



ORDER OF SERVICE

29th SEPTEMBER 2024

PENTECOST 19

SEASON OF CREATION PAPATŪĀNUKU – EARTH MOTHER

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 the Y Group and Sustainability Group

PRELUDE

**Diapason Movement
by John Keeble (1711 – 1786)**

CALL TO WORSHIP

As the strengthening sun rises above breaking cloud and floods the whenua with spring light; as tūī and korimako feast on the sweet nectar of kōwhai and kākābeak blooms; draw us into your light, O God, that we might drink deeply from your living waters, and suck honey out of your rock, that we might be strengthened to live regeneratively within your living Earth – Papatūānuku Earth Mother.

MĀORI CREATION STORY IN SAND

SILENCE

GATHERING: OPENING RESPONSE

God of the land, the sea, the sky:
Creator of all that is seen and unseen.

Open our hearts to the rhythm of Creation in the swells of the ocean,
the movements of air and wind, the breath of all living things.

Open our eyes to the fragile beauty of the biodiversity of which we are a part.
Open our ears to the sounds of life around us.
Open our minds to the awareness of our deep relationship with all your
Creation.

Creator God:

May we hope and act with Creation.

James Bagwan, Pacific Conference of Churches

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 26 'Come to our land

1. Come to our land, come to our hearts,
Spirit of peace, Spirit of truth,
bring in the spring, the hope and the green,
Spirit of growth and Spirit of youth.

Refrain:

*And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God!*

2. Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of life, breath of new birth,
teach us to care for water and air,
nourish the seed and cherish the earth.

Refrain

3. Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of bush, Spirit of bird,
speak to the soul of Aotearoa
joy in your world and joy in your Word.

Refrain

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

Creator Spirit,
out of nothingness – no thingness –
a cosmos of intricate harmony
and elegant balance emerged.

How is it that we can walk past butterfly wings –
our minds filled with weightier matters –
and not drop to our knees
in reverie?

In this season of summer,
blow us about in the winds of Spirit,
that we might catch a ride and land
on the green leaf of your choosing...

There to do nothing more,
and nothing less,
than to enjoy the sheer miracle of being...

Alive, and awake
to the gift of our existence,
and the love that fashions butterfly wings.
Help us to rest in this grace.

Amen

‘A Light landing by Bruce Sanguin’ (from If Darwin Prayed)

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

Frank Cook

PASSING THE PEACE: Say to one another “Rangimarie” (“Peace” in Te Reo)

Our practice is to pass the peace, with or without shaking hands, and say “Peace be with you.”

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Fionn McKenzie & Callum Hunter

Hebrew Bible

Song of Songs 2:8-13

An interpretation for the Season of Creation: God and creation delight in each other; God asks us to also care for and delight in His creation.

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 12:20-26

All things are interconnected. If one part suffers, every part suffers; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.

Let us bless
the imagination of the Earth.
that knew early the patience
to harness the mind of time.
Waited for the seas to warm,
ready to welcome the emergence
of things dreaming of voyaging
among the stillness of land.

And how light knew to nurse
the growth until the face of the Earth
brightened beneath a vision of colour.

When the ages of ice came
and sealed the Earth inside,
an endless coma of cold,
the heart of the Earth held hope,
storing fragments of memory,
ready for the return of the sun.

Let us thank the Earth
that offers ground for home
and holds our feet firm
to walk in space open
to infinite galaxies.

Let us salute the silence
and certainty of mountains:

their sublime stillness,
their dream-filled hearts.

The wonder of a garden
trusting the first warmth of spring
until its black infinity of cells
becomes charged with dream;
then the silent, slow nurture
of the seed's self, coaxing it
to trust the act of death.

The humility of the Earth
that transfigures all
that has fallen
of outlived growth.

The kindness of the Earth,
opening to receive
our worn forms
into the final stillness.

Let us ask forgiveness of the Earth
for all our sins against her:
for our violence and poisonings
of her beauty.

Let us remember within us
the ancient clay,
holding the memory of seasons,
the passion of the wind.
The fluency of water,
the warmth of fire,
the quiver-touch of the sun
and shadowed sureness of the moon.

That we may awaken.
To live to the full
the dream of the Earth
who chose us to emerge
and incarnate its hidden night
in mind, spirit, and light.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA143 'Touch the earth lightly'

Words © Shirley Erena Murray Music © Colin Gibson

1. Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
2. We who endanger, who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!
3. Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.
4. God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ re-connect us,
using us gently, and making us one.

SHORT REFLECTIONS

How could we forget?

Anna Smith

Regeneration and renewal

Irene Knox

The importance of place

Dick Keller

A vision of hope and action

Sonia Groes-Petrie

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Papa-Tu-A-Nuku/Earth Mother
Hone Hurihanganui

SOWING THE SEEDS OF REGENERATION

During the music, people bring forward seeds, plants and other resources to swap and share with others. Together we can help to regenerate Papatūānuku.

HYMN

'I am a part of the pulse of creation'

Words and Music Colin Gibson © Hope Publishing Company

1. I am a part of the pulse of creation,
eternity caught in a moment of time,
part of the myst'ry, part of the beauty,
part of the wonderful gifting of God.
2. Mine is the world of the stars and the galaxies,
limitless energy, movement and mass,

mine the unfolding, mine the far-reaching,
gift of the infinite goodness of God.

3. I take my share in the act of creation,
finding new wonders, new worlds to explore;
faith's evolution, hope's resolution,
loving in tune with the music of God.
4. Born in the Spirit and waking to freedom,
seeking to grow to the measure of Christ,
part of the myst'ry, part of the beauty,
part of the wondrous creation of God.

I Am a Part of the Pulse of Creation

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1. I am a part of the pulse of cre-a-tion, e-ter-ni-ty caught in a
 2. Mine is the world of the stars and the ga-lax-ies, li-mit-less e-ner-gy,
 3. I take my share in the act of cre-a-tion, find-ing new won-ders, new
 4. Born in the Spi-rit and wak-ing to free-dom, seek-ing to grow to the

mo-ment of time, part of the mys-t'ry,
 move-ment and mass, mine the un-fold-ing,
 worlds to ex-plore; faith's e-vo-lu-tion,
 mea-sure of Christ, part of the mys-t'ry,

part of the beau-ty, part of the won-der-ful gift-ing of God.
 mine the far-reach-ing, gift of the in-fi-nite good-ness of God.
 hope's re-so-lu-tion, lov-ing in tune with the mu-sic of God.
 part of the beau-ty, part of the won-drous cre-a-tion of God.

WORDS and Music: Colin Gibson

PULSE OF CREATION
 Irregular

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

**“If I ruled the world” (Camelot)
by Bricusse / Ornadel**

OFFERING HYMN

AA 127 ‘Take my gifts’ v3

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 hand 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 PRAYER

Spirit of life,

We give these gifts of food and money out of thankfulness for the abundance we have in our lives. Help us to recognise our place in the sacred web of life.
Refresh and sustain us as we recommit to loving the world through our daily lives.

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.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Lebanon and the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon, and throughout the world. 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 are able to welcome 450 people from this group. 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 Joseph Mooney (Southland) and Rima Nakhle (Takanini). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Eltham/Kaponga Co-operating 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

FFS 67 'We are many we are one'

Words and Music © Colin Gibson

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 the 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.

TE MANAAKITANGA/BLESSING

May the blessings of the whenua fill us with gratitude. May the blessings of the oceans fill us with humility. May the blessings of the sky fill us with wonder. May we be a blessing to the Earth – Papatūānuka Earth Mother – this day, and every day. **Amen.**

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

**Tambourin
by François-Joseph Gossec (1734 – 1829)**

THANK YOU

Peter Franklin
our musician today

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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

UPCOMING LUNCHTIME CONCERTS



Wednesday 2nd October 12:15pm – 1:00pm
NZSM String Ensemble

Wednesday 9th October 12:15pm – 1:00pm
Viola Extravaganza – Students from the NZSM



Thursday 10th October 12:15pm – 1:00pm
NZSM Piano Extravaganza

FUNDRAISING - MARMALADE MARMALADE MARMALADE

There will be marmalade for sale in the Hall after today's gathering. Seville orange, lime, various citrus combinations and a few jars of grapefruit for those who are still allowed it. There will also be a few jars of other preserves.

UPCOMING AFTER CHURCH ACTIVITIES

In October, the Congregational Brunch will be on the first Sunday (October 6th) after Communion. The follow-up session looking at Progressive Affirmations will be on Sunday the 13th of October.

LUNCHTIME TALK - DIVISIVENESS AND DEMOCRACY

ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE, MONDAY OCTOBER 7TH, 12 NOON.

Dame Anne Salmond and Professor Jonathan Boston – two of our most respected public thinkers – will discuss divisiveness in our society and the threats our democracy faces. Please join us at St Andrew's on The Terrace for what promises to be a fascinating exchange of ideas. Entry free, but koha welcome.

SGM – DISABILITY ACCESS

There will be an SGM on the 20TH of October after church to discuss progress with disability access and agree on next steps.

UPCOMING SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Belonging in this Land - Te Tiriti workshops - Wednesday 23rd and 30th October 7-9pm. Two weekday evening workshops on Te Tiriti o Waitangi and responding as people of faith in this land. More information to follow.

FAMILY TIME STORY DETAILS

In response to a few requests about the children's book I spoke about during the 22 September Order of Service here are the details "If you come to Earth" by Sophie Blackall www.sophieblackall.com - Rosemary Lawrence

RECYCLING OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Household batteries can be dropped off for FREE at Karori Library, Kilbirnie Library, Te Awe Library (Brandon St), Island Bay Community Centre, Newlands Community Centre, Tawa Community Centre, and the Southern Landfill Tip Shop.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

AOTEAROA ACADEMY CHOIR

ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE, SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER, 2:30PM

Aotearoa Academy Choir with special guests Project Prima Volta.

This is your last chance to see the incredible Aotearoa NZ Academy Choir, right in the heart of the capital city! Our bright young singers are ready to show you what they've got! Free entry – koha is welcome.

MUSIC FUTURES PRESENTS THE ART OF PERFORMANCE

St ANNE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, NORTHLAND RD, WELLINGTON

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER, 4-6PM

Music Futures presents an afternoon concert 'The Art of Performance' with The Queen's Closet, plus an outstanding high school ensemble The Hillbillies performing Ravel. Entry by Koha – all proceeds will be going towards the 2025 Music Futures programme.

BRAS AND BRASS – LIFE'S A BREEZE

ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE, SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER, 2PM

Bras and Brass presents a concert with the Wellington Brass Band featuring well-known music and a concert finale where both Bras and Brass Band and Wellington Brass will combine together to entertain you with big, bold and colourful brass music. Come along and support our concert and help to support breast cancer awareness across Wellington and help us to raise funds that will make a difference to breast cancer sufferers in need. Tickets can be purchased from <https://kiwiticket.co.nz> or Cash Door sales \$20 (\$15 concession) if not sold out prior.

VOICES NEW ZEALAND presents HORIZONS

ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE, 26 – 28 OCTOBER

26 October, 7.30pm | 27 October, 7.30pm | 28 October, 2.00pm.

Horizons brings music, poetry and song from the old world and the new to map a story that bears witness to the ambiguous emotions of migration: the inescapable loss and trauma, the unexpected beauty and joy, the cruelty and violence and the endless and often futile dreams of a new home. Book now at voicesnz.com

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/

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	Pam Fuller
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Bridget Martin and Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	David Douglas, Janet Horncy and Jenn Keenan
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Y Group
Prayers of the People	Zoe Poppelwell
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Y Group and Sustainability Group

On duty October 6th

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Sue Hirst (CG)
Laptop	Sue Hirst (CG)
Offering	Paul Franken and Katrina Harper
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier, Simon Palmer, Sally Gray and Michael Parker
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Ellen Murray
Communion	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Ross Scott, Kath Kerr, David Douglas and Janet Horncy
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 29th September: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Sustainability Group and Y Group

Wednesday 2nd October: 10:30am – Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm – NZSM String Ensemble

Sunday 6th October: 10am Communion Service led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai, followed by Congregational Brunch.

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday	Communion service followed by Community Brunch on even months Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec.
2nd Sunday	Congregational service followed by Exploring Faith.
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
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Eco Church Coordinator	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Faith in Action Coordinator	Paul Barber
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Vacant
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller
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