

ORDER OF SERVICE

26 NOVEMBER 2023

Pentecost 26

WHITE RIBBON SUNDAY

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 seek to be a community that is safe and welcoming for everyone regardless of sexual orientation, relationship status, gender identity or expression, sex characteristics, age. Mental and physical abilities, mental health, neurotype, economic power, ethnicity, faith or belief. 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 <i>bold italics</i>. Please stand if you are able, for the hymns and the offering prayer. We usually sing the hymns without announcement. <i>Please note your nearest fire exit.</i> <i>The church and hall have been earthquake strengthened. In an earthquake: drop, cover and hold.</i>

Today's service is led by Rev Hana Popea-Dell

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have a duty to act for and to set free
every single person living in captivity.

How can we choose to live a quiet life

when there are millions, whose voices are unheard?

***Those of us who are free need to act for those in chains –
for we are one and the same.***

At the very root of it all we are brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers –
so, let's walk together on the journey that leads all God's children to
freedom.

***The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger,
abounding in loving devotion.***

Lift up our songs of praise and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ,
the true light of Hope;

we must clothe ourselves with Christ

and walk with the Spirit in the path of his light!

SILENCE

GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 148(ii) 'Love divine all loves excelling'

Words: Charles Wesley (adapted)

Tune: LOVE DIVINE

1. Love Divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us your humble dwelling,
all your faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, you are all compassion,
pure unbounded love you are;
visit us with your salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, O Jesus to deliver,
let us all your life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more your temples leave:
you we would be always blessing,
serve you as your hosts above,
pray and praise you, without ceasing,
glory in your perfect love.
3. Finish then your new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see your great salvation,
perfectly restored in you,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before you,
lost in wonder, love and praise!

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

Rosemary Lawrence

PASSING THE PEACE

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

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Jim Cunningham

Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 2:1-5

New Testament

Luke 10: 29-37

RESPONSE

For the word in scripture,
for the word among us,
for the word within us,
we give thanks.

REFLECTION

Our God is Compassionate

Rev Hana Popea-Dell

WHITE RIBBON SONG

'No more smalling up of me'

Words: Jean Wilson Music: David Raymond Dell

Tune: HANA

1. No more meekly saying 'yes'
when my heart is screaming 'no!'
No more taming of my feelings
so my power won't show.
No more hiding my exuberance
from disapproving eyes;
no more watering myself down
so my spirit won't rise.

2. No more smalling up of me
by pretending I'm not here!
No more running from the music
and the spotlight's sharp glare.
No more living in this prison
barricaded by my fears;
no more turning and retreating
in the face of new frontiers.
3. Even as I am sing my song
I am taking shape and form!
I am harnessing my powers
like a gathering storm!
There's no obstacle so bold
as to dare stand in my way!
I am taking back my life again, and
I'm doing it today, oh yeah; *[repeat line x2]*
I'm doing it today.

ENDING

No more smalling up of me – *even as I sing my song ...*
No more smalling up of me – *I am taking shape and form ...*
No more smalling up of me – *I am harnessing my powers ...*
No more smalling up of me – *like a gathering storm ...*
No more smalling up of me – *there's no obstacle so bold ...*
No more smalling up of me – *as to dare stand in my way!*

This hymn will be sung as the offering is collected ...

OFFERING HYMN

'Build a longer table'

Words: © David Bjorlin
Tune: NOEL NOUVELET (HFTC 166)

1. Build a longer table, not a higher wall.
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.
2. Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will break the jail walls, freeing all inside.

3. Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.
4. When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

OFFERING PRAYER

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:

If you have a notice to share, please come forward. Thank you.

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

Hamish Dick

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Cuba and the Council of Churches of Cuba. We hold all refugees in our hearts and pray in particular for those who are still detained in Australia. We give thanks for recent progress and pray that their calls for justice might yet be answered with compassion. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Joseph Mooney (Southland) and Rima Nakhle (Takanini). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Brooklands Co-operating Church, New Plymouth.

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 'For the healing of the nations'

Words: Fred Kaan

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY (WOV 343ii)

1. For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

4. You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
brings the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Bruce Corkill
our musician today

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AUDIO REFLECTIONS

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

<http://www.standrews.org.nz/category/sunday-gathering>

We welcome all visitors and invite you to stay for morning tea or coffee.

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

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

PASSING THE PEACE

When COVID first arrived in Wellington we made it our practice to pass the peace without shaking hands. At the AGM on Sunday 12 November a question was asked if shaking hands could be reintroduced as it is no longer considered a serious form of transmitting the COVID virus. The decision was taken that how we pass the peace can be a matter of personal choice. What matters is that we are wishing each other peace.

Sue Hirst, Parish Council Convenor

CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

At the AGM we did not have the correct version of the certified financial statements from the reviewers Moore Markham. Hard copies of the financial statements are available today or can be requested by email:

office@standrews.org.nz

RECYCLING OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Household batteries can be dropped off for FREE at Karori Library, Kilbirnie Library, Manners Street Library near Willis (inward bus stop), Island Bay Community Centre, Newlands Community Centre, Tawa Community Centre, and the Southern Landfill Tip Shop.

FINISHED A LOAF OF BREAD OR BOTTLE OF MILK?

Please save the bread bag and the clip (plastic only) and milk bottle tops. The bags are used at the Compassion Soup Kitchen for “takeaway” lunches and the tags and milk bottle tops get recycled. Please fold the bags and pack separately. There is a collection box on the North Vestry table. Thanks— Kath, Trish and Brian.

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 at the back of 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>.

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Wednesday 29 November 12:15pm – 1:00pm

WOSOSI – World Song Singers Choir



Wednesday 6 December 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Middle Fiddles with Donald Maurice



WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE GAZA PALESTINE EMERGENCY APPEAL



URGENT NEED FOR HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT

On October 7, Hamas launched a major rocket and a series of ground attacks on neighbouring Israel. Israel responded with a series of air strikes and a declaration of war on the densely populated Gaza Strip. Heavy bombardments continue and people living in the north have been instructed by Israel to evacuate. By October 24, 1,400 Israeli citizens have been killed in the conflict. By October 24, 5,791 people had been killed in Gaza, of whom 68% are women and children.

The airstrikes have destroyed schools, healthcare facilities, telecommunication infrastructure and many homes. Israel has retaliated by cutting off water and electricity supplies to Gaza. It has closed all borders and is bombing the southern border region with Egypt. Tensions are increasing in the West Bank and Jerusalem, resulting in further casualties.

The need for a ceasefire is urgent but so is a humanitarian corridor to get vital supplies into Gaza.

Over one million people have been displaced, around half the population. They are in urgent need of food, water, shelter and safety.

Please donate what you can today.

“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.

OUR RESPONSE

Donations to the Gaza Palestine Emergency Appeal will support our local partner the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) to meet people's urgent needs.

DSPR is preparing to help many more people with:

- food
- hygiene kits
- shelter
- medications and medical treatment
- psychosocial support

DSPR runs three health clinics: Darraj, Shijaya and Rafah in Gaza and will work with three hospitals in Jerusalem. The main office in Gaza was badly damaged in the early days of the war and needs to be repaired before it can be used. The homes of staff and Board members have also been bombed, leaving them in urgent need of shelter. ACT Alliance is responding.

CWS was horrified by the attack on the Al Ahli Arab Hospital. Our partner church, the Anglican Missions Board is appealing for this hospital, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

Donations can be made through CWS:

- **Online and by direct deposit to the Gaza Palestine Emergency Appeal**
- **By Phone with a credit card: 0800 74 73 72**
- **By Post to: CWS, PO Box 22652, Christchurch 8140**

RELIEFAID APPEAL FOR GAZA



ReliefAid is on the ground delivering humanitarian aid in Gaza , where families face unprecedented horror.

The situation in Gaza has reached crisis point, 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.

As we have done in other conflicts, ReliefAid is once again bringing help where it is needed most. Leveraging our established networks on the ground, we have deployed a team within Gaza to deliver life-saving aid directly to families.

We held back from asking for your support until we knew we could get emergency aid on the ground. We have solved this problem, now we need your help to get aid to families who have nowhere to run.

Please stand with us in this critical moment. Your support will have an immediate impact in saving lives and alleviating the suffering of families in Gaza.

Please also share our message of hope with your friends, family and colleagues.

Together we will make a difference. Thank you.

Mike Seawright

Founder and Chief Executive

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	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst (CG)
Offering	Katrina Harper, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, David Douglas
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Jim Cunningham
Prayers of the People	Hamish Dick
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Corkill

On duty Sunday 3 December

Welcoming	Pat Booth, Pam Fuller
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Mike Wespel-Rose, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Laura and Melissa Van Echten, Vivienne Mountier (CG)
Family Time	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Gillian Feist
Prayers of the People	David Douglas
Communion	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Paul Barber, Katrina Harper, Vhari McWha, Janet Horncy
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 26 November: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Hana Popea followed by Social Justice Education Group meets after morning tea

Wednesday 29 November: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm - Lunchtime concert: WOSOSI – World Song Singers Choir

Sunday 3 December: 10am Sunday Gathering Communion Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday	Communion service followed by Exploring Faith.
2nd Sunday	Congregational Brunch on even months Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec.
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	Vacant
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller
Concert Coordinator	Kristina Zuelicke
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
Office Administrator	Christine Wilkinson
Facilities Assistant(s)	H. Wilkinson, O. Ruegg, L. Oakley, M. Barber

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