



ORDER OF SERVICE

29TH MARCH 2026

PALM/PASSION 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 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 Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of Love.

We gather at the edge of a story—
a story that begins with palms waving
and ends with shadows gathering.

We join the crowds who shout with joy,
welcoming hope into the city—
singing, celebrating, daring to believe
that change has come.

Hosanna! Save us!

Save us from injustice, from despair, from fear.

Yet even as we raise our voices,
we know how quickly the story turns—
how cheers can become silence,
how welcome can give way to rejection.

SILENCE

GATHERING

So we come with honesty this day—
holding both our hope and our hesitation,
our courage and our complicity.

We come to walk the road with Jesus:
from parade to passion,
from palm branches to the cross.

Come, let us worship the One
who does not turn away from suffering,
but walks straight into it with love.

Hosanna and Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

CH4 370 'Ride on ride on, the time is right'

Words: John L Bell and Graham Maule

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW **WOV 264**

1. Ride on ride on the time is right
the roadside crowds scream with delight;
palm branches mark the pilgrim way
where beggars squat and children play.
2. Ride on, ride on, your critics wait,
intrigue and rumour circulate;
new lies abound in word and jest,
and truth becomes a suspect guest.
3. Ride on, ride on, while well aware,
that those who shout and wave and stare,
are mortals who with common breath,
can crave for life and lust for death.
4. Ride on, ride on, God's love demands;
justice and peace lie in your hands.
Evil and angel voices rhyme
this is the man and this the time.

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

Loving and gentle God,
we welcome you into our midst today
just as the crowds welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem.
But we confess
we do not always recognise you.
We long for change,
yet resist the path that leads to it.

We cry “Hosanna!”
yet hesitate to follow the way of humility and justice.
So enter our hearts again, we pray.
Disrupt our expectations.
Challenge our assumptions.
Lead us from shallow praise
into deep discipleship.

May we walk with Jesus this Holy Week
from celebration to struggle,
from hope to heartbreak,
and ultimately to new life.
With palms in our hands and faith in our hearts,
we offer ourselves to you.
Hosanna! Come Jesus come.

Amen.

JESUS' PRAYER

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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

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

Frank Hanson

Contemporary reading

'The Ride into Jerusalem PALM SUNDAY'

by Joy Cowley, Come and See

The Ride into Jerusalem *Mark 11: 1–10*

.....Then those who went ahead and those who followed, were shouting,
“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest
heaven!”

PALM SUNDAY

On the road to Wellington, he preached love
and the crowd went wild with enthusiasm.
They played guitars and sang songs about love,
waved pink heart-shaped balloons
and banners that said, Make Love not War.
The march got headlines in the papers.
TV cameras filmed it for the evening news.
This was the people's hero, everyone said,
a man who could change the world.
Some day he would be Prime Minister.

When they arrived in the city, he told them
what love was all about. Service, he said.
Selling that second car and giving the money
for a child who needed an operation.
Seeing all people as equal.
Judging no one. Visiting folk in prison.
Sharing food and shelter with those in need.
“If you have a spare room in your house,
why not invite a homeless person
to come and live with you?” he said.
“Love is not about words but action.”

By the end of his speech,
most of the crowd had drifted away.
They called him a communist,
said he had a screw loose,
and they crucified him
with their anger.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

WOV 561 'Kneels at the feet of his friends'

Words: Tom Colvin (c. 1965) and people of Ghana; Music: Ghana Folk Melody

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet:
master who acts as a slave to them.

*Yesu, Yesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.*

2. Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we were slaves:
this is the way we should live with you.

*Yesu, Yesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.*



REFLECTION

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

HYMN

FFS 67 'We are many, we are one'

Words and music: © Colin Gibson

1. We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.
2. All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me,
as the fingers of a hand,
as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon the loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.
3. We will join creation's song,
make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir,
as the flames within a fire,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow,
as the colours of a bow,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA 127 'Take my gifts' v 3

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Colin Gibson

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE

1. 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

Take these gifts, we pray,
and transform them
into meals for the hungry,
into care for the vulnerable,
into justice where there is inequality,
and into hope where it has grown thin.

As Jesus offered himself in love,
so may we offer what we can,
not out of obligation,
but out of compassion and shared humanity.

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

Ellen Murray

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Bhutan, and we pray for Buddhist people in Bhutan 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 Ceila Wade-Brown (List) and Rawiri Waititi (Waiariki). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the New Plymouth - Bell Block/Lepperton Co-operating Church (Pres-Meth-Ang).

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 533 'Will you come and follow me?'

Words: Graham Maule, Music: Kelvingrove John L. Bell

Words and Music © 1987 WGRG Iona Community

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

BLESSING

May the One who entered Jerusalem in peace
walk beside you in every moment.

May Jesus who embraced both joy and sorrow,
hold you in love through all that lies ahead.

And may the Spirit strengthen you
to live with justice, mercy, and hope.

Go in peace.

We go in love.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Ephraim Wilson

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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES – ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

You are warmly invited to join us for our Holy Week services:

Maundy Thursday - Thursday 2 April – 6:30 p.m

Good Friday - Friday 3 April – 10:00 a.m

Easter Sunday - Sunday 5 April – 10:00 a.m

EASTER SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH, APRIL 5TH

The Service on Sunday will be followed by a community lunch.

Please bring finger-food to share.

If you are planning on bringing savories e.g. sausage rolls and pizzas could you please cook them first so they only need warming.

ST ANDREW'S Y-GROUP MEETING TIMES

The St Andrew's Y-Group now meets quarterly for shared food and discussion.

Our next meeting dates for 2026 are:

- Sunday 21 June (after church), Sunday 20 September (after church), Saturday 12 December (Christmas barbecue) Save the dates. All are welcome. The group began as the Younger Members' group, but you only need to be young at heart! Anyone who doesn't normally attend St Andrew's is of course also very welcome — feel free to share this with anyone who you think might be interested.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Carbon fast update – week 6

This week's carbon fast challenge from Climate Stewards is to reduce energy use. How timely! In their weekly email they wrote "Every time we leave our phone charger plugged in, run the tumble dryer instead of hanging washing outside, or keep devices on standby overnight, we are consuming energy...Recent energy crises have reminded us how vulnerable we are when we rely on fossil fuels. Yet electricity and clean water are not equally available across the world. As we reduce our own consumption, we remember those living in places more vulnerable to climate change."

They then provided seven tips for wasting less energy:

1. Unplug appliances not in use and switch off standby mode - devices on standby still draw power
2. Wash clothes at 30°C and air-dry instead of tumble drying where possible – tumble dryers are massive energy users
3. Take showers under 5 minutes

4. Heat the person, not the space - turn down your thermostat by 1-2°C and wear an extra layer. Make use of blankets and hot water bottles.
5. Boil only the water you need in the kettle!
6. Turn off lights in empty rooms
7. Spring clean your emails and cloud storage - data centres use enormous amounts of energy and water

Number 7 caught my eye as I know I could do better at reducing the number of emails and files I have stored online in the 'cloud'. I've started going through my emails and deleting those I no longer need but I think I might need to set some time aside on a regular basis to keep on top of them!

Sonia Groes-Petrie, Sustainability Group

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

We are introducing two new categories for recycling - **empty printer ink cartridges**, all brands accepted, and **rubber bands**. Hopefully, the latter will be popular with everyone who has *The Post* delivered with a new rubber band every day! We will **stop collecting haircare containers** as there hasn't been much demand for this. An updated information sheet on everything we collect for recycling is available in the North Vestry. During February we saved an estimated 6.3kg of materials from going to landfill. Happy recycling! - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

RECYCLING OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Household batteries can be dropped off for FREE in Wellington at the following libraries: Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui (Wellington Central Library), Karori Library, Kilbirnie Library, Island Bay Community Centre, Newlands Community Centre, Tawa Community Centre, and the Southern Landfill Tip Shop. There are also three battery recycling points in Hutt City: War Memorial Library, Eastbourne Neighbourhood Hub and Naenae Neighbourhood Hub.

SUNDAY ROSTERS

A folder with copies of each duty and current roster sheets are kept on the table in the North Vestry. 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	Maxine and Jim Cunningham
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Tony Pears and Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Marilyn Wallace (CG) and Rosemary Lawrence
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Ellen Murray
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Ephraim Wilson
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty April 3rd (Good Friday)

Welcoming	Pam Fuller and Pat McGiven
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	None
Coffee/tea	None
Family Time	None
Readings	Various
Prayers of the People	None
Rainbow Room	Closed
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leaders	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday March 29th 10:00am: Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

Wednesday April 1st 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Rebecca Steel and Douglas Mews – flute and chamber organ

Thursday April 2nd 6:30pm: Maundy Thursday Last Supper Liturgy

Friday April 3rd 10:00am: Good Friday Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

Sunday April 5th 10:00am: Easter Sunday Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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 (Quarterly)
- 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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