



ORDER OF SERVICE

4TH MAY 2025

EASTER 3

A NEW AWARENESS

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. Frank Hanson and Anna Smith

PRELUDE

Christ is risen! Verse 1: Let us all rejoice!
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let there be joy in our coming together this morning.

Let there be truth heard in word and song.

Let there be help and healing for our disharmony and despair.

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

Rev Carl Seaburg

SILENCE

OPENING RESPONSES

As followers of Jesus we seek to live

as he might have lived were he here.

What truths would he speak into our society?

What talk might he encourage?

What anger might he express?

How might we do all of those here and now in this place and time?

We seek wisdom and guidance.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 72 'In this familiar place'

Words & Music © Colin Gibson Tune: FREELAND

1. In this familiar place

I know the mystery of your grace.

Refrain

For the love that I receive, for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you for this here and now.

2. In halting song and word

the music of your voice is heard.

Refrain

For the love that I receive, for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you for this here and now.

3. Among these friends of mine

I taste the company divine.

Refrain

For the love that I receive, for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you for this here and now.

4. Within this narrow sphere

I learn that you are everywhere.

Refrain

For the love that I receive, for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you for this here and now.

WELCOME

E te whānau a Te Karaiti,
ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa.

Kia ora tātou.

A special welcome to those who are visiting us. Please join us for morning tea in the Hall after church

OPENING PRAYER

God of various names - many male, many female, many abstract, many concrete, spoken in multiple ways in numerous languages - we pray that the stories and reflection in this morning's service might shine a light on our lives, leading us to a new awareness and deeper understanding of ourselves and others. Let us be open to metaphor and everyday miracles. Let us be inspired to act in new and radical ways, reaching out to those around us. Jesus said: 'Tend my sheep'. May we come to understand what that means for us. This we pray.

Amen

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

Frank Cook

PASSING THE PEACE (THE RANGIMARIE)

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

New Testament

Acts 9: 1-6

Gospel

John 21: 1 -17

Contemporary Reading

“Miracles” by Walt Whitman (selected verses)

Why, who makes much of a miracle?

As to me I know of nothing else but miracles,
whether I walk the streets of Manhattan,
or dart my sight over the roofs of houses toward the sky,
or wade with naked feet along the beach just in the edge of the water,
or stand under trees in the woods,

or watch honey-bees busy around the hive of a summer forenoon,
or animals feeding in the fields,
or birds, or the wonderfulness of insects in the air,
or the wonderfulness of the sundown, or of stars shining so quiet and bright.

To me every hour of the light and dark is a miracle,
every cubic inch of space is a miracle,
every square yard of the surface of the earth is spread with the same,
every foot of the interior swarms with the same.

To me the sea is a continual miracle.
The fishes that swim—the rocks—the motion of the waves
— the ships with men in them,
what stranger miracles are there?

Walt Whitman (1819 – 1892)

RESPONSE

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

1. Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always, somewhere sounding,
though the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.
2. Song of faith in exaltation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descant to our daily tone,
song from sickbed or in prison,
faith must often sing alone.
3. And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.

REFLECTION**A New Awareness****Frank Hanson****REFLECTIVE MUSIC****Christ is risen!****Verse 2: If he were not risen, our faith would be in vain.****Johann Sebastian Bach**

HYMN

AA89 'Light of Lights Beholden' Indigo II

Words & music by Jenny McLeod ©1983

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,

CHORUS

*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,

CHORUS

*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.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Christ is risen! Verse 3: Hallelujah!
Johann Sebastian Bach

OFFERING HYMN

Words: Robert Murry (adapt) Tune: STUTTGART WOV 200

Grant us God the grace of giving
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer thankfully.

OFFERING PRAYER (said together)

***May these offerings bring hope to those who have little,
and be a symbol of our commitment to justice in our world. 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. 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.** Thank you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lynne Dovey

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Saudi Arabia and we pray for the Council of Churches of Saudi Arabia. We hold all refugees in our hearts - those who have fled 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 resettle in our country. We pray for the leaders and people of other faith communities around the motu. We remember those in Parliament and today we name Hon Chris Bishop (Hutt South) and Rachel Boyack (Nelson). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of New Plymouth - 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

AA45 'Give thanks for life'

Words © Shirley Murray Tune: SINE NOMINE WOV 384

1. Give thanks for life,
the measure of our days, mortal, we pass through
beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope,
our love, our praise,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Give thanks for those
who made their life a light caught from the Christ-flame,
bursting through the night,
who touched the truth,
who burned for what is right,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. And for our own,
our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time
or death or dread,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. Give thanks for hope,
that like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness does its life retain,
in resurrection
to grow green again.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 through you and me.
May the God of safe homecomings
Welcome you and me.

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in g minor BWV 542 Johann Sebastian Bach

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Bruce Cash

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

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Are you one of the 89%? It turns out climate action is really popular, 89% popular. But most of us don't realise it. In fact, many of us might feel a bit embarrassed about it, a bit fearful of being labeled a 'greenie' if we make a stand for the environment. Well, [a recent study](#), which interviewed 130,000 people across 125 countries, shows that a whopping 89% want stronger action on climate change. But they mistakenly believe they're in the minority. This is creating a 'spiral of silence', leading politicians to underestimate public support for climate action. As a result, they opt for weak climate policy. So the next time you think you might talk to a neighbour or friend about the need for urgent action on climate change, don't be shy. They might even agree with you. - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

FUNDRAISING CONCERT 11 MAY

Not long now until our 2nd fundraising concert on 11 May at 3 pm with Quang Hong Luu performing.

You can buy tickets at <https://humanitix.com/nz/search> - look for Ramping It Up at St Andrew's on The Terrace.

We will also have door sales. Please invite family, friends and neighbours. And don't forget we will host afternoon tea after the concert.

If you haven't already signed up with Maxine/Pam to help please do so.

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

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

We are no longer collecting plastic bread bags and tags for reuse. But we *are* collecting all types of plastic lids, metal lids, Tetra Pak beverage cartons and used pens. There are containers for each sort of material in the North Vestry and a take-home information sheet about what we do and don't collect. Please make sure everything you drop off is clean and dry and follow the instructions for preparing Tetra Paks, in particular. Thanks for all your recycling efforts. It's really making a difference to what goes into landfill. - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

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

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

HĪKOI FOR HEALTH

Health Reform in Aotearoa: A People's Inquiry

Started in Kaitia on 26th April, and following a multistop itinerary will arrive at Parliament House on Thursday May 8th, for a gathering 1-3pm. Initiated by Glenn Colquhoun and Art Nahill, both poets and medical doctors, supported by a visual artist, a cultural advisor, 2 videographers and a health navigator, the hīkoi will be stopping to gather stories, listen to concerns, receive creative responses, share information and ideas. Check it out online for ways you can participate, and turn up on May 8th!

E-RECYCLING FUNDRAISER SATURDAY 10TH MAY

We have an important fundraiser coming up – it will be of interest to your congregation. As with our other projects, all proceeds will go back into the community, supporting health, education, youth, environment, disaster relief and community enhancement. Please help us publicise this by including this in your communications, and placing on your noticeboard. I have supplied the same poster in three different formats for your convenience. If you do not have room in your newsletter for our colourful poster, may we suggest that you find space for a few words advertising the event, for example: “Karori Lions have an E-Recycling fundraiser coming up on Saturday, 10 May, at the Karori Community Centre, from 9am to 1pm. All proceeds go back into the community. Charges as follows – most items \$5, printers \$10, large/oversized items \$10, flat screen TVs \$20. No CRT TVs/monitors, car batteries, whiteware or speakers.” Many thanks for your support. On behalf of the Lions Club of Karori

UPCOMING CONCERT – FRIDAY MAY 16TH – SOPHIA, THE DEBUT CONCERT

An inspiring night and a chance to support a young star-in-the-making

This May, St Andrew's on The Terrace, 7pm, will glow under the soft light of hundreds of candles, setting the stage for an unforgettable evening of music as it hosts **Sophia — The Debut Concert**. This spectacular fundraising event by Queen Margaret College will showcase the exceptional talent of soprano and 2024 graduate Sophia Gittings. Sophia has been described by celebrated opera singer, Wade Kernot, as having, “obvious talent and [being] an instrument of quality, quite unusual for someone of her age. She's one to watch!”.

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	Hamish Dick
Offering	Kath Kerr and Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Sandra and Tony Kirby (CG), Katrina Harper
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Maxine Cunningham
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Cash
Service Leader	Rev Dr. Frank Hanson and Anna Smith

On duty May 11th

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie (CG)
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Katrina Harper and Lynette Burrell
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Sally Gray and Michael Parker
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Ellen Murray
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leader	Dianne Gilliam-Weeks

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday May 4th: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr. Frank Hanson and Anna Smith

Wednesday May 7th: 10am Lunchtime Concert: NZSM String Ensemble

Sunday May 11th: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Dianne Gilliam-Weeks followed by Exploring Faith

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday	Communion service followed by Community Brunch on even months
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	Maxine Cunningham, Pat Booth, Brian Burrell, Katrina Harper, Tony Kirby, Vivienne Mountier and Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Vacant
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
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