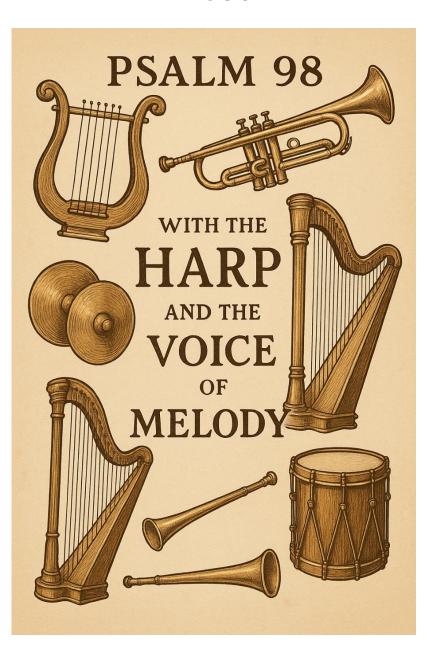




# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

# **PENTECOST 22**



### 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**

Faithfulness by W.M. Runyan (1870- 1957)

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing a new song, for love and justice are alive in our world. Let the sea roar with joy, let the rivers clap their hands,

let every voice—human and more-than-human—join in praise. For the Spirit is still creating, still renewing, still inviting us into harmony with all creation.

Come, let us celebrate the music of life! Come, let us worship with joy and gratitude.

#### **SILENCE**

#### **GATHERING**

We gather from many places and experiences, bringing the stories of our week and the stirrings of our hearts. Here, in this sacred and open space, we pause to breathe, to listen, and to be renewed. The Spirit meets us where we are—questioning or confident, weary or hopeful—and gathers us into one community of love and purpose. *Together, we prepare to worship in gratitude and in joy.* 

Words © Eleanor Farjean v4 Yusuf /Cat Stevens Tune: BUNESSAN

- Morning has broken, like the first morning; blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
   Praise for the singing! praise for the morning! praise for them springing fresh from the world.
- Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.
   Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
- 3. Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play. Praise with elation! Praise every morning! God's re-creation of the new day.
- Mine is the passion and inspiration, new life inspires me to venture forth. My love to offer, my obligation, to leave the darkness, spread love on earth.

#### **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.

### **PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Loving and life-giving Spirit, you call us from the busyness of our days into the stillness of this sacred time.

Open our hearts to your presence among us—in word and music, in silence and song, in one another's faces and stories.

May this hour draw us closer to the heartbeat of compassion and justice that pulses through all creation. Renew our hope, deepen our joy, and centre us once more in your boundless love. 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 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 Cam Smart

#### **BLESSING THE CHILDREN**

Now you go to the Rainbow Room to hear stories, ask questions and have fun together. *We bless you. Amen* 

# **PASSING THE PEACE (Te Rangimarie)**

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

THE WORD IN TEXTS

**Marilyn Wallace** 

Hebrew Bible Psalm 98

Gospel reading Luke 20:27-38

# **Contemporary Reading**

"Children of the Living God"

(Inspired by Luke 20:27-38 — Anonymous, contemporary)

They came with questions, those keepers of law and order, their riddle wrapped in tradition, their logic built on death's dry bones. "Whose wife will she be?" they asked and in their question they revealed not faith but fear of the future, fear that love might outlast the ledger, that life might outrun their categories. But the Teacher looked beyond their trap, saw the woman not as puzzle but as person, and whispered the truth of resurrection: the children of that age neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they are like angels, children of the living God.

Not property, not puzzle, but beloved and free in God whose covenant holds the names of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob not as memory alone but as living flame.

For God is not the God of the dead but of the living — and in that living something begins again that we thought ended.
Let us live as though that age has begun, our hands open, our hearts unbound, our questions honest, our feet moving toward the world God dares to raise.

#### **RESPONSE**

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

#### **HYMN**

AA 31 'E te Atua'

Tune: arr by Nicola and Guy Jansen

1. E te Atua aroha mai [x3] ake ake tonu e.

O God love us forever and ever.

2. E te Atua manaaki mai [x3] ake ake tonu e.

O God bless us forever and ever.

3. E te Atua awhina mai [x3] ake ake tonu e.

O God help us forever and ever.

#### **REFLECTIVE MUSIC**

# "One Voice" by Barry Manilow (b. 1943)

#### **HYMN**

# AA 132 'Tell my people I love them'

Words; Leonard Barlotti vv 3,4,5 Guy Jansen Music: Leonard Bartolli arr, Jan Harrington and Guy Jansen

## Refrain:

Tell my people I love them; tell my people that I care. When they feel far away from me, tell my people I am there.

- Tell my people I came and died to give them liberty; as they abide in me they will be really free!
- 2. Tell my people where-e'er they go to claim my risen power; my peace and joy and love is for them hour by hour.
- Tell my people who grieve and mourn that I allowed the night of darkness to descend, but I am still the Light.
- 4. Tell my people to share their wealth and fight the sin of greed; care for the refugee; the hungry they're to feed.
- 5. Tell my people throughout the world to strive for peace today, show love for enemies, be servants of the Way.

#### **OFFERING HYMN**

# AA 62 "Here we bring small or great"

Words: © Shirley Erena Murray Music: © Colin Gibson

 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**

Generous and loving God,
we bring these gifts of food and money—
symbols of our gratitude,
signs of our shared commitment
to the wellbeing of others.
Bless what we have given,
that it may become nourishment for the hungry,
hope for the struggling,
and strength for those working for justice.
As we offer these gifts,
stir in us a deeper generosity of spirit—
that we may notice the needs around us,
listen with compassion,
and act with mercy in all we do. 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 <u>briefly</u> from the lectern. For the benefit of newcomers, please introduce yourself before you begin. Thank you.

#### **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

We think today of the people of Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan and we pray for all those working to defend human rights in the region. 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 Mark Mitchell (Whangaparāoa) and Joseph Mooney (Southland). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of the Hastings - St Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

#### **PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S**

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. Words: Brian Wren Music: Carlton R. Young, Tune: WESTCHASE

- Bring many names, beautiful and good, celebrating in parable and story.
   Holiness in glory, living, loving God: Hail and hosanna, bring many names!
- 2. Strong mother God, working night and day, planning all the wonders of creation. Setting each equation, genius at play: Hail and hosanna, strong mother God!
- 3. Warm father God, hugging every child, feeling all the strains of human living.
  Caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
  Hail and hosanna, warm father God!
- 4. Young, growing God, eager, on the move, saying no to falsehood and unkindness. Crying out for justice, giving all you have: Hail and hosanna, young, growing God!
- 5. Great, living God, never fully known, Joyful darkness far beyond our seeing. Closer yet than breathing, everlasting home: Hail and hosanna, great, living God!

#### **BLESSING**

Go now into the world in peace—
not the peace that silences truth,
but the peace that dares to speak it.
Go with courage—
to seek justice, to love mercy,
to walk humbly and boldly with the Spirit of Life.
May the God who dances in creation,
the Christ who walks beside the wounded,
and the Spirit who weaves us into one community of love
bless and keep you this day and always. *AMEN* 

**POSTLUDE** 

"Retreat" (to mark Armistice Day on November 11th)

**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

#### **UPCOMING WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS**



Wednesday 12 November 12:15pm – 1.00pm Stringendo – Wellington Children's Orchestra

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A reminder that the AGM will take place on Sunday the 16th of November after the service. Print copies of the Annual Report will be available from this Sunday. To request an electronic copy, please e-mail the office (office@standrews.org.nz). Sue

# RESENE CAMPAIGN UPDATE - SUSTAINED ACTION, FUNDRAISING & NEXT STEPS

Sustained Action – We'll be holding regular weekly sit-ins outside Resene's head office (50 Vogel Street, Naenae, Lower Hutt) led by Rev. Alison Robinson and the St David's crew, to show that our community is standing strong and will continue to apply pressure until Resene pays the Living Wage. We will sing waiata and songs for an hour, holding signs calling on Nick Nightingale and Resene to pay the Living Wage. Dates: Tuesday 4 November, 9:00-10:00am; Thursday 13 November, 9:00–10:00am; Tuesday 18 November, 9:00–10:00am; Friday 28 November, 10:15–11:15am. Please let us know which ones you can join. Fundraising – Resene workers may need to take further strike action, and to support them we've set a goal to raise \$5,000. Thanks to St David's fundraising and the support of our Living Wage community, we're already very close. Please share widely: https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/support-resene-paints-workers-towin-a-living-wage. Every dollar raised helps give workers confidence to take strong action if needed and keeps pressure on Resene. Other Actions – We're also planning targeted billboards across the Hutt and, in December, leafleting outside Resene ColourShops and at local stalls to maintain visibility and public pressure. Ngā mihi nui, Finn Cordwell, Living Wage Lead Community Organiser.

#### **MORNING TEA PROCEDURES**

Currently people rostered on Sunday Morning Tea duty leave the Service during the last hymn to have things ready for when people arrive in the hall. At a recent Congregational Conversation it was suggested that, as most people stay on to listen to the Postlude before leaving their seats, those on duty could opt to stay in church for the BLESSING, and then leave for the kitchen. After some discussion It was agreed that this be trialled for a month or so, the only change for members of the congregation being that it may take a few more minutes for the tea and coffee to be ready after the service. Pam Fuller, Roster Coordinator

#### **BLESSING FOR COMPLETED DISABILITY ACCESS PROJECT 7 DECEMBER**

If it's not already in your diary please note that we will be blessing the new disability access ramp and raised flooring of the front entrance area on Sunday 7

December. We will be joined by special guests all of whom have had a hand in making the project happen. This year we will also celebrate St Andrew's Day on 7 December. Fei will talk about this closer to the time, but this means it will be a double celebration. The service will be followed by a shared lunch including invited guests. Meantime, from this Sunday 19 October we are permitted to use the front door and the gallery again by the Wellington City Council. This week the non-slip surface on the entrance floor has been completed, thanks to the fine weather. Still to do is the grouting and sealing of the edges of the concrete for which we will need at least two further consecutive days of fine weather. Thanks for your patience. Lynne

#### **LLOYD GEERING'S BOOK - DECEMBER 14TH**

On Sunday 14 December we will take the opportunity to reflect on Lloyd's contribution to us here at St Andrew's, to our community through is lectures, and to our thinking about interpretation of the Bible, theology and interpretation and his impact for people in New Zealand as well as those overseas. Following the service there will be the opportunity in the Hall to hear more about Lloyd's contribution and to see or buy copies of this very special book. Save the date. Any questions contact Barrie Keenan on 027285 7275 or <a href="mailto:barrie@keenan.co.nz">barrie@keenan.co.nz</a> Barrie.

#### SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

I have been in Italy on my recent travels and stayed in three separate Air BnBs in Venice and further south, in a region called Puglia. I was intrigued that, among all the instructions each host gave us, what seemed most important to them was that we separated our rubbish and recycling correctly and put it out at the right time and in the right place. Sometimes, that meant putting out a different recycling category every day or, in Venice, delivering all categories to a barge on the canal by 9.00am on a Tuesday morning! When I did a bit of research, I found Italy has become the top overall recycling country in the EU, in part by relying on households to do a lot of the work. I found this fascinating blog (<a href="https://tinyurl.com/5chwk4tc">https://tinyurl.com/5chwk4tc</a>) about how they did it, through a combination of legislation, investment in domestic waste-processing infrastructure and achieving an impressive shift in people's behaviour. - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group.

#### **RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S**

I don't have a full September update on the amount of material recycled through our centre but I know from the weeks I collected there was at least 2.3kg. As a reminder, we have added two new categories to our collection hub - household metal items and hair care and hair colour containers and aerosols. They join 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. Make sure you have one at home for easy reference. Thanks for all your recycling efforts. It's really making a difference to what goes into landfill. - Sonia Groes-Petrie and Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

#### **RECYCLING OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES**

Household batteries can be dropped off for FREE in Wellington 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. There are also now three battery recycling points in Hutt City: War Memorial Library, Eastbourne Neighbourhood Hub and Naenae Neighbourhood Hub.

#### **NEARBY DEFIBRILLATORS**

Suspected Cardiac Arrest. Dial 111 for ambulance immediately. This address is 30 The Terrace. During business hours wall mounted automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are held across the road in the foyers of Pastoral House, 25 The Terrace, and the Treasury building, No 1 The Terrace. AEDs are also available 24 hours at the Bolton Hotel, 12 Bolton Street (ask at reception just inside the sliding glass doors – the AED is mounted in a room just behind reception) and at the Reserve Bank, 2 The Terrace (ask at reception – the AED is mounted on a wall at the far end of reception), or after hours via the security guard – via external intercom if the guard is not visible. The external intercom is on a stand at the entrance to the left of the main doors at the top of the stairs). After hours and at the weekend try the Bolton Hotel first – if the Treasury security guard is not visible there may be a substantial wait for the guard to come to the front door

# 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 / cereals, 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 <a href="https://www.dcm.org.nz">https://www.dcm.org.nz</a>

#### **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 (CG)		
Offering	Bridget Martin and Katrina Harper		
Coffee/tea	Sally Gray, Kath Kerr and Jeni Bryant		
Family Time	Cam Smart		
Readings	Marilyn Wallace		
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth		
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut		
Library	Closed		
Musician	Peter Franklin		
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai		

On duty November 16 <sup>th</sup>		
Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell	
Sound	Ben Gray	
Laptop	Ben Gray	
Offering	Paul Franken and Kath Kerr	
Coffee/tea	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Rosemary Lawrence	
Family Time	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai	
Readings	Pat Booth	
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey (CG)	
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut	
Library	Closed	
Musician	Bruce Corkill	
Service Leaders	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai	

#### This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

**Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup>: 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Exploring Faith.

Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm Lunchtime Concert Shannon Pittaway & Friends – NZSO trombones

**Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup>: 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

Congregational Converation and Younger members' (Y) group after morning tea/brunch.

#### STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday	, Commi	inion service	followed b	ov Communit	v Brunch oi	n even months
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2nd Sunday Congregational service followed by Exploring Faith

3rd Sunday Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group 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
Centre Assistant	Sara Rokni
Facilities Assistant(s)	Fynn Neeley-Grant, Isabella Oakley, Cooper Neeley-Grant, Oliver Hope

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