



ORDER OF SERVICE

22 OCTOBER 2023

Pentecost 21

BALANCE

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

'The Swan'

by Saint-Saens (1835-1921)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come in. Come into this place
which we make special by our presence.
Come into this place
where the ordinary is sanctified,
the human is celebrated,
the compassionate is expected.
Together we make it a holy place
with our every act of worship.

SILENCE

GATHERING

We come to be opened by visions that can enlist us
in larger causes and more caring actions.

***We come to hear stories
that might takes us into a deeper kind of integrity,
and reconnect us with our better selves.***

So may the warmer fullness that we seek
fill our hearts, our minds and our spirits.

Let us worship the One we name God

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Sing Praise to all'

Words: © Gretta Vosper;

Tune: WOV 28 LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Sing praise to all that has offered us life and sustains us –
all that has opened our hearts to the love borne within us:
family and friends,
beauty we see without end –
gifts that our lives lay before us.
2. Sing praise to all that has opened our mind to new vistas –
all that has called us to seek out new truths through the ages:
Vision and word,
Music that sought to be heard,
These are the gifts that will mould us.
3. Sing praise to minds that will fashion our bold new tomorrow's
yesterday's wisdom released from its dogma and credos.
Evermore free
to live out what we believe
walking the path that Life hallows.

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

Compassionate Love, you are the gathering one
who calls us into community with each other;
to love and work, support and heal.

You are the gathering one
who calls us into community with all people;
to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.

You are the gathering one
who calls us into community with the whole creation;
to live in harmony, to cherish and renew.

For our community gathered here,
for the spirit that called us together and drew us to this place:
We give thanks.

For moments we have shared with others;
for times we have reached out across barriers of distance and fear;
for times when others have reached out to us:
We give thanks.

For our weaving together out of many separate selves
this hour of celebration and reflection;
this community of faith and hope:
We give thanks this day. 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.

FAMILY TIME

Cam Smart

PASSING THE PEACE

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

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Tony Kirby

Hebrew Bible

Genesis 1:26 – 2:3

Human Beings – The Crown of Creation

New Testament

Revelation 21: 1-4, 15-16

A new heaven and a new earth

Contemporary Reading

Labour Day

By Lill Pluta

People work. People play.
That's why we have Labour Day.
Plumbers, bakers, painters, vets,
fishermen with giant nets.
Firefighters, engineers,
barbers snipping with their shears.
Teachers, waiters, nurses, cooks,
authors writing thrilling books.
Carpenters and deputies,
people who take care of bees.
No matter what it is you do,
there's one thing that's always true.
Every worker needs to rest.
I hope your Labour Day's the best!

HYMN:

Words: Janet H Wootton (Stainer & Bell)

Tune: WOV 68 PRAISE, MY SOUL

1. Worker God, who planned creation –
complex splendour held in one;
spoke out threads of light and matter,
weaving what your word had spun,
then, with proper satisfaction,
rested when the work was done.
2. Who are we to spoil the pattern,
make redundant hands and minds;
tarnish pleasure in achievement
which your pleasure undersigned,
crushing lives, and wasting talent,
uncreating humankind.
3. Many see the sudden ending
of their deeply cherished plans
through the failure of a system
which no longer meets demands,
and the fruit from years of effort
slips away from helpless hands.
4. Helplessness fuels bitter anger –
home and loved ones bear the cost.
Voices raised create a Babel,
countermanding Pentecost;
and by this disintegration,
whole communities are lost.
5. Worker God within creation,
weaving what our hands have spun,
give to us consistent strength
to speak your word and see it done.
So through just and human triumphs
may your victory be won.

REFLECTION

Jim Cunningham

A RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR JUSTICE

(by Rebecca Sutton, Program Coordinator of Global Women's Exchange. This prayer was developed for the NY State Labor-Religion Coalition's seventh annual 40-hour fast. It was also part of Prayers for a Just Economy, a prayer service calling for an increase in the federal minimum wage held in Washington, DC, July 24, 2013.)

Pray for those who are hungry.

Pray harder for those who will not feed them.

Pray for those who struggle each week to pay their bills.

Pray harder for the wealthy who do not care.

Pray for those who are homeless.

Pray harder for those who deny them shelter.

Pray for the sick and lonely.

Pray harder for those who will not give them comfort.

Pray for those who cry out for dignity.

Pray harder for those who will not listen.

Pray for those oppressed by unjust wages.

Pray harder for those who exploit them.

Pray for those who bear the yoke of prejudice.

Pray harder for those who discriminate against them.

Pray for those whose basic needs are denied.

Pray harder for public officials who cater to the greedy and ignore those bound unjustly. Amen.

HYMN

HIOS 56 'Here in the busy city'

Words: © Shirley Erena Murray Music: © Barry Brinson

Tune: WOV 509 MORNING LIGHT

1. Here in the busy city
now let the Church be seen
where lesser gods are worshipped
in money and machine;
where news is but sensation,
the Good News hardly heard --
now let the Church take action
in living out the Word!

2. In policies and planning
the Church be there to speak
to moderate the powerful,
to argue for the weak:
where law must sit in judgment
and love is little known,
there at the crisis centre
the Christ concern be shown.
3. Where litter chokes the gutter
and people go to waste,
where joblessness is bitter
and living lost its taste --
to under-leavened people
be proof of rising yeast,
in lives devoid of flavour
be saltiness released!
4. Here in the busy city
God walks on every street
in generous or greedy,
the honest or the cheat;
and daily we must offer
the good that goes unpriced
with vigour and with vision -
the lifestyle of the Christ.

OFFERING MUSIC

'Jesus stand among us'

(Graham Kendrick (b 1950) arr Guy Jansen)

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 heart 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

*We give thanks to God for our life
and the courage we are given to live it.
Let our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity.
Let our faith be expressed in engagement with the world
for the purpose of transformation,
for peace and love and justice.
Let our hope for our world find full expression
in our daily attitude of mind. 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

Lois Robertson

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Columbia and the Presbyterian Church of Colombia. 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 Hon Christopher Luxon (PM, Botany), James Meager (Rangitata). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of St James' Union Church, Masterton.

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.***

CALL TO SERVICE (standing)

K McIlhagga

Spirit of God brooding over
the waters of our chaos,
inspire us to generous living.

Wind of God dancing over
the desert of our reluctance,
lead us to the oasis of celebration.

Breath of God inspiring
communication among strangers,
make us channels of your peace.

CLOSING HYMN

‘Past and present with our dreaming’

Words : Colin Gibson;

Music: WOV 478 CWM RHONDDA

1. Past and present, with our dreaming,
Join to make us what we are;
ancient wisdom, ancient follies
shape the way we love and care:
Give us reverence, give us wisdom,
From the past for life today.

2. Make us mindful of each moment –
ev'ry force, each strength, each flaw;
free us from those empty longings
which consume us more and more:
Give us vision, give us courage,
For this present age of change.
3. We must face the future's challenge
to create a better earth
hand in hand with all who labour
dream and suffer for its birth,
For through sharing, and through caring
We shall build community.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Procession
by Richard Frey (b 1945)

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of St Andrew's on the Terrace will be held on Sunday 12 November 2023, after morning tea.

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.

MISSING A TABLECLOTH?



This tablecloth has turned up in the tea towel drawer. If it belongs to you it's in the office.

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 AND THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

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 20th century.



Wednesday 1 November 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Robert Ibell, cello, and Rachel Thomson, piano

Thursday 2 November 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Violin Cello Duo - Ian Greenberg and Christine Wang

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	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

On duty Sunday 29 October

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie (CG)
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Tony Pears, Katrina Harper
Coffee/tea	Andrew and Wendy Matthews, Kath Kerr
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Rosemary Lawrence
Prayers of the People	Ellen Murray
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Ephraim Wilson

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

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

Wednesday 25 October: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm - Lunchtime concert: Dulcis Tibia Recorder Quartet –
Katrin Eickhorst, Rachel Patrick, Roger Palmer and Tessa Coppard

Sunday 29 October: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Ellen Murray and Tony Pears

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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