



ORDER OF SERVICE 2ND MARCH 2025

EPIPHANY 8

TRANSFIGURATION
SUNRISE OVER LAKE GALILEE

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 Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier BWV 731 by J.S Bach (1685-1750)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to worship and to holy wonder.

May the light of Love burn brightly in us.

May it transfigure and transform our hearts and minds.

May it become a beacon of hope for others.

SILENCE

GATHERING

God of mountaintops and valleys and everywhere in between, we thank you for meeting us where we are. We thank you also for leading us to this place of prayer and renewal. Enlighten our minds and radiate our hearts. May your life of love shine in and through us, lighting a path of grace, hope and joy. May the same transfiguring power, shown forth in Jesus Christ, also shine in us for the good of the world. Amen.

Words © Iris McCoy, Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART WOV 7

- Now be aware, and glory in this fellowship with others.
 That learns to give and take with grace: where there is life it gathers.
 It deepens joy, it eases strain, it heartens those who live with pain.
 Each strengthens each, together.
- 2. The wordless touch where sorrow is. The sharing of a vict'ry: the flash of mind when insight leaps to truth, provoked by query. The freedom of our fellowship accepts us as we are, and this is God's own gift of liberty.
- 3. Now be aware that hearts and hands and minds are rich when sharing: for here within this fellowship the strength of God is growing. Now life has reason, love has powers beyond our own, for into ours the love of God is flowing.

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 Rex Hunt

As we gather, let us affirm the connection we have:

with each other, and

with that creative mystery we call God.

May we remain open to the unfolding of all that can be celebrated, all that can be learned, all that can be done. all that can be, without diminishing the life of others.

May it be so.

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

Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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

Tony Kirby

Hebrew Bible Exodus 34:29-35

Gospel Luke 9:28-36

Contemporary Reading

'Thin Places'

Jenny Bridgman (Following from the Front blog)

The sun-bleached rainbow framed by heavy cloud.

A fleeting, fragile moment

That lifts eyes from Earth to Heaven beyond.

In an instant her curtain is drawn back

And she is stripped bare in brilliant light:

A glimmer of the promise

We heard whispered long ago.

The kindness of a stranger's gentle smile.

It is good for us to be here,

Sheltered from death's dark shadow

And the sting of dread that wakes up each new day.

Here, we are as we are:

Alive to Earth's brilliant goodness;

Eyewitnesses to Heaven's majesty.

The crash of waves along deserted sand.

This place is not for now:

The bubble bursts,

The curtain drops,

The moment fades.

This is a home too perfect; unready yet to hold

The fullness and frailty of all we must become.

The peace of death as pulse and breath are stilled.

We do not leave unchanged

If change is to become ourselves.

Ahead: a thousand moments of transfiguration,
Each one a death - a resurrection – in itself,
As we are both transformed and transform,
Sacred moment by sacred moment.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

WOV 662 'God of the ages by whose hand'

Words: Elisabeth Havens Burrowes Tune: HEREFORD

- God of ages, by whose hand through years long past our lives were led, give us new courage now to stand, new faith to find the paths ahead.
- 2. You are the thought beyond all thought, the gift beyond our utmost prayer; no farthest reach where you are not, no height but we may find you there.
- 3. Lift up our hearts and set us free from wild alarms and trembling fears; in your strong hand eternally rest the unfolding of the years.
- 4. Thought there be dark uncharted space, with worlds on worlds beyond our sight, still may we trust your love and grace, and wait your word, 'Let there be light.'

REFLECTION

Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Randolph by R. Vaughan Williams (1872 -1958)

OFFERING HYMN

AA127 'Take my Gifts' v1

Words © Shirley Murray. Music © Colin Gibson.

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

We are thankful for all we ourselves have received. We acknowledge the privilege of having homes, food and drink, beds, and light and heat when necessary. May our gifts bless those who receive them. 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

Pat Booth

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Peru. We pray for the Methodist Church of Peru, here 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 Catherine Wedd (Tukituki)

and Vanessa Weenink (Banks Peninsula). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Martinborough - First 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.

HYMN "Past and Present"

Words: William L Wallace Tune: CWM RHONDDA WOV 478

- Past and present, with our dreaming, join to make us what we are; ancient wisdom, ancient follies shape the way we love and care: Give us reverence, give us wisdom, from the past for life today, from the past for life today.
- 2. Make us mindful of each moment, ev'ry force, each strength, each flaw; free us from those empty longings which consume us more and more: Give us vision, give us courage,

for this present age of change, for this present age of change.

3. We must face the future's challenge to create a better earth, hand in hand with all who labour dream and suffer for its birth. For through sharing and through caring we shall build community.

We shall build community.

COMMUNION: WE CELEBRATE THE CHRISTIAN MEAL OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION HYMN

'Crowded table, urgent faces'

Words: Andrew Pratt Music: Hymn to Joy WOV 92

- Crowded table, urgent faces, people longing for the bread, bread of life and bread for living, bread for rising from the dead.
 Young and old, both men and women, those for whom this life is hard, those who live in warmth and comfort, those whose life is stained or tarred.
- 2. All are welcome, wise or foolish, at this table all are fed, sharing wine in celebration, eating Christ's communion bread. Then in costly life and giving we will share what we receive, demonstrate in daily living all that we affirm, believe.

THE INVITATION

St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's Table. Wherever you are on your faith journey; wherever you have come from; wherever you are going to; whatever you believe; whatever you do not believe, you are welcome to participate in the communion. This is God's meal for all people.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God is the heart of life.

And we are the heartbeat.

May our hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy.

We rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation.

With those who have gone before us, and those who will come after us, we join the whole creation in the hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy, vulnerable God, the whole creation is full of your glory; hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are we who come to celebrate Shalom;

hosanna all around.

We give thanks to you, O God, for you love the world.

You look upon your creation and on us and name us good.

You conceive in us possibilities, and carry us on into the timeless struggle of bringing to birth your reign of love.

We give thanks for Jesus our brother, who gave hope to ordinary people like us, and broke through the barriers which separate us from life.

He proclaimed Good News to the poor.

He healed those who were sick, and set free those who were captive to illness of the mind.

He sends us out to continue his work and nurture life in his name.

We thank you, Spirit of Life, for strengthening and empowering us to share the Good News of God's love with others.

For you desire that all Creation know this love and experience the gift of new life. Come then, life-giving spirit of our God; brood over these these bodily things, and make us one body with Christ; that we may no longer be in bondage to the principalities and powers that enslave creation, but may know your liberating peace such as the world cannot give. but may know your liberating peace. Amen

THE BREAD IS BROKEN

We break the bread for the broken Earth, ravaged and plundered for greed.

May there be healing for our beautiful blue and green planet.

We break the bread for our broken humanity, for the powerful and the powerless trapped by exploitation and oppression.

May there be begling for humanity.

May there be healing for humanity.

We break the bread for those who follow other paths; who travel on a different road from us; those who think and act differently; those whose belief system is different to ours; those who see our world through different eyes of ethnicity and culture.

May there be healing where there is pain and woundedness.

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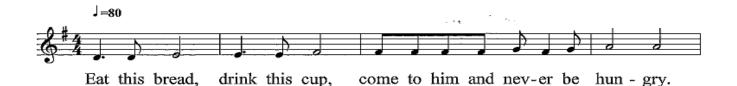
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SHARING BREAD AND WINE

The gifts of God for the People of God. Come, for all is ready. The Bread of life. The Cup of Blessing.

COMMUNION CHANT

CH 661 'Eat this bread drink this cup'





Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The feast is ended and the work of the world lies before us.

Many who work for change suffer resistance.

So make us strong.

Many who do new things sometimes feel afraid.

So make us brave.

Many who challenge the world as it is, arouse anger.

So grant us inner peace.

Many who live joyful and creative lives are envied.

So make us generous.

Many who try to love encounter hate.

So we trust in you O God of gracious love. Amen

CLOSING HYMN 'These hills'

Words and music: Colin Gibson. Faith Forever Singing (# 63)

 These hills where the hawk flies lonely, beaches where the long surf rolls, mountains where the snows meet heaven, these are our care.
 Pastures where the sheep graze calmly, orchards where the apples grow, gardens where the roses cluster, these are our prayer.

- Forests where the tree ferns tower, rivers running strong and clear, oceans where the great whales wander, these are our care.
 Race meeting race as equals, justice for age-old wrong, worth for every man and woman, these are our prayer.
- 3. Cities where the young roam restless, lives brought to deep despair, homeless and powerless people, these are our care.
 Places where the Word is spoken, hands held in serving love, faiths of our many cultures, these are our prayer.
- 4. All that the old world gave us, all that the new world brings, language, ideas, customs, these are our care.
 Life finding joy and value, faith seeking truth and light,
 God heard and seen in all things, this be our prayer

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

Athalie, Op.74 (The War March Of The Priests) by F. Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

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

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY AT ST ANDREWS 9TH MARCH

Dear fellow St. Andrewsiens, 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 52week 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.

SEEKING A SMALL FOLDING TABLE

Do you have a small folding table (picnic table, card table, or even a butler's tray with folding legs) you no longer need? With the rearrangements in the South Vestry, we need a small, lightweight fold-away table which can be stored there and brought out when we need to use it. Please contact the office if you have such a treasure. office@standrews.org.nz

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR RAINBOW ROOM

As we re-start the Rainbow Room programme, we need to be able to roster a second adult to be present with the children. If you would like to volunteer for

this, please let the office know (office@standrews.org.nz), or talk to me on Sunday.

Sue Hirst, Parish Council Convenor

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 pifller@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 and one of them will send it for passing on.



2025 Fundraiser Series to Improve Disability Access



Sunday 2nd March 2025, 3pm St Andrew's on The Terrace

Joshua Han, piano
Winner of the 2024 Australian
National Piano Award

Oscar Han, violin

Second prize winner at the Gisborne
International Music Competition



Presenting works from the Baroque to the Contemporary

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Sponsored by Jack C Richards www.standrews.org.nz LETTER TO THE RT REV MARIANN EDGAR BUDDE, BISHOP OF WASHINGTON FROM ST ANDREW'S





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.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE GAZA PALESTINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

Christian World Service has launched an <u>emergency appeal</u> 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	Pauline and David Patchett	
Sound	Sue Hirst	
Laptop	Sue Hirst	
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	
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut	
Communion	Rosemary Lawrence, Katrina Harper, Paul Barber, Doug Lendrum,	
	Kath Kerr and Vhari McWha	
Library	Pauline Patchett	
Musician	Peter Franklin	
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai	

On duty March 9 th		
Welcoming	Pam Fuller and Pat McGiven	
Sound	Sue Hirst (CG)	
Laptop	Sue Hirst	
Offering	Lynette Burrell and Paul Franken	
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Marilyn Wallace and Sally Grey	
Family Time	Frank Cook (CG)	
Readings	Anna Smith	
Prayers of the People	Ellen Murray	
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut	
Library	Closed	
Musician	Ephraim Wilson	
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai	

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday March 2nd: 10am Communion Service led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai **Wednesday March 5th: 12:15pm** Lunchtime Concert: William Berry, solo piano

Sunday March 9th: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Exploring Faith

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,

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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