



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

### EPIPHANY 7



## 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. Mervyn Aitken**

### PRELUDE

**Aria from Concerto Grosso No 12  
by G F Handel (1685-1758) arr Trevor**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come in. Come into this place  
which we make special by our presence.

Come into this place  
where the ordinary is sanctified,  
the human is celebrated,  
the compassionate is expected.

Together we make it a holy place  
with our every act of worship.

Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life  
in the presence of God.

### SILENCE

### GATHERING:

We have come into this place of hope  
***where our hearts and minds are opened to the future.***

We have come into this place of justice  
***where we set aside our fear  
to name freely every oppression.***

We have come into this place of song  
***where we unite our voices in the sombre  
and the beautiful melodies of life.***

So let us celebrate this richness and diversity of life  
(L D Stoddard adapt)

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## WOV 637 'Jesus stand among us'

Words and music © 1977 Graham Kendrick arr Guy Jansen

1. Jesus stand among us at the meeting of our lives;  
Be the full agreement in the meeting of our eyes.

### **Refrain**

*O Jesus we love you and so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.*

2. As to you we gather, from so many different lands,  
Christ the life between us in the joining of our hands.

### **Refrain**

*O Jesus we love you and so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away all fear.*

## 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

We come with our abundance to share.

We also come with what little we have.

Still us in this time that we may reflect on a man who loves justice, has mercy and walks humbly with his God, wanting us to do the same. ***Amen.***

## 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**

**Lesley Aitken**

## **HYMN**

### **CH4 737 “Will your anchor hold in the storms of life”**

Words and Music: © William J Kirkpatrick and Priscilla J Owens

1. Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,  
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

#### ***Refrain***

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour’s love!*

2. Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,  
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?  
While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow,  
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?

***Refrain:***

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

**BLESSING THE CHILDREN**

We send you to the Rainbow Room to hear stories, ask questions and have fun together. ***We bless you. Amen.***

**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**

**Genesis 45: 3-11, 15**

**Gospel**

**Luke 6: 27-38**

**Contemporary Reading**

**"This is happiness" Page 362**  
Niall Williams, Bloomsburg Publishing 2019

Annie Mooney died in her sleep, Doctor Troy said. The last voice she heard in this was Christy's. Christy had sat on the súgán chair Doady had set beside the window for his calls and told her of the morning he woke with the realisation he wanted to be forgiven. Annie had begun to tell him again it wasn't required on her part, but all she managed was *You don't* and let the rest be silence because she found her breath short and knew a story should never be checked. He had told her all the failures of his life had been failures of love. He had told her of the compulsion in him to seek out those he had wronged or slighted or ill-judged, those he had harmed through thoughtless-ness. He told her he had found some and not others, and when he couldn't find someone, he tried to make amends through a stranger. He delivered all this with a light touch, laughing a soft laugh every so often at the comedy of himself and the things a man can think up.

## RESPONSE

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

## HYMN

### WOV 30 "Through all the changing scenes of life"

Words: Nathan Tate and Nicolas Brady Tune: WILTSHIRE

1. Through all the changing scenes of life,  
In trouble and in joy,  
The praises of my God shall still  
My heart and tongue employ.
2. Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
With me exalt His name;  
When in distress to Him I called,  
He to my rescue came.
3. Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then  
Have nothing else to fear;  
Make you His service your delight,  
Your wants shall be His care.

REFLECTION

“Finding out who you are!”

Rev. Mervyn Aitken

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

National Anthem of Ukraine

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Sanctus and Benedictus from Mass by Mark W Dorrell  
(contemp)

OFFERING HYMN

AA 62 ‘Here we bring’ verse 1

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Colin Gibson

1. Here we bring, small or great,  
gifts to offer on this plate;  
what we’ve earned, what we own,  
tithe or token, bread or stone.

*Jesus said, “Have a care -your hearts will always be  
where your riches are, where your riches are.”*

OFFERING PRAYER

***We give because we were first gifted with love and this world. We give  
because this church needs to flourish. We give food because others have little.  
May these gifts find their purposes. So may it be, 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 and visitors are welcomed. 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lynne Dovey

## **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

We think today of the people of Papua New Guinea. We pray for the Christian World Service supported literacy programme in Bougainville that seeks to provide local language literacy training to young adults in all 22 language group areas of Bougainville with the expectation that this will act as the first stepping stone towards gaining an education, in Papua New Guinea 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 Hon Simon Watts (North Shore) and Duncan Webb (Christchurch Central). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Lower Hutt - Knox Presbyterian Church.

## **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 505 'Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult'**

Words: © Cecil F Alexander, 1823-1895

Music © E H Thorne Tune: ST ANDREW CH3 2011(ii)

1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his voice still sounds here,  
saying, "Christian, follow me."
2. As of old Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and work and kindred,  
leaving all for Jesus' sake.
3. Jesus calls us; by your mercies,  
may it be we hear your call,  
give our hearts to meet your challenge,  
serve and love you best of all.

## **MAORI BLESSING:**

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa**

**Te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, a Ihu Karaiti**

**Me te aroha o te Atua**

**Me te whiwhingatahitanga**

**Ki te wairua tapu**

**Ake, ake, ake**

**Amine**

(English translation: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all now and forever. Amen)

## **SUNG AMEN**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Festive Trumpet Tune by David German (b 1954)**

## **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**

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION GROUP – SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**

Social Justice Group - Gun Control Take Action - meet Conference Room 3 12-1pm Gun Control NZ are asking for our support. So come along to learn about proposed changes to gun control laws and write submissions due 28 February. Find out more at <https://www.guncontrol.nz/>

Paul Barber and David Douglas Social Justice Group Coordinators

### **FUNDRAISING EVENTS SERIES 2025: CONCERT 2 MARCH, 3PM**

We will hold an afternoon tea following the concert on 2 March for people to meet the two young musicians, Joshua and Oscar Han from Sydney. Jack Richards, our generous sponsor, will also be there. We would love you to bring a plate - a cake, biscuits or sandwiches or anything you feel like putting together would be great. If you can offer to help in the kitchen that would be great. Please contact Pam on [pjfiller@gmail.com](mailto:pjfiller@gmail.com). Don't forget to share our poster or some flyers with family and friends. These are available at the back of the church or from the office. If you want an electronic copy of the poster please let Jemma or Germaine know at [office@standrews.org.nz](mailto:office@standrews.org.nz) and one of them will send it for passing on.

### **PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY AT ST ANDREWS 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Dear fellow St. Andrewsians, St Andrews on The Terrace has a long and proud tradition of commitment to Progressive Christianity. Our most well known present day member, Sir Lloyd Geering (our theologian in residence) has been at the forefront of progressive Christianity developments both nationally and internationally. I do miss his lectures/reflections. Within our church community there are those of us who have a strong desire to continue to engage with the culture of progressive Christianity. In that regard, we plan to organise a gathering after church on Sunday 9th March - in the exploring faith session - where we will discuss possibilities in this area. One possibility would be a monthly study group using the course "Awakened - a 52 session progressive christianity course" - developed by Caleb Lines - an American pastor associated with the group "Progressive Christianity.Org". Themes of the course include: Renewal, Diversity, Biblical Woman, Eco Spirituality, Mental Health, LGBTQ+ affirmation, Reign of God, Questioning, Faith in Science, Embracing Change, Rethinking Beliefs, Gratitude, Christmas. If you do a youtube search on the following - you will get an introduction to this material: "Awakened: A 52-week progressive Devotional by Rev. Dr. Caleb J. Lines" So, this could be a

meaningful and valuable way for us to meet regularly in a different way from regular church. To learn , question, interact and care. It could also be an opportunity to invite others to join us who are interested in these themes but are not regular church attenders. Please join us if you can for our initial meeting on March 9th. With thanks, Mike Wespel-Rose and David Douglas

## LETTER TO THE RT REV MARIANN EDGAR BUDDE, BISHOP OF WASHINGTON FROM ST ANDREW'S

**St Andrew's**  
on The Terrace



20 February 2025

The Right Revd. Mariann Edgar Budde  
Episcopal Bishop  
Washington National Cathedral  
3101 Wisconsin Avenue NW  
Washington DC 20016

Dear Bishop Budde

St Andrew's on The Terrace is a progressive and inclusive faith community in central Wellington, the capital city of Aotearoa New Zealand.

A few weeks ago, as a preamble to her own sermon, our Minister played an extract from your Sermon at the prayer service following President Trump's inauguration last month. Our congregation expressed considerable admiration for your words and on behalf of us all, I thank you for that sermon.

It was powerful in its clarity and eloquence.

It was a courageous stand for the fundamental tenets of Christianity – the need for unity, understanding and compassion – and a reminder to all that these principles are not to be taken lightly; in particular that Jesus worked with and befriended the poor and that those of us who follow the Jesus Way must strive at all times to be compassionate, and have mercy.

The world needs the church to continue to speak for the poor and the marginalised and we are grateful for your words.

We pray that you have the strength, courage and support to continue your stand for the humanity at the core of Christianity.

Sue Hirst  
Convenor  
Parish Council  
St Andrew's on The Terrace

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

Great news! We are now able to accept ALL types of plastic lids for recycling regardless of their number or lack of number. That means we now collect plastic and metal lids, Tetra Pak beverage cartons and used pens. There are containers for each sort of material in the North Vestry. I have updated the take-home information sheet about what we do and don't collect. You can pick up a new one from the desk in the North Vestry. Please make sure everything you drop off is clean and dry. Thanks for all your recycling efforts. It's really making a difference to what goes into landfill. - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

## **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>.

## **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**

***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	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Kath Kerr and Mike Wespel-Rose
Coffee/tea	Sandra and Tony Kirby, Marilyn Wallace (CG)
Family Time	Lesley Aitken
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leader	Rev. Mervyn Aitken

**On duty March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Bridget Martin, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Michael Parker
Family Time	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Communion	Rosemary Lawrence, Katrina Harper, Paul Barber, Doug Lendrum, Kath Kerr and Vhari McWha
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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

**Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>: 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Mervyn Aitken followed by Social Justice Education Group.

**Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup>: 12:15pm** Lunchtime Concert: Rolf Gjelsten, Nicole Chao, Helene Pohl and Beth Chen

**Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>: 10am** Communion Service 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
Facilities Assistant(s)	Cooper Neeley-Grant, Isabella Oakley

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