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Andrews - Pentecost

*Hato Anaru o Te Parehua
Founded 1840*

ORDER OF SERVICE

5th JANUARY 2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

**Larghetto from Overture to Ode for the New Year 1771
by William Boyce (1711- 1779)**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here we are together again, looking in both directions:

We look back to the year now gone and our Christmas.

How can we let that story shape our lives?

We look forward to the year that has just begun,

With hope, joyful anticipation and realistic concerns.

What stories will emerge that we become part of?

As we hold past and future together in our awareness,

Let us celebrate all of life in the Presence we name God.

SILENCE

GATHERING

Here we are in this new year 2025. We come with new hope yet we bring some things that we cannot let go of, not because we are clinging to them but because these things have become part of our makeup, sickness, disease, mental illness,

sadness, grief. Yet we are here, hoping looking forward faithfully to be guided by your light and whatever this new year may bring. God of new beginnings, bless us and grant us your peace. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 526 (i) 'Lord For the Years'

Words © Timothy Dudley - Smith

Tune : LORD OF THE YEARS

1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
2. Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.
3. Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
4. Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
5. Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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 Room 1 after church.

OPENING PRAYER

The seed of God is in us.

Now the seed of a pear tree grows into a pear tree,

And a hazel seed grows into a hazel tree,

A seed of God grows into God.

Of what use is Christmas if he be not born in me?

This is the fullness of time –

When the Divine Child is begotten in you.

This eternal birth... takes place in the being

and in the ground and core of the soul.

What might that mean?

What does singing 'You are born in us again' mean for me?

Like Mary, we wonder 'How can this be?'

Like Joseph, we are full of doubts

I'm just a normal inadequate human being

How could this possibly be real?

What will it mean for me in this New Year?

How might I continue the Christmas story in my day-to day life?

JESUS' PRAYER

© Rev Sherri Weinberg

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 the rangimarie, with or without shaking hands, and say "Peace be with you."

THE WORD IN TEXTS

John Harper

Hebrew Bible

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Gospel

John 1:1-9

Contemporary reading 'Someday Soon People Will'... by Norman Habel

Someday soon people will celebrate life every day.
But we would like to do it right now,
Wet and wild and risen with our Lord.
Someday soon people will send up balloons in church.
Turn tired old cathedrals into cafeterias.
Paint gravestones as bright as the sun.
Know that they are beautiful, black, red or white.
Glimpse the face of God in their patient parents.
Use the eyes of friends in place of mirrors.
Bounce through the mountains on beach balls.
Write their Christian names in the sunset.
Become as free as the man called Jesus the Christ.
Sink their teeth in politics for peace.
Turn all bombs into boomerangs.
All bullets into blanks.
Slow down and listen to the Universe.
Slow down and wait for God.
Baptise their babies with love before birth.
Celebrate Easter as angels do below,

and hang Christmas banners on the moon.
Yes someday soon people will live like that,
But we plan to start right now.
Right now, Right now.
Amen, right now.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

WOV 561 'Kneels at the feet of his friends'

Words © Tom Colvin (c. 1965) and people of Ghana

Music: Ghana Folk Melody

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet:
master who acts as a slave to them.

*Yesu, Yesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.*

2. Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we were slaves:
this is the way we should live with you

*Yesu, Yesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.*

REFLECTION

Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

HYMN

AA77 'Jesus comes to me as a Springtime tree'

Words © Joy Cowley, Music © Ian Render, Tune: JOY

1. Jesus comes to me as a springtime tree
and I receive him as a springtime tree.
Fragrant the blossoming of the child,
fresh with laughter, free and wild,
and carrying the green of summer.
2. Jesus comes to me as a summer tree
and I receive him as a summer tree.
Warm in the sun and richly laid
with patterns of growth through light and shade,
and carrying the fire of autumn.
3. Jesus comes to me as an autumn tree
and I receive him as an autumn tree.
Season of ripeness, brightly ablaze
like a torch in the quietness of closing days
and carrying the wood of winter.
4. Jesus comes to me as a winter tree
and I receive him as a winter tree.
Gentle the cross and gentle the snow,
gentle the path where he and I go,
carrying the buds of spring.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Eventide by W.H. Monk (1823-1889)

OFFERING HYMN

Tune: Duke Street WOV 24

Willing hands, to lead the blind,
heal the wounded, feed the poor.

Love embracing all our kind,
charity with liberal store.

OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God, you ask us to be faithful people.

In this community, you ask us to be people of justice.

In this community, you ask us to be people of mercy.

In this community, you ask us to be people of peace.

Be with us as we try to be faithful

in large ways and in small ways

so your eternal community may come in every way.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sonia Groes-Petrie

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Netherlands. We pray for the Council of Churches in the Netherlands 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 Cushla Tangaere-Manuel (Ikaroa-Rāwhiti) and Jan Tinetti (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Island Bay Presbyterian Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

Renew your people, God,

And renew our life in this place.

Give us a new spirit of unity

with all who follow the Way of Jesus

and new bonds of love

with people of other faiths.

Bless the city in which we live

*that it may be a place
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

AA 89 'Light of lights beholden'

Words and Music © Jenny McLeod (2 verses)

1. Light of lights beholden
we from days of olden
sang this song
for to understand
that peace upon this planet
was pledged to come.
Each to other, sister, brother,
born for life and song

Refrain

*Look towards the light and carry on:
let the simple heart and hope among us
keep our family strong,
let the simple heart and hope among us
keep our family strong.*

2. Darkness all around us,
light has always found us,
light will come
where the dark is deepest,
greater light will keep us
safe from harm.
Troubled times will always find
a voice of troubled doom

Refrain

*Look towards the light and carry on:
let the simple heart and hope among us
keep our family strong,
let the simple heart and hope among us
keep our family strong.*

SUNG BLESSING

FFS 49 'May the God of new beginnings'

Words © John Murray, Music © Colin Gibson

May the God of new beginnings
start with you and me.
May the God of continuing story
speak through you and me.
May the God of infinite wisdom
shine in you and me.
May the God of safe homecomings
welcome you and me.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

***Boléro de concert* by L.J. Lefébure-Wély(1817-1869).**

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Peter Franklin

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

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/

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	Pat Booth and Margaret Harper
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Tony Pears and Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, David Douglas
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Communion	No Communion
Rainbow Room	On Holiday
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty January 12th

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Bridget Martin and Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Sally Gray and Pat McGiven
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Rainbow Room	On Holiday
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Cash
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 5th January: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr. Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

Sunday 12th January: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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
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
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