

ORDER OF SERVICE

15 OCTOBER 2023

Pentecost 20



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 Jim Cunningham

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let there be joy in our coming together this morning.

***Let there be compassion heard in the words we speak,
and love in the songs we sing.***

Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.

Let there be trust in our coming together

SILENCE

GATHERING

Discovered in daily life
divine presence
opening eyes
opening minds
opening hearts
inviting the journey deeper
into life...

Gentle still point

Silent place of knowing...

Unknown God made known among us.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Praise, my soul, the wondrous beauty'

Words: Scott Kearns – "Sing It Forward"

Tune: WOV 68 PRAISE, MY SOUL

1. Praise, my soul, the wondrous beauty
to discover everywhere:
painted sunset, morning glory,
cooling rain, and breezes fair.
Praises singing, praises bringing,
for the wonder that we share.
2. Praise, my soul, the sense of myst'ry,
knowledge we have yet to find,
much awaiting our discovery,
life details of every kind.
Praises singing, praises bringing,
for the questing, searching mind.
3. Praise, my soul, the deep compassion
freely offered, freely giv'n,
care that reaches past the barriers,
care that takes the stranger in.
Praises singing, praises bringing,
join with all we share a part.
4. Praise, my soul, the sense of justice,
seeing others equally;
full respect for rights and honour,
full respect for dignity.
Praises singing, praises bringing,
t'wards a whole humanity.

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 morning tea in the hall after church.

OPENING PRAYER

Fire of the Spirit

purify our hearts that we may truly love our neighbour

Light of the Spirit

guide our path that we may walk in truth.

Flame of the Spirit

fill us with a passion for justice

Peace of the Spirit

gather us together in celebration.

May we bring love where there is little or no love.

May we bring truth when there is but pretence and falsehood Amen.

JESUS' PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase

Eternal Spirit

***Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker,
source of all that is and that shall be,***

Father and Mother of us all,

loving God, in whom is heaven:

the hallowing of your name

echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed

by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done

by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test,

strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory

of the power that is love, now and for ever.

Amen.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

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

PASSING THE PEACE

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

THE WORD IN TEXTS**Gavin Watson****Hebrew Bible****The golden calf****Exodus 32:1-14****New Testament****The parable of the wedding feast****Matthew 22:1-14****Contemporary Reading****by Peter Vernezze****Author of 'Ancient Wisdom in a Troubled World.'**

If our Faiths were simply static collections of long ago stories, rituals and unchanging values we could leave them as mere footnotes in the history books and get on with the tough scientific work that might guide us into whatever the future holds. According to interfaith pioneer Huston Smith that's exactly the problem we face. We have given our souls to scientism, the view that secure scientific knowledge is all we have as we face our troubled world and wonder about the future. So great has been the impact of scientific discovery that the wisdom of religious communities has been increasingly set aside by decision makers. Huston Smith challenges this assumption. Scientific discovery shows a vital half of the world, its physical, calculable, controllable half, but ignores those aspects of life that are not amenable to control, measurement and calculation. These aspects of life include such important things as a humane sense of purpose and meaning, deep relationships, imagination, hope, a sense that there is more to life than what can be possessed, traded, manipulated, catalogued and fully understood. Huston Smith, like us I imagine, believed the human family needs the living and transformative wisdom treasured in communities of faith seeking to live within inclusive and generous horizons. Our twenty first century has been too eager to push religious intuition to the boundaries of living, exiled to the private lives of a diminishing number but irrelevant to the great issues of our day.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

'Who will bring our worlds together?' V1, 3, 4

Words: Shirley Erena Murray

Tune: WOV 577 AUSTRIA

1. Who will bring our world together,
cross the span of ocean space?
What will speak to heart and spirit,
every culture, face to face?
Jesus Christ, the bridge between us,
one to one, and land to land.
Word that speaks beyond all language,
love that children understand.

3. In our prayer and in our protest
let our sparks of hope take fire:
let our inner voices make us
soft as petals tough as wire,
sometimes bending, never broken,
challenging unrighteous powers
till all violence is ended,
till compassion seeds her flowers.

4. Working to the Spirit's purpose,
celebrating what is just,
engineers of kindlier systems,
architects creating trust.
God in each of us is present,
we are given will and worth
fit for builders of new bridges,
great and small, to change the earth!

REFLECTION

Rev Jim Cunningham

HYMN

AA 44 'Gentle God when we are driven'

Words: ©1982 Shirley Erena Murray Music: ©1982 Jillian Bray

Tune: TAWA

1. Gentle God, when we are driven
past the limits of our love,
when our hurt would have a weapon
and the hawk destroy the dove,
at the cost of seeming weak,
help us turn the other cheek.
2. Gentle Spirit, when our reason
clouds in anger, twists in fear,
when we strike instead of stroking,
when we bruise and sting and smear,
cool our burning, take our pain,
bring us to ourselves again.
3. In the mirror of earth's madness
let us see our ravaged face,
in the turmoil of all people
let compassion find a place,
touch our hearts to make amends,
see our enemies as friends.
4. Let our strength be in forgiving
as forgiven we must be,
one to one in costly loving,
finding trust and growing free,
gentle God, be our release,
gentle Spirit, teach us peace.

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA 62 'Here we bring small or great' V1

Words: ©Shirley Murray Music:© Colin Gibson

Tune: ASHLEY

1. Here we bring, small or great,
gifts to offer on this plate,
what we've earned, what we own,
tithe or token, bread or stone.

Jesus said, "Have a care -your hearts will always be where your riches are, where your riches are".

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring what we have and who we are.....
Lord make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy. (Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi)

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

Cam Smart

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of China and the China 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 Anna Lorck (Tukituki) and Marja Lubeck (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Marton.

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

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?

BLESSING

We are all interconnected.
As we become aware of the needs
of the world around us,
let us be rooted and grounded in love.
So may our compassion grow strong and vibrant,
life-giving
to ourselves and
to those we encounter.

SUNG THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Ephraim Wilson
our musician today

Unless otherwise stated all hymns are used by permission CCLI Licence 341550 or reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #. A-623996. All rights reserved.
Words/music to new hymns and gathering statement, prayers and affirmation are original unless acknowledged.



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

MARMALADE DAY

After the service today I will be selling this year's batch of fundraising marmalade (Seville orange, lime, navel orange, mixed citrus: Seville, navel & lemon). Sue

LINK FOR MARGARET RUSHBROOK'S FUNERAL SERVICE

In case you missed the service and would like to see it here is the link for the service: <https://vimeo.com/867741116/740f563bed>

Please note that you are not required to sign in/log in etc to the Vimeo viewing site. Often the sound doesn't begin until the speaker begins.

I understand it is likely to be available for up to three months, Pam

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 still have 2 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.

DCM FOODBANK APPEAL AT NEWTOWN NEW WORLD, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18TH.

This important Pre-Christmas event is around the corner!

The last Appeal in May was very successful so please let me know if you are willing to volunteer on Saturday Nov 18th for this Appeal.

We will work from 12.00 - 4.00pm, ie four hours.

Eight volunteers are required.

Two people will be needed each hour to hand out flyers and manage goods and donations as they are dropped off by shoppers on their way out.

The work is pleasant (greeting and thanking!), the environment sheltered from wind and rain and of course the outcome very worth your while!

As I will be away for a few weeks from the end of October, I am hoping to get keen supporters signed up ASAP!!

Look forward to hearing from you....

Sally Gray. 021-0279-7472. graygeorgesally@gmail.com

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 toothbrushes. (Please no fresh fruit/vegetables)

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

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Wednesday 18 October 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Flute Trio – Rebecca Steel, flute, Imogen Granwal, cello, and Kris Zuelicke, piano

Wednesday 25 October 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Dulcis Tibia Recorder Quartet: Recorders (with great and contra basses) will be playing arrangements of music from the Renaissance, the Baroque and the century.



WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHRISTIAN CREATIVES



My name is Sylvia Stump, and I am an administrator for ICHC, an organisation that supplies Christian Chaplains to public hospitals around NZ. In my spare time I like to create art and write stories, and I am very keen to meet like-minded people who are Christian and creative. I have been going to the Brooklyn Reformed Church for the past 20 years and have recently decided to form a club for Wellingtonians who are Christian and creative, as a way of providing a supportive, encouraging and inspiring

environment for those of us that God has given a passion for the creative arts. There is no such club in my church, and there wasn't one I could see advertised in Wellington, so I have gone ahead and made one. It is called Christian Creatives and can be found on [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com)

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	Jim and Maxine Cunningham
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Mike Wespel-Rose, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier, Simon Miller Janet Horncy (CG)
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Gavin Watson
Prayers of the People	Cam Smart
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Ephraim Wilson

On duty Sunday 22 October

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Frank Cook (CG)
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Paul Franken, Lynette Burrell
Coffee/tea	Laura and Melissa Van Echten, Sally Gray
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Lois Robertson
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 15 October: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Jim Cunningham followed by Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group meets after morning tea

Wednesday 18 October: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm - Lunchtime concert: Flute Trio – Rebecca Steel, flute, Imogen Granwal, cello, and Kris Zuelicke, piano

Sunday 22 October: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Jim Cunningham followed by Social 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

St Andrew's on The Terrace

www.standrews.org.nz

30 The Terrace – P O Box 5203, Wellington 6145

Office Hours: 9 am – 5 pm Monday to Friday

Phone (04) 472-9211

office@standrews.org.nz



Minister : Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

Office: (04) 472-9376, Cell: 021-836 060

minister@standrews.org.nz

