



# ORDER OF SERVICE

29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024

## CHRISTMAS 1

**Tangi e te riroriro. Te tohu o te Raumati.**

**The riroriro/grey warbler's singing; it's summer!**

## 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 Ellen Murray**

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Dorothy McRae-McMahon (adapted)**

Surprise your people, O God, with the joy of your birthing of love among us.

Break past the boundaries of our full rooms and into the holy spaces near to us.

Call to us from afar, that we may search and find your dwelling place.

Come to us here, in this time of celebration.

### SILENCE

### GATHERING

We gather in this place of welcome.

***Our presence together makes this space sacred.***

We gather for a time of reflection.

***May we be aware of the presence of the sacred in our lives.***

We gather and reaffirm the impulse of the sacred towards justice and peace.

***Let us celebrate life in the presence we name God.***

## CAROL

## COC 7 'Carol our Christmas'

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Colin Gibson

1. Carol our Christmas, an upside down Christmas;  
snow is not falling and trees are not bare.  
Carol the summer, and welcome the Christ child,  
warm in our sunshine and sweetness of air.
2. Sing of the gold and the green and the sparkle,  
water and river and lure of the beach.  
Sing in the happiness of open spaces,  
sing a nativity summer can reach.
3. Shepherds and musterers move over hillsides,  
finding, not angels, but sheep to be shorn;  
wise ones make journeys whatever the season,  
searching for signs of the truth to be born.
4. Right side up Christmas belongs to the universe,  
made in the moment a woman gives birth;  
hope is the Jesus gift, love is the offering,  
everywhere, anywhere here on the earth.

## 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

### 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**

**Dawn Cowdry**

#### **PASSING THE PEACE**

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

#### **THE WORD IN TEXTS**

**Frank Hanson**

**Hebrew Bible**

**Psalm 148**

**Gospel**

**Luke 2:41-52**

**Contemporary Reading**

**Bernadette Hall** from *Of Elephants etc.*

#### **GODMOTHER: PSALM ii**

you are

the sun	that welds me
the moon	that mirrors me
the stone	that centres me
the wind	that scatters me

the rain	that pricks me
the leaves	that wrap me
the twigs	that tug me
the root	that trips me

the sky	that stretches me
the sea	that opens me
the hills	that shoulder me
the sand	that softens my fall

## RESPONSE

For the Word in scripture and music,  
for the Word among us,  
for the Word within us,  
***we give thanks***

## HYMN

### COC 52 'You are born in us again'

Words: © Shona Murray Music : © Mark Wilson

#### 1. You are born in us again.

Like the warmth of the summer wind you come,  
to melt away the icicles of vanity and pride;  
you come to blow the very doors of loving open wide.  
Like the warmth of the summer wind you come,  
like the warmth of the summer wind you come.

#### 2. You are born in us again.

Like the scent of the summer rain you come.  
You come to quench the thirsty and to freshen up the land;  
you come to clean away dust that's settled in our hand.  
Like the scent of summer rain you come,  
like the scent of the summer rain you come.

3. You are born in us again.

Like the light of the summer sun you come,  
to give light to the places that have never seen the Son:  
you come now to embrace us, you're the holy, holy one.  
Like the light of the summer sun you come,  
like the light of the summer sun you come.

## REFLECTION

## 'Delaying the return home'

Ellen Murray

## HYMN

## AA 132 'Tell my people I love them'

Words: Leonard Barlotti Music: arr. Jan Harrington and Guy Jansen

### ***Refrain:***

*Tell my people I love them;  
tell my people that I care.  
When they feel far away from me,  
tell my people I am there.*

1. Tell my people I came and died  
to give them liberty.  
As they abide in me,  
they will be really free!

### ***Refrain...***

2. Tell my people where'er they go  
to claim my risen pow'r.  
My peace and joy and love  
is for them hour by hour.

### ***3. Refrain...***

4. Tell my people to share their wealth  
and fight the sin of greed,  
care for the refugee,  
the hungry they're to feed.

### ***Refrain...***

## MARKING THE SUMMER SOLSTICE & THE END OF 2024

## REFLECTIVE MUSIC

## 'Jesus in New Orleans' by Over the Rhine

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

## OFFERING HYMN

### AA127 'Take my Gifts' v1

Words © Shirley Murray. Music © Colin Gibson.

1. Take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first of all loved me,  
gave me light and food and shelter,  
gave me life and set me free.  
Now, because your love has touched me,  
I have love to give away;  
now the bread of love is rising,  
loaves of love to multiply!

## OFFERING PRAYER

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Cam Smart

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Nepal and Hindu people in Nepal 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 some 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 Jan Tinetti (List) and Laura Trask (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Inglewood United Church (Pres-Meth)

## 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?

## **SUNG AMEN**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **THANK YOU**

to our musician today  
**Judy Dumbleton**



## **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.

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### **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***

### **RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S**

We are expanding the range of materials that we collect for recycling at St Andrew's. You can now bring plastic lids (including milk bottle caps), metal lids, beverage cartons (Tetra Pak) and used pens. There are containers for each sort of material in the North Vestry. A take-home information sheet, on the desk in the North Vestry, tells you all you need to know about what we do and don't collect.

### **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. For Hutt Valley and other members, Bunnings' stores have recycling bins where used batteries can be left. Happy recycling!

## **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 in 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>

## ***WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES***

### **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.**

### **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/](http://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	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Lynnette Burrell and Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Sally Gray and Michael Parker
Family Time	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Cam Smart
Rainbow Room	On Holiday
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leader	Ellen Murray

#### **On duty January 5<sup>th</sup>**

Welcoming	Pat Booth and Margaret Harper
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Tony Pears and Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Sally Gray
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Rainbow Room	Closed
Library	Closed
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

#### **This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December: 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Ellen Murray

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January: 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr. Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January: 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

#### **STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE**

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| 1st Sunday | Communion service followed by Community Brunch on even months<br>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
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	Caroline Korybut
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller
Concert Coordinator	Kristina Zuelicke
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
Office Administrator	Jemma Ballantyne
Centre Assistant	Germaine Ambray
Facilities Assistant(s)	R. MacConghie, O. Ruegg, M. Barber, L. Oakley, F. Neeley-Grant

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