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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

“Державний Гімн України” (National Anthem of Ukraine)

CALL TO WORSHIP

God said to Abram, “Go.”

Go from what is familiar.

Go from what feels safe.

Go toward a promise not yet seen.

***We are a people on the move,
called beyond comfort into courage.***

In the quiet of the night, Nicodemus came to Jesus with questions.

“How can this be?” he asked.

“How can anyone be born anew?”

We are a people with questions,
longing to be born again into hope.

SILENCE

GATHERING

The God who calls us to journey

is the same God who invites us to begin again.

The Spirit blows where it will

through wilderness roads and midnight conversations.

Come, let us worship the One
who promises blessing for all nations
and love for the whole world.

We come to worship
ready to journey,
ready for renewal.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

CH4 198 'All are Welcome'

Words and music © Marty Haugen Tune: TWO OAKS

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live;
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive,
built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

All are welcome,
All are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Refrain....

3. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face.
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Refrain....

4. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim

Refrain....

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

Gracious and mysterious God,
You called Abram into an unknown future,
not with a map, but with a promise.
You met Nicodemus in the dark,
not with condemnation, but with invitation.
We gather this day as people in between —
between what we know
and what you are unfolding.
Some of us are standing at the edge of change.
Some of us are wrestling with doubt.
Some of us are longing for a fresh start.
Meet us here.
Where we cling to the familiar,
give us courage to trust your promise.
Where we are tired or cynical,
breathe your Spirit through us again.
Where we struggle to understand,
remind us that faith is not certainty,
but willingness to be led.
Birth in us a deeper compassion.
Birth in us a wider vision.
Birth in us a faith big enough
to bless the world you so love.
As you called Abraham, call us.
As you welcomed Nicodemus, welcome us.
As your Spirit moves unseen yet powerfully,
move among us now.

We come —
ready to listen,
ready to journey,
ready to be born anew.
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

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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 RANGIMARIE THE PEACE

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

THE WORD IN TEXTS

John Harper

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 12:1-4a

Gospel

John 3:1-17

Contemporary Reading

'Lenten Path'

by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

God of wilderness and mountain,
you call us out
not always with a map,
not always with a clear horizon.
Sometimes we step forward with certainty,
sandals firm on familiar ground.
But more often
we move with trembling,
leaning into the unknown
where your voice is only a whisper
in the wind.
It is the not knowing
that tightens our grip,
that makes the journey long
yet still we go.
Through valleys shadowed and deep,
through heights where the air is thin
and the sky feels close enough to touch,
we walk with you.

This is the season of Lent:
forty days of wandering hearts,
forty days of listening
for who we are
and who we are still becoming.
You call us like Abraham
to leave what is settled,
to step toward promise
we cannot yet see.
We walk out in hope,
trusting a future
held in your hands,
believing that even uncertainty
is a holy place.

And so here we are,
in this waiting season—
sitting,
hoping,
praying.
Breathing in dust and promise,
walking the long road of becoming,
until wilderness and mountaintop
meet you.

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] *O God love us*
ake ake tonu e. [x3] *forever and ever.*
2. E te Atua manaaki mai [x3] *O God bless us*
ake ake tonu e. [x3] *forever and ever.*
3. E te Atua awhina mai [x3] *O God help us*
ake ake tonu e. [x3] *forever and ever.*

REFLECTION

'Being Called'

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

"Sleepy Shores" by Johnny Pearson (1925 – 2011)

HYMN

"Here I am Lord" (paraphrase)

Words and music Dan Schutte

1. I, the God of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and pain
my hand will save.
2. I have made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright ,
who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, God.

Is it I, God?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go God,

if You lead me,

I will hold Your people in my heart.

3. I, the God of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save .

4. Finest bread I will provide,
'til their hearts be satisfied ,
I will give my life to them'
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, God.

Is it I, God?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go God,

if You lead me,

I will hold Your people in my heart.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Darwall's 148th by J. Darwall (1731-1789)

OFFERING HYMN

'AA127 'Take my Gifts' v1

Words © Shirley Murray Music © Colin Gibson

1. Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter,
gave me life and set me free.
Now, because your love has touched me,
I have love to give away;
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply!

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God,
as Abraham stepped out in trust
and Nicodemus stepped forward in searching faith,

so we bring what we have today —
our money, our food, our time, our love.

Bless these gifts.

May they become signs of new life,
bread for the hungry,
hope for the weary,
and welcome for all.

Use what we offer
to grow your justice,
to widen your compassion,
and to nurture rebirth in our community.

In the Spirit who is always making things new,

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Lesser Antilles, and we pray for the Presbyterian Church in Trinidad & Tobago. 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 Teanau Tuiono (list) and Phil Twyford (Te Atatu) Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the Masterton - St James' Union Church (Pres-Meth).

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.*

COMMUNION

St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's Table. Wherever you are on your faith journey; wherever you have come from; wherever you are going to; whatever you believe; whatever you do not believe, you are welcome to participate in the communion. This is God's meal for all people.

At this Table we give thanks for justice, love, peace and freedom.
At this Table we give thanks for friends and strangers together
in community in this safe place.

COMMUNION HYMN

AA 59 'He came singing love'

Words and Music: Colin Gibson Tune: SINGING LOVE

1. He came singing love
and he lived singing love;
he died singing love.
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.
2. He came singing hope
and he lived singing hope;
he died singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.
3. He came singing peace
and he lived singing peace;
he died singing peace.
He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God is the heart of life.

And we are the heartbeat.

May our hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy.

We rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation.

With those who have gone before us, and those who will come after us,
we join the whole creation in the hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy, loving and vulnerable God,

the whole creation is full of your glory;

hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are we who come to celebrate Shalom;

hosanna all around.

We give thanks to you, O God, for you love the world.

You look upon your creation and on us and name us good.

You conceive in us possibilities, and carry us on into the timeless struggle of bringing to birth your reign of love.

We give thanks for Jesus our brother,
who gave hope to ordinary people like us,
and broke through the barriers which separate us from life.

He proclaimed Good News to the poor.

He healed those who were sick, and set free those who were captive to illness of the mind, body and spirit.

STORY OF THE LAST MEAL

We remember when Jesus, at table with his friends, took a loaf of bread, blessed it, and broke it as he then shared it with his companions, he said, "Take this, each one of you, eat it. This is my body which is given for you." Nearing the end of the meal, he took a cup of wine, and gave thanks to you, God of all creation.

He passed it among his friends, and said: "Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is the cup of the new and everlasting covenant. Drink from it and let my life flow through you.

THE BLESSING OF THE BREAD & WINE

God of transformation, pour out your Spirit on us . Pour out your Spirit on these gifts from your Earth. May the bread and wine symbolise your body and lifeblood. Make us through them, Christ's body alive in the world, bringing healing to the Nations and the Earth.

THE BREAKING AND SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. (the bread is broken)
The cup which we share is a sharing in the new covenant of Christ.
(the cup is raised).

COME FOR ALL IS READY, THE GIFTS OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

DISTRIBUTION: If you are able, please come forward to be served the bread and wine. The minister will come and serve those who are unable to come forward.

COMMUNION CHANT

CH 661 'Eat this bread drink this cup'

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Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

FINAL PRAYER

We arise from this table, and go from this feast, to embody Christ's love in the world and in our communities, and to live in the community of the Spirit. let us walk humbly with you, O God, to do justice, to seek peace, and to heal the Earth.

CLOSING HYMN

WOV 629 "Faafetai i le Atua"

Traditional Samoan hymn

1. Faafetai i le Atua
le na tatou tupu ai
ina ua na alofa fua
ia te i tatou uma nei.

*la pepese ia pepese
aleluia faafetai
ia pepese ia pepese
aleluia faafetai.*

Thanks to God
who has given us life
when he freely loved
all of us.

*Sing, sing.
Alleluia, give thanks
Sing, sing.
Alleluia, give thanks.*

2. Faafetai i Iona Alo
le na afio mai luga,
le ua fai ma faapaolo
ai le puapuaga.

*la pepese ia pepese
aleluia faafetai
ia pepese ia pepese
aleluia faafetai.*

Thanks to his son
who came from above,
who protects you
from all suffering.

*Sing, sing.
Alleluia, give thanks.
Sing, sing.
Alleluia, give thanks.*

3. Faafetai i le Agaga
le fesoasoani mai
e manuia ai talosaga,
atoa uma mea e fai.

*la pepese ia pepese
aleluia faafetai
ia pepese ia pepese
aleluia faafetai.*

Thanks to the spirit
who helps
to bless our prayers
and whatever we do.

*Sing, sing.
Alleluia, give thanks.
Sing, sing.
Alleluia, give thanks.*

BLESSING

Ina o atu ia ma le filemu, ma ia I ai ia te outou le manuia o le Atua silisili 'ese, le Tama, le Alo, ma le Agaga Paia,
ma ia faatasi pea ma outou e le aunoa. **Amene.**

May the God who calls you into new journeys
walk beside you.

May Christ who speaks in the night
guide your questions.

May the Spirit who gives new birth
breathe through your living.

Go in courage,

go in hope,

go in love.

Amen.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE “Nun Danket Alle Gott, Op. 65 No. 59” by S. Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

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

FEI'S BIRTHDAY LUNCH SUNDAY MARCH 1ST.

You are invited to join Fei, members of her family and friends for tea, coffee and a celebration Lunch to mark her 65th birthday and the 35th anniversary of her Ordination in the hall following the service today.

CAR PARKING IN DESIGNATED BRAEMAR PARKING SPACES ON SUNDAYS

Just a gentle reminder that Braemar are generous in allowing members of the congregation attending the Sunday service, and indeed other events, to park in their designated spaces, and on their land after business hours and at weekends. Effectively we share the car park with them including the access. We have a very good relationship with the current Manager which we value. Sometimes one or more of the occupants of Braemar (the lawyers plus others tenants and their clients) will be using their car park on Sunday morning and at other times, which of course they are fully entitled to do. We would ask that you are respectful of the courtesy Braemar accords us. The St Andrew's designated spaces are numbers 2 through 14 (number 1 adjacent to the south steps of the church is used as a loading zone most of the time). Lynne Dovey and Pat Booth

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Carbon fast update

Week one was a short one (Ash Wednesday to Saturday) and the theme was reconnecting with nature. I decided to go to a regular A Rocha working bee at the Waiu wetland in Wainuiomata on Saturday. It dawned a beautiful day after a rough week in Te Whanganui-a-Tara. I was warmly welcomed by the regulars of the group and we set about weeding around plantings from last winter. It was great to be outside connecting with our natural world and with others. I'm hoping I can get along to the monthly working bees more often and make it part of my regular routine.

This week the theme is overconsumption and the weekly challenge is to fast from excessive and unnecessary buying and be satisfied with what we already have. As Climate Stewards shared in their email "Contentment is a practice. If we have food, shelter, and clothing, it should be enough. Yet with the world of a catalogue at the click of a button, it's become too easy to shop for what we don't need". I generally don't impulse buy (although I'm definitely not perfect!) so I decided to make my challenge this week to mend a tear in a pair of trousers I have that has been sitting on a chair in our living room for some time...you'll have to ask me on Sunday if I succeeded!

Here are some tips from Climate Stewards to consider before purchasing, ask yourself:

- Can I repurpose something I already own?
- Can I pick up a giveaway?
- Can I buy it second-hand?
- If buying new things, can I find an eco-friendly or fair-trade version?
- Can I buy it locally to reduce transportation emissions?
- Was it made in sweatshop conditions? Avoid mass-produced items from exploitative supply chains.

Sonia Groes-Petrie, Sustainability Group

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

Last year we introduced a collection bin for used hair care packaging of various sorts. There hasn't been a lot of interest in this, partly because we use hair care products much less frequently than other containers and lids. During the coming month we will look at whether we keep this going or introduce a new category. If you feel strongly about this, or a category you would like to see introduced, let me know at annasmith6012@gmail.com. - 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.

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
Offering	Tony Pears and Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Sandra and Tony Kirby (CG), Marilyn Wallace and Kath Kerr
Family Time	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Communion	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Lynne Dovey, Sonia Groes-Petrie, Doug Lendrum and Janet Martin
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty March 8th

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Tania Penafiel-Bermudez
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Paul Franken and Katrina Harper
Coffee/tea	Sally Gray, Aaron Cook and Janet Horncy (CG)
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Cam Smart
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Ephraim Wilson
Service Leaders	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday March 1st 10:00am: Communion Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by special Birthday Lunch for Rev Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

Wednesday March 4th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Helene Page & Peter Maunder, voice and baroque guitar

Sunday March 8th 10:00am: Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai 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 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	Pat Booth
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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