



ORDER OF SERVICE

28 APRIL 2024

EASTER 5

I AM THE TRUE VINE

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

Andante from 4th Sonata by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us gather together in Your name

to spend time in the presence we name God.

May we abide with You in Your love,

that we may share and live Your love with one another.

The road we have travelled to get here today is different for each one of us,

but we meet together in this place we hold sacred.

Let us be open to Your transforming love,

that we may become people who love mercy, do justice and

walk humbly with you.

Amen.

SILENCE

GATHERING

We are the fruits upon the vine, me and mine, your people, our people.

May we be pavers of the way, that the grace and smoothness of your will be imparted by us in the way we relate and exist with and to one another beginning with me.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Let us Reach Down Deep Inside Us'

Words © 2015 Susan Jones

Tune: arr John Bell FFS 10 (i)

1. Let us reach down deep inside us
to the place where quiet reigns;
Find the Self who lives inside us
knows our joy and knows our pains:
Let our ego stand aside there,
shadow sharing space with light.
Let our inner selves rejoice at
how Love shines in darkest night.

2. Wind and fire and earthquake pass but
Spirit is not found in them;
Still, small voice is hardly heard, but
brings Love which does not condemn.
In lives buffeted by windstorms,
rocked by quakes and scorched by fire,
stillness brings surprising solace
as we find there, hearts' desire.

3. Sacred calm means minds can settle,
hearts grow quiet, souls grow still;
Busy thinking slows its rhythm,
gives compassion chance to fill.
Even long-forgotten scars heal
as new balm brings a new way;
Every space and every crevice
warms as Love arrives to stay.

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

Loving and gracious God, we thank You that You are a God of such abundance and generous grace.

We are grateful that within Your loving embrace there is space enough for all of us.

We lift before You a world that sadly does not always reflect that all of us are children of God, equally worthy of respect.

We pray for people who are marginalised and persecuted,
people who are made to suffer for their sexuality, gender, faith or convictions.

For those who have been deprived of home and safety,
we pray for protection and comfort.

For those who live under the shadow of violence,
or live threatened by war and destruction
we pray for peace.

We bring before You all those living under the daily strain of debt, poverty,
climate destruction, and discrimination. We pray that they may experience
justice within their lifetimes.

We pray for all those living on the margins of society:
those without homes, people experiencing bereavement,
people who are estranged from their families and communities,
and for everyone who feels as though they cannot cope.
Bring comfort and rest where there is none,
and guide them towards communities of support and encouragement.

And finally we pray for those closest to our hearts.

Amen

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:

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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

Gillian Fiest

Gospel reading:

John 15:1-8

Epistle:

1 John 4:7-21

Hapu from Taranaki moved to Te Whanganu-a-Tara (Wellington and Hutt Valley regions) in a series of excursions and migrations dating from approximately 1817. When William Wakefield arrived in Wellington Harbour in 1839 the Taranaki hapu (primarily Te Ātiawa, Taranaki, Ngāti Tama and Ngāti Ruanui) were settled around the inner Harbour, extending into the outer Harbour, Hutt Valley and South coast regions.

The Tenth's Reserves Scheme involved the division of New Zealand regions into urban and rural sections. The sections were pre-sold in Britain then balloted as settlers immigrated to New Zealand. The Wellington region (known as the Port Nicholson Block) was the first in the country to be subjected to Wakefield's 'Tenth's Scheme', followed shortly thereafter by Taranaki (the Fitzroy Block). The 'Wellington Tenth's Trust' is so named in reference to this first contact with colonization.

The origin of the Tenth's goes back to the 1839 deed of purchase concluded by William Wakefield on behalf of the New Zealand Company, which promised the chiefs of Wellington that, in addition to retaining their pa sites, kainga, cultivations and mahinga kai: "A portion of the land ceded by them, equal to one-tenth part of the whole, will be reserved by....the New Zealand Company....and held in trust by them for the future benefit of the said chiefs, their families, and their heirs for ever".

A number of these reserves and tenths were never honoured.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

FFS 67 'We are many, We are one'

Words & music: © 1998 Colin Gibson

Tune; HAMILTON

1. We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

2. All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me,
as the fingers of a hand, as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon a loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

3. We will join creation's song,
make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir,
as the flames within a fire
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow,
as the colours of a bow,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

REFLECTION

How do we know if this will be a good season?

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Andante Cantabile TH63

By Tchaikovsky (chosen by Tony Kirby)

HYMN

AA31 'E TE ATUA'

Arr. Nicola Jansen and Guy Jansen Tune: KUM BA YA

1. E te Atua, aroha mai,
E te Atua, aroha mai,
E te Atua, aroha mai.
Ake, ake tonu e.
Ake, ake tonu e.
(O God love us ... forever and ever, Amen)

2. E te Atua, manaaki mai,
E te Atua, manaaki mai,
E te Atua, manaaki mai.
Ake, ake tonu e.
Ake, ake tonu e.
(O God bless us ... forever and ever, Amen)

3. E te Atua, awhina mai,
E te Atua, awhina mai,
E te Atua, awhina mai.
Ake, ake tonu e.
Ake, ake tonu e.
(O God help us ... forever and ever, Amen)

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Ricercare* by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

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

*Compassionate God,
who calls all people to be one family,
teach us to share your gifts with each other, strengthen us to make peace by*

working together, and challenge us with a vision of the feast where all are welcome. 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

Barrie Keenan

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Guinea and the Christian Council of Ghana. We hold all refugees in our hearts and pray in particular for those who are still detained in Australia. We give thanks that we in New Zealand have at last secured the chance to welcome 450 of this group over the next 3 years. We pray that more will have the opportunity to be resettled in the near future. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Hon Louise Upston (Taupō) and Tangi Utikere (Palmerston North). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Tamatea Community Church (Pres-Meth-Ang).

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

WOV 519 (ii) 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind'

Words: Charles Parry Tune: REPTON

A special request from Janice Gault to celebrate her 90th birthday

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways:
re clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives your service find,
in deeper reverence praise,
in deeper reverence praise.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord
let us, like them, obey his word:
'Rise up and follow me,
rise up and follow me!'

3. O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
when Jesus shared on bended knee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love!

4. With that deep hush subduing all
our words and works that drown
the tender whisper of your call,
as noiseless let your blessing fall
as fell your manna down,
as fell your manna down.

5. Drop your still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of your peace,
the beauty of your peace.

6. Breathe through the heats of our desire
your coolness and your balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire,
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm,
still small voice of calm.

BLESSING

Offer kindness and conversation in place of silence,
find a way to spread love instead of fear
and welcome instead of rejection.

May love be something we do instead of say. Knowing that someone else's life
experience may be utterly alien to ours. May we recognise that love leads
others and ourselves to get closer to those whom we are called to love. May
Grace and Peace go with you.

Amen.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Fugue in Eb BWV 552 by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THANK YOU

Bruce Cash

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION GROUP – 28 APRIL 2024

12 - 1pm Conference Room 3

Te Tiriti O Waitangi was signed in Wellington on 29 April 1840 and in the meeting this month we will be looking at the history of the events around the signing of Te Tiriti in our city.

From the very beginning missionaries played a key role so we will also be considering the implications for our faith community in today's context.

Note in your diaries for next month's meeting on 26th May when Finn Corwell from Wellington Living Wage will be updating us on the Living Wage movement in Aotearoa and its contribution to social justice for lower paid workers.

Paul Barber and David Douglas

LIBRARY – PROGRESSIVE AFFIRMATIONS

Dear all.

After church a couple of weeks ago several people asked me if they could have a copy of the progressive affirmations which I read from the book "Why weren't we told". I have printed off a few copies of the Affirmations which I gave to people. The name of the book as stated above is *Why weren't we told: a personal search for the truth about our history* – a handbook on progressive

Christianity, published by Polebridge Press, Salem, Oregon. It is full of a wide range of stimulating and thoughtful articles by a wide variety of authors on the subject of Progressive Christianity. The specific article is 'This we can say: a progressive affirmation' - Rex A.E. Hunt. I hope people find this hopeful, ethical and life affirming. I have been investigating getting more copies of this book from Australia. The copy I have at the moment belongs to our library and I should return it. I want a personal one for myself. If anyone else is interested I can include you in the order. Just let me know.

Thanks, everyone.

Mike WR

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS



Wednesday 1 May 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Spitfires – Royal New Zealand Air Force Band Wind Quintet-
Hindemith, Krejčí, Osório

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

MARY POTTER HOSPICE STREET APPEAL

The Mary Potter Hospice is seeking volunteers to spend an hour or two collecting during their street appeals, Thursday 16th and Saturday 18th of May. You can register online at <https://marypotter.org.nz/events/street-appeal-volunteers-2024>

UPCOMING CONCERT - SUNDAY 26 MAY, 2pm, St Peter's on Willis Street

The Northern Chorale, directed by Thomas Nikora, will perform:

Misa Criolla, an Argentinian Folk Mass by Ariel Ramirez, set to the sounds and rhythms of South America, with percussion, guitars and piano.

The Third Day, a modern cantata based on the resurrection, by Wellington's Jonathan Berkahn.

The performance will be followed by afternoon tea.

Adults \$20 / Students \$10 / School age children free.

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE GAZA PALESTINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

Christian World Service has launched an emergency appeal to assist people who have been affected by the current conflict in the Middle East, particularly Gaza. Nearly 85% of the population – 1.9 million people have been displaced in Gaza. They are in urgent need of food, water, shelter and safety.

“The people of Gaza are living in harrowing conditions with limited resources, and we cannot stand idly by while they suffer... Our collective efforts can make a significant difference in the lives of those trapped in this nightmarish situation,” DSPR.

Donations can be made through CWS:

- Online and by direct deposit via <https://cws.org.nz/donate-to-the-gaza-palestine-appeal/>
- By Phone with a credit card: 0800 74 73 72

NB: CWS is a member of <https://actalliance.org>, a coalition of over 140 churches working together on humanitarian, development in over 120 countries.

RELIEFAID APPEAL FOR GAZA

Another option is ReliefAid which is on the ground delivering emergency aid to families

The situation in Gaza is catastrophic, the death toll rises daily and families have nowhere to flee. Compounding the distress, Gaza's closed borders have made humanitarian access all but impossible, leaving families lost, abandoned and without the basics needed to survive.

Despite these monumental challenges, ReliefAid is NOW delivering aid in Gaza. Leveraging our established networks on the ground, we have deployed a team within Gaza to deliver life-saving aid directly to families. **Donations can be made here: www.reliefaid.org.nz/gaza-appeal/**

Together we will make a difference. Thank you.

Mike Seawright, Founder and Chief Executive

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	Jeni Bryant
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst (CG)
Offering	Lynette Burrell, Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	David Douglas, Sally Gray, Janet Horncy
Family Time	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	Gillian Feist
Prayers of the People	Barrie Keenan
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Cash
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty May 5th

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Jenn and Barrie Keenan (CG)
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Sally Gray and David Douglas
Family Time	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	Tony Kirby (CG)
Prayers of the People	TBA
Communion	Lynne Dovey, Janet Horncy, Sonia Groes-Petrie, Rosemary Lawrence, Katrina Harper, Ellen Murray
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Wednesday 1 May: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm – Paul Rosomon - Organ

Sunday 5 May: 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	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
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
Office Administrator	Jemma Ballantyne
Facilities Assistant(s)	R. MacConghie, O. Ruegg, M. Barber, L. Oakley, F. Neeley-Grant

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