



ORDER OF SERVICE

10 MARCH 2024

4th Sunday in Lent



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.

We recognise that being inclusive is an ongoing journey and we are continuing to learn.

We are committed to challenging discrimination within the church and wider society.

Please join in the congregational responses printed in ***bold italics***.

Please stand if you are able, for the hymns and the offering prayer.

We usually sing the hymns without announcement.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sacred Silence

from Psalms for the Road by Joy Cowley)

As we come near holy ground
we undress our minds
and lay the garments of thoughts
and the side of the road.
We do not carry the judgements
that we place on ourselves and others.
We let fall our opinions of evil
and our notions of goodness.
they belong to the mind
but not to our gentle hearts.
Do we feel naked?
Do we feel vulnerable?

SILENCE

GATHERING

Then it is time to proceed,
bare and simple to the place
where we will be clothed
in the radiance of love,
far beyond human thought.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'How great the mystery of faith'

Words: Brian Wren

Tune: OMBERSLEY WOV 477ii

1. How great the mystery of faith,
how deep the purposes of God,
in birth and ageing, life and death,
unveiled, yet never understood!
2. Attracted by life's deepest claim
we wait, assembled in this place,
with needs and hopes we cannot name,
a thirst for healing, truth and grace.
3. The best that we can do and say,
the utmost care of skill and art,
are sweepers of the Spirit's way
to reach the depths of every heart.

WELCOME

E te whānau a Te Karaiti,
ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa.

Kia ora tātou.

Talofa Lava

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

Still our hearts and minds in this moment in time
that we may consider the lilies of the field
how they grow: they neither toil nor spin and yet
even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
So we should not worry about the material things in life
but be thankful for the grace of God that is so freely given to us.

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

Rosemary Lawrence

PASSING THE PEACE

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

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Anna Smith

Hebrew Bible

Numbers 21:4-9

New Testament

Ephesians 2:1-10

Old woman, broken backed
and barren
hearted, who
will hold your calloused hands
and tend your sores,
look deep into your
rheumy eyes
and kiss your dribbling mouth
and say 'Stand tall because
I see you youthful,
beautiful, not just
as once you were but
as you are and will be
now I have come home
to give my love'?

O who but I, your driven daughter,
flesh of your flesh, I who
once abandoned you for
other fickle loves, destroying
you to run amok, and pirating
my own heart in that peev-
ish separation?- who
but I must leave
this unbrave newer world –
this glittering babel, which
has crushed, abused and silenced you
until you nearly died –
and ask you
to forgive and hold again
the prodigal returned?

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

FFS32 'God who sets us on a journey'

Words © Joy Dine
Tune: HYFRYDOL

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.

REFLECTION “Does everything have a price?” Rev Dr Fei Taule’ale’ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

‘Amazing Grace’

HYMN

AA156 ‘Where the road runs out’

Words and Music: Colin Gibson

Tune: COLUMBUS

1. Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
where we come to the edge of today,
be the God of Abraham for us,
send us out upon our way.

Refrain

*Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you, our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

2. When the coast is left and we journey on
to the rim of the sky and the sea,
be the sailor’s friend, be the dolphin Christ,
lead us on to eternity.

Refrain

*Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you, our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

3. When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,
when tomorrow’s storm draws near,
be the spirit bird hovering overhead
who will take away our fear.

Refrain

*Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you, our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

Words: Robert Murry (adapt)

Tune: STUTTGART

Grant us God the grace of giving
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer thankfully.

OFFERING PRAYER

We bring not only these gifts of money and food, but we bring ourselves that we may take these gifts of grace and love to our neighbours through this offering. Bless the labours of our hands that they may be used to bless others. 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

People share notices. 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. Thank you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hamish Dick

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of France and the Reformed Church of France. 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 Lemauga Lydia Sosene (Māngere) and Hon Erica Stanford (East Coast Bays). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Pacific Islanders Church of Christ The King, Porirua.

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

FFS 57 'Song of faith that sings forever'

Words: Shirley Murray Music: Colin Gibson

Tune: ABBEYFIELD

1. Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always, somewhere sounding,
though the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.
2. Song of faith in exaltation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descant to our daily tone,
song from sickbed or in prison,
faith must often sing alone.

3. And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.

BLESSING

Autumn Benediction

As the trees release their leaves
so we let go of those things we need carry no longer.

Go in peace -
into the green and gold, ochre and amber
and crunch of leaves under foot,
your journey bright and pure.

May you find grace in the love of friends, family and community,
surprises amid the commonplace
and songs of thanks to fill your heart
this day and always.

Amen.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Bruce Corkill
our musician today

ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE WELCOMES ALL VISITORS

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

KAREN FRASER

Dear everybody.

I just wanted to let you all know that my sister Karen Fraser died last Monday in Rotorua hospital. She was just 66. She had been battling cancer for the last 15 months. A time of sadness and loss for me and our family. Her funeral is in Taupo on Saturday 9th March.

Thankyou. Mike Wespel-Rose

ENVELOPE GIVING 2024-25

For those who support our work at St Andrews on The Terrace through weekly envelope giving, the new sets of envelopes for the coming year April 2024 - 25 are now available. You can pick up your numbered envelopes from the northern vestry after church or contact Treasurer Paul Barber pbarber289@gmail.com to arrange to have them posted to you.

RELAY FOR LIFE 2024

I'm participating in the Relay For Life 2024 on 23/24 March at Trentham and would love you to join me! Funds raised are for the Cancer Society. I would be very grateful if you are able to make a donation to Relay For Life 2024 online at: <https://relayforlife.org.nz/sally-gray>

Thanks for all your support! Sally Gray

WHO OWNS THE HOLY LAND?

With the current situation in Gaza, we have had numerous expressions of interest in the St Andrew's Trust publication of Professor Sir Lloyd Geering's 2001 lecture series *Who owns the Holy Land?* For those who do not have access to a print copy, it is reproduced here:

<https://www.standrews.org.nz/archives/41423>

CHURCH LIFE SURVEY

The results of the Church Life Survey are now available. We have an overview of the results from St Andrew's on the Terrace (29 responses), as well as comparisons with Central Presbytery, other PCANZ churches and all churches who responded. A few printed copies will be available at the back of the church, or you can ask the office for a copy to be e-mailed to you.

Sue Hirst, Parish Council Convenor

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

WELLINGTON PRIDE HIGHLIGHTS

Out in the City. Sunday 17 March. Let Ellen know if you can help out with a stall for Faith Communities United in Love, <[contact ellen@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen@yahoo.com)>

All the festival details at www.wellingtonpridefestival.com/

ngā mihi
Ellen

COMMON GRACE - GAZA CEASEFIRE PILGRIMAGE WELLINGTON

This Lent alongside Aotearoa Christians for Peace in Palestine, Common Grace invites you to join us in a Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage. In over 85 cities around the world, Christians, alongside their Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters, are walking the length of Gaza to prayerfully map Gaza onto our own cities with our bodies. Christian leaders in Palestine have called on the global Christian community to do this.

It is part prayer walk, part protest, part fundraiser. Groups will walk, cycle, or roll through their city, mapping either the 36km journey Gazans are being forced to take from Gaza City to Rafah to flee bombardment, or the 41km length of all of Gaza.

There are four core demands that the Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimages are calling for:

- Enduring and sustained ceasefire.
- Immediate flow of life saving food, water, aid, fuel and humanitarian assistance.
- Release of all hostages – both the Israeli hostages held by Hamas – and the Palestinian hostages held in the Israeli prison system.
- End of occupation so a just-peace can begin.

Any funds raised will go to CWS's partner on the ground in Gaza, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees.

The Wellington event is on **Thursday 28 March 2024**. Starting at Taita Rock, Lower Hutt 5am and ending in Wellington city around 8pm. You can walk the full route or join for part of it along the way.

Our prayer is that this Lent, as we meditate on the life and passion of Jesus, we might deepen our solidarity with what our Palestinian sisters and brothers are experiencing daily.

More details and to register go to:

<https://www.commongrace.nz/gazapilgrimages>

Sonia Groes-Petrie

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	Maxine and Jim Cunningham
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Katrina Harper, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Katrina Harper, Janet Horncy
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Anna Smith
Prayers of the People	Hamish Dick
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Corkill

On duty Sunday 17 March

Welcoming	Pat Booth, Pam Fuller
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Jenn and Barrie Keenan
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier, Marilyn Wallace, Sally Gray
Family Time	Dawn Cowdrey
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

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

Wednesday 13 March: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

Sunday 17 March: 10am Sunday Gathering service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group after morning tea

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	David Douglas
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
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