

ORDER OF SERVICE

11TH MAY 2025

EASTER 4



IMAGES OF GOD

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. Diane Gilliam-Weeks

PRELUDE

Meditation, Op 167 No 3 by J G Rheinberger (1839-1901)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into this gathering place!

Come in and find peace and rest,
inspiration and aspiration,
fellowship and love.

Come in and find light for your darkness,
a friend's touch for your loneliness,
and music for your soul.

SILENCE

GATHERING

Ma te marie o te Karaiti tiaki o koutou ngakau

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts

Kia noho nui te kupu a te Karaiti

The word of Christ dwell in us richly

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 94 (1) 'Loving Spirit, loving Spirit'

Words © Shirley Erena Murray Music © David Dell

1. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be—
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.
2. Like a mother you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.
3. Like a father you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.
4. Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort,
in your presence I may rest.
5. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be—
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

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

Beloved Source of **all** life and love
From whom on different paths
All of us have come.

To whom on different paths
All of us are going.

Make **strong**... in our hearts... what unites us;
Build bridges across **all** that divides us;
By your love may we rejoice in our diversity.
And as one in our witness to your peace,
A rainbow to your glory.

As we pray a version of the prayer Jesus taught us

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

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 (THE RANGIMARIE)

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

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Pat Booth

Hebrew Bible

Psalms 139:1-18

Isaiah 66:13

Isaiah 49:15

Contemporary Reading

'COMFORTER' by Fred LaMotte

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, who will be with you forever." ~Jesus

The Divine has sent you a Comforter in the form of your own breath. She was the breath of the Almighty who played with God when the earth and stars were created. She was the one who made waters of darkness dance with waves, and lit them with the moon's path. She is Sophia, the Wisdom of the Lord, the Goddess Shakti who humbles herself gladly to dwell in the rising and falling of your chest. The form of the Teacher will perish, but She will be with you forever. Press out her nectar with each breath. What flows so gracefully can only be healing. Nothing is gained by listening to the voices of fear that others place in your mind. Listen instead to the music of So'ham pouring into every cell of your flesh. Inhalation is communion wine, exhalation is your offering of gratitude, surrender, kenosis. Merely to breathe is the mother of all worship. The beauty does not stream down from above. It murmurs from the well of Silence in your heart. Let the new earth flow from here.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA 158 'Who is my mother?'

Music: Ian Render. Words: Shirley Murray

1. Who is my mother?
Who is my brother?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit-blown people
born from the Gospel
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.
2. Differently abled,
differently labelled
widen the circle round Jesus Christ,
crutches and stigmas,
cultures' enigmas
all come together round Jesus Christ.
3. Love will relate us –
colour or status
can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:
family failings,
human derailings,
all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.
4. Bound by one vision,
met for one mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ.
Here is my mother,
here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, round Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

'Images of God'

Diane Gilliam-Weeks

HYMN

Everyday God
(The congregation is invited to sing along)

OFFERTORY MUSIC **Only Heavenly Music** from Stella Natalis by Karl Jenkins
(b 1944)

OFFERING HYMN

AA 127 'Take my gifts' verse 3

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Colin Gibson
Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE

Take whatever I can offer -
gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen,
talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others
in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me.

OFFERING PRAYER

Bless these gifts and our very lives to your service in Jesus name.

*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

Sonia Groes-Petrie

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Senegal and the Muslim people in Senegal and throughout the world. 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 Cameron Brewer (Upper Harbour) and Rachel Brooking (Dunedin). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of the Ngaio Union 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 56 'Amazing Grace'

Words; John Newton Tune : arr Edwin Othello Excell

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
was blind, but now I see.
2. T'was grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
we have already come.
T'was grace that brought us safe thus far
and grace will lead us home.

BLESSING

Kia tau ki a tātou katoa

Te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, a Ihu Karaiti

Me te aroha o the Atua

Me te whiwhingatahitanga

Ki te wairua tapu

Ake, ake, ake

Amine

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

*and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all
forever and ever.*

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE Third Movement from Sonata 1 (BWV 525) by J S Bach (1685-1750)

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.

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

EXPLORING FAITH

Dear Congregation, This Sunday (11 May) we have our next Exploring Faith session in Conference Room 3 from 12 until 1 pm. This is our second session using the book *Awaken*. It is an exploration of Christianity from a progressive perspective. And quite practical in its approach. This session will take the following biblical text as its reference: *Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert (Isaiah 43:18-19)*

I hope you can join us. With thanks. Mike Wespel-Rose

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 labelled 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

During April we saved **5.1kg** of waste from landfill. Again the top category was Tetra Pak beverage cartons which are used to make the hoardings you see around building sites. As a reminder, we collect 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. (They need to be opened out flat and kept as one piece, i.e. not cut up.) 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

LIVING WAGE FOR RESENE COMMUNITY MEETING

📍 Tuesday 13th May

📍 St Bernadette's School Hall, 190 Naenae Road, Naenae

📍 Arrive from 6.00pm for a 6.30pm sharp start

📢 Resene workers are hosting a community meeting in the Hutt to call on Resene Paints –and its owner Nick Nightingale – to step up and pay the Living Wage. This is an important opportunity to stand with workers as they prepare to negotiate for the Living Wage. Kai and refreshments provided 🍌🍷

👉 Read our NZ Herald article: '[Resene workers campaign for living wage](#)' 👉 Please REGISTER for the Meeting: [HERE](#) (Note: If you need a lift from the CBD, a bus will be leaving from 79 Boulcott Street. Please select "Register + CBD Bus Ticket" when signing up.)

Ngā mihi, Finn Cordwell Living Wage Community Organiser 021 655 945

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	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	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leader	Rev. Diane Gilliam-Weeks

On duty May 18th

Welcoming	Pat McGiven and Pam Fuller
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Mike Wespel-Rose
Offering	Bridget Martin and Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier (CG), Katrina Harper and Janet Horncy (CG)
Family Time	Ellen Murray
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Cam Smart
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Worship Committee

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

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

Wednesday May 14th: 10am Lunchtime Concert: NZSM Brass/Winds

Sunday May 18th: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Worship Committee followed by Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group meets after morning tea/brunch

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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