

ORDER OF SERVICE

12TH APRIL 2026

EASTER 2



COMPOST FOR WORLDS WE CANNOT YET IMAGINE

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 Doug Lendrum

PRELUDE

**Christ is risen, Hallelujah! Verse 1
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)**

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come not to set unforgiving goals,
nor to impose order on vocational life
but to celebrate it as an Easter Life.
A beautiful life that is always beckoning,
always just beyond us,
always calling us toward completion
and "Almost" about to be
and like a peace beyond understanding,
a truth beyond belief.

SILENCE

GATHERING

We gather like the musician, taking time
to seek the simple clear note upon which to begin.
We acknowledge the note that allows us not to know anything at all,
the space that clears away the confusing, the cluttered and the complicated
so that we can know the beautiful and the complex.
We gather to celebrate the miracle of life.

1. Miracle of life unfolding,
dazzling to our watching eyes,
far beyond full comprehension,
secrets of the earth and sky.
Each advance of understanding
each new piece of knowledge gained
leaves the soul amazed and humbled,
child-like wonder yet remains.

2. Nature teems with life abundant,
stunning in variety,
shape and size and colour diff'ring,
wondrous in complexity.
From a high, majestic mountain
to the contours of a shell,
life has much to teach of diff'rence,
rich we be to learn it well.

3. Filled with joy we stand in wonder
at the life in which we share.
Gratefully we find our spirits
sensing glory everywhere.
Sun and moon and tiny creature
in their beauty stir the heart,
leading us to sacred duty,
call us well to do our part.

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

from 'Prayers of the Cosmos' by Neil Douglas-Klot

From the deepest part of yourself, let love be born for the rays of the One that shine around you...

Let this come from your whole heart – the centre of your life; your passion, courage, and audacity – and touch your whole subconscious self- that instinctive soul within which scatters and gathers.

From this self, liberate your whole animal energy and life force to flood your entire grasping mind with love.

This is the most important command – the first creative movement that empowers all others. The second is like it.

Draw a breath of compassion for the one mysteriously drawn to live near you; love that friend as you love the self that dwells within – the subconscious that sometimes feels separate and intruding.

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.

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

Pat Booth

Hebrew Bible

Psalm 16

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Contemporary Reading

by Doug Lendrum

If doubt is the allowing of space to be uncertain within belief rather than its opposite then maybe 'Almost' is a good way of defining the nature of Sacredness?

Almost is about something that is not yet
It is about to be but not yet
Its promise is in it's all but
And its approximately

Almost is around and as good as
It is bordering on and close to
Always close upon and essentially about
for all practical purposes it is
and for the greatest part too.

Almost is in effect
And in the neighbourhood of
Assured to be in the vicinity of
Yet also just about and mostly

It is much to consider as
near to, nigh and not far from
Almost is not quite yet
on the brink of and at the edge of
It teeters on the point of
on the verge of practically and pretty near
relatively speaking it roughly describes
It substantially and virtually reveals
The well-nigh and within sight of

RESPONSE

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

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.

REFLECTION

An Open-ended Future, Alive!

Rev Doug Lendrum

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Christ is risen, Hallelujah! Verse 2
Johann Sebastian Bach

HYMN

'God in Everything'

Words: Jocelyn Marshall Tune BELMONT WOV 435

1. God comes to us as one unheard
In silences profound.
Or marvels of a symphony,
sublimity of sound.
2. God comes to us as one unseen
In beauties of the earth;
a sea-gull's flight, a sunset sky,
the miracle of birth.
3. God comes to us as one unknown
to share our joys, our pain;
that presence felt, the gift of grace
our peace and hope sustain.
4. God comes to us at every hour
when strength and faith are weak;
the smiles of friends, encircling arms,
of reassurance speak.

5. God comes in unexpected ways
surprising us with joy.
Reminding that the light of love
no darkness can destroy.

6. Teach us, O God, to recognise
your spirit everywhere;
make us aware, responsive, keen
your love for all to share.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Christ is risen, Hallelujah! Verse 3
Johann Sebastian Bach

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

For allowing the rising of the sun
and paving ways for thriving wishes,
For unbarring gates for soaring dreams,
and unlocking latches for poetic engagement
For relieving the heightening of language
and dulling anxieties of grieving hearts.
For constantly seeking unshakable utterances,
For promising goodness, happiness
and titillating sanity

We give thanks. 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

Lynne Dovey

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and we pray for understanding between people of different religious traditions in the world today. 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 Catherine Wedd (Tukituki) and Vanessa Weenink (Banks Peninsula). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the New Plymouth - Knox Fitzroy 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

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

We're thinking
the earth is spinning,
the moon is setting,
so, the sun must be rising
but tell me,
tomorrow
is it coming?
In God it shall be!

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

**Prelude in C major "The Great"
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

EXPLORING FAITH

This Sunday Ian Harris will continue his journey towards a secular Christian faith where he has found major new insights in the worlds of physics and Carl Jung. 12 to 1pm in Conference Room 3.

FUNDRAISING - JAMS & PRESERVES

There will be a variety of jams, chutneys and relishes for sale in the Hall during morning tea after the service today. EFTPOS is available, but CASH is welcome (and sometimes quicker). Looking forward to seeing you there.

Sue

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

This past week I've tried to focus on positive hopeful signs and stories amidst the scary and unpredictable world we are living in right now. Seeing the images coming from Artemis II of the moon and the views back to Earth were breathtaking and reminded me once more that as humans we are all in this together on this beautiful planet Earth. And some of the messages from Megan Salole of [The Hope Dispatch](#) I received this week mirrored some of my own reflections on the importance of beauty and hope in our lives:

"...Zoom out. If the world is a single organism, and we are its cells, each playing a role, then we are its experiential and emotional system, its nervous system. We are how the world feels, how it notices, how it appreciates beauty. This might be the work of being human: to take in the world at the highest bandwidth possible, to meet it with our full attention."

"Hope, in its truest form, is not passive. It is an activation. It is the thing that unlocks imagination. The thing that allows us to see alternatives. The thing that shifts us, even slightly, into a state where creativity, connection and action become more available...Hope is not something we either have or do not have, It is something we practice. And like any practice, it gets stronger the more we engage with it."

- Sonia Groes-Petrie, Sustainability Group

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

It's great to see our new rubber bands category is proving popular - keep them coming! We also look forward to seeing your **empty printer ink cartridges** soon - all brands accepted. An updated information sheet on everything we collect for recycling is available in the North Vestry. During March we saved an estimated 8.6kg 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	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Ben Gray
Offering	Katrina Harper and Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Sandra and Tony Kirby (CG), Hannah Carty
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Cash
Service Leader	Rev Doug Lendrum

On duty April 19th

Welcoming	Maxine and Jim Cunningham
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie (CG)
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Bridget Martin and Mike Wespel-Rose
Coffee/tea	Sue Hirst , Janet Horncy and Jeni Bryant
Family Time	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Ellen Murray
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leaders	TBC

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday April 12th 10:00am: Sunday Gathering led by Rev Doug Lendrum followed by Exploring Faith

Wednesday April 15th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Helene Pohl, Rolf Gjelsten & Duo Enharmonics

Sunday April 19th: Sunday Gathering led by TBC followed by Congregational Conversation

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
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