

ORDER OF SERVICE

17 SEPTEMBER 2023

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

© 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

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

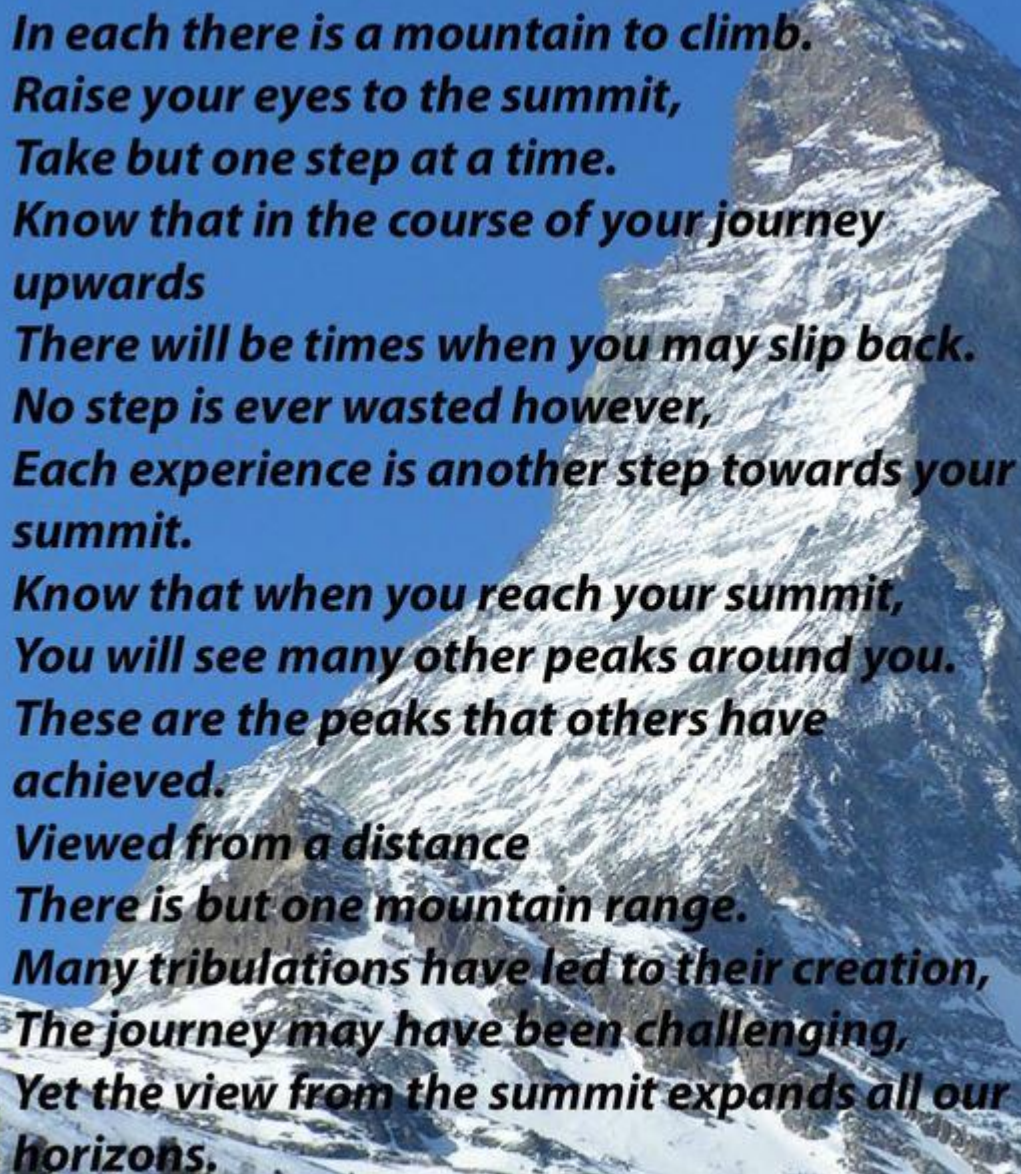
Hebrew Bible

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)

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 for more information.

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

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

NZSM Cello Ensemble

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

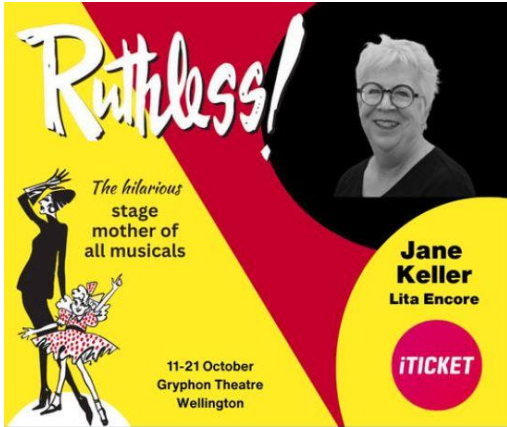
NZSM String Ensemble

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

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
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
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
Facilities Assistant(s)	Maddie Fenn, Oscar Ruegg, Liam Oakley, Mattias Barber

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