



ORDER OF SERVICE

9TH MARCH 2025

LENT 1

"WILDERNESS EXPERIENCES"

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to be opened by visions that can enlist us
in larger causes and more caring actions.

We come to hear stories that might take us into a deeper kind of
integrity, and reconnect us with our better selves.

So may the warmer fullness that we seek
fill our hearts, our minds and our spirits.

Let us worship the One we name God

SILENCE

OPENING RESPONSES

Let there be joy in our coming together this morning.

***Let there be compassion heard in the words we speak,
and love in the songs we sing.***

Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.

Let there be trust in our coming together.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Sing Praise to all'

Words © Gretta Vosper; Music WOV 28 'Lobe den Herren'

1. Sing praise to all that has offered us life and sustains us –
all that has opened our hearts to the love borne within us:
family and friends,
beauty we see without end –
gifts that our lives lay before us.
2. Sing praise to all that has opened our mind to new vistas –
all that has called us to seek out new truths through the ages:
vision and word,
music that sought to be heard,
these are the gifts that will mould us.
3. Sing praise to minds that will fashion our bold new tomorrow's
yesterday's wisdom released from its dogma and credos.
Evermore free
to live out what we believe
walking the path that life hallows.

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

Fire of the Spirit

Purify our hearts that we may truly love our neighbour

Light of the Spirit

Guide our path that we may walk in truth.

Flame of the Spirit

Fill us with a passion for justice

Peace of the Spirit

Gather us together in celebration to live a better way.

May we bring love where there is little or no love.

May we bring truth when there is but pretence and sham. 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

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

We light the rainbow candle as a sign of our inclusivity and for our children.

FAMILY TIME

Jim Cunningham

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."*

Hebrew Bible

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Contemporary Reading

“The Desert is Within Me”
by Rev Dr Fei Taule’ale’ausumai

I cried a bucket with my tears,
thinking that all my fears,
and all the pains of my heart had disappeared off to some remote desert island.

But the desert island is within me,
beckoning the shadows of ignorance and prejudice back,
back to the sunset isles of paradise and ocean-swept shores.

The desert is within me,
I can feel the parchiness of my being, being broken into tiny bits of confetti and left
to scatter where 'ere the wind blows.

O God the piety and darkness of my soul should not be left to drown in its own
sorrow!

The desert within is quiet with no one to hear the whimpering of its last efforts.

All is desert, and my soul thirsts...

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

'Breathe in the Morning Air'

Words: Helen Wiltshire, Tune:: LOVE UNKNOWN WOV 257 (i)

1. Breathe in the morning air; inhale its fragrancy.
Be still and trust the sacredness that dwells within;
who's ever near; who knows our fears;
whose presence calms our restless souls.
2. Rest in this sacred space; lie down in pastures green.
Be present to the myst'ry of this holy place.
Hear singing streams; feel earth's embrace;
see how our lives are touched by grace.
3. Walk in the way of love, of justice and of peace.
Bring loving to a world of pain and loneliness.
Reach out in love and gentleness
to heal the hurt of brokenness.
4. Here in this darkest vale, shadowed by grief and fear,
we sense a loving presence that our hearts sustain.
Our fears subside; our minds are calm;
our panic flees, and peace remains.
5. Trust in the love of God; believe that goodness lives,
that hope and joy and beauty will embrace our days.
Pursued by love and touched by grace,
our thankful hearts will offer praise.

REFLECTION

"By whose Authority?"

Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Janet Martin

HYMN

E te Atua

Words and Music: Traditional

Tune: KUM BA YA AA31

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| 1. E te Atua aroha mai [x3]
ake ake tonu e. | <i>O God love us
forever and ever.</i> |
| 2. E te Atua manaaki mai [x3]
ake ake tonu e. | O God bless us
<i>forever and ever.</i> |
| 3. E te Atua awhina mai [x3]
ake ake tonu e. | O God help us
<i>forever and ever.</i> |

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA 62 "Here we bring small or great"

Words: Shirley Murray Music Colin Gibson Tune: ASHLEY

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 heart will always be
Where your riches are, where your riches are."*

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.

*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.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of the Philippines and we pray for the Christian World Service Partners in the Philippines working to improve family health and nutrition, income generation and community participation in vulnerable rural areas. We hold all refugees in our hearts - all those who have had to flee their homes because of natural disaster, oppression, violence or war. We give thanks that we in Aotearoa New Zealand are able to offer a small number of refugees the opportunity to settle in our country. We remember those in Parliament of this country and today we name Helen White (Mt Albert) and Arena Williams (Manurewa). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Marton - St Andrew's 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

'We Shall Go Out With Hope'

Words © June Boyce -Tillman (alt) Tune: LONDONDERRY AIR CH4 729

1. We shall go out with hope into tomorrow
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
tales of a love that will not let us go.
2. We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted,
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of a new life in Christ.
3. We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed,
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressing love alive in every heart.
4. We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance Christ's resurrection story,
including all within the circles of our love.

BLESSING

Spirit of God brooding over
the waters of our chaos,
inspire us to generous living.
Wind of God dancing over
the desert of our reluctance,
lead us to the oasis of celebration.
Breath of God inspiring
communication among strangers,
make us channels of your peace.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Ephraim Wilson

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. 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.

FUNDRAISING FOR BOWEL CANCER NZ - A BIG THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all of you who supported my efforts to raise funds for Bowel Cancer NZ last month through donations and messages of support. I really appreciated it. I managed to raise \$753 and walked 120km. Collectively 9,544 people across the country took part raising over \$1.5 million - a wonderful effort.

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

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 **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	Pam Fuller and Pat McGiven
Sound	Sue Hirst (CG)
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Lynette Burrell and Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Marilyn Wallance and Sally Grey
Family Time	Jim Cunningham
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

On duty March 16th

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Kath Kerr and Mike Wespel-Rose
Coffee/tea	Katrina Harper, Sandra and Tony Kirby
Family Time	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Marilyn Wallace (CG)
Prayers of the People	Cam Smart
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leader	Jim Cunningham

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

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

Wednesday March 12th: 12:15pm Saxcess

Sunday March 16th: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Jim Cunningham followed by Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group meets after morning tea/brunch

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

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| 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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