

ORDER OF SERVICE

31st MAY 2026

TRINITY SUNDAY



LOVER, WORD, BREATH OF LIFE

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us gather in the mystery and wonder of the Holy One:

Creator, Christ, and Spirit —

not three distant beings,

but the living presence of love woven through all creation.

We come to worship the God who creates beauty from chaos,

who walks beside humanity in vulnerability and compassion,

and who breathes courage and hope into weary souls.

SILENCE

GATHERING

On this Trinity Sunday,

we remember that relationship is at the heart of the universe.

We are made for connection

with God, with one another, and with the earth itself.

So come with your questions and your faith,

your doubts and your longing,

your joy and your grief.

For the Divine Mystery welcomes us all

into the dance of love, justice, mercy, and peace.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 65(i) 'Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty'

Words: Reginald Heber (1783–1826). Music: John Dykes

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,
who was and is and evermore shall be.
3. Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

WELCOME

E te whānau a Te Karaiti,
ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa.

Kia ora tātou.

Talofa lava, welcome to St Andrews on the Terrace

Talofa lava, we 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

Holy Mystery,
Source of Life,
Living Word,
Breath of Compassion,
we gather today in gratitude for your presence among us.
You are beyond our naming,
yet closer to us than our own breath.

You are the Creator who birthed galaxies into being,
the Christ who walked dusty roads beside ordinary people,
and the Spirit who still stirs within communities longing for justice, healing, and hope.

On this Trinity Sunday, remind us that faith is not about having every answer, but about entering more deeply into relationships of love. Teach us to reflect a Jesus centred community: where no voice is silenced, no person excluded, and no life considered unworthy of dignity.

Where the world is divided, make us peacemakers.
Where fear overwhelms compassion, make us courageous.
Where loneliness and grief weigh heavily upon hearts,
draw near with comfort and strength.

Bless this gathering today our praying, our singing, our silence, our questioning, and our dreaming.

Open our hearts to your transforming presence, that we may leave this place more deeply connected to you, to one another, and to the sacredness of all creation.

In the name of the Holy Trinity:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit of Life.

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

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

Anna Smith

Hebrew Bible

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Gospel

John 16:12-15

Contemporary Reading

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer

by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

I tried to search for a poem on Trinity,
but perhaps the poem was waiting
to be written within me all along.

Creator.

Redeemer.

Sustainer.

Three sacred movements of love.

Three ways the Holy continues
to breathe life into the world.

Creator

the One who calls beauty from chaos,
who formed oceans and stars,
who shaped humanity in diversity and wonder,
and who still creates in us
new dreams, new possibilities, new beginnings.

Redeemer

the One who refuses to abandon creation,
who walks beside the broken-hearted,
who lifts shame from weary shoulders,
who calls us back into love,
back into justice,
back into one another.

Sustainer

the breath of Spirit that keeps us going
when life is heavy,
when injustice feels overwhelming,
when hope flickers low.

The Spirit who whispers,

“Keep going.

Keep loving.

Keep serving.

You are not alone.”

And so I ask myself this Trinity Sunday:
How have Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
given purpose to my life today?

And perhaps that is the same question
for all of us gathered here.

How does the Holy continue to create us?
To redeem us?
To sustain us?

For Trinity is not simply doctrine to explain,
but relationship to live.

We are called to be creators of compassion,
redeemers of dignity,
sustainers of justice and hope
in a world aching for healing.

In the midst of injustice,
we are called to embody
creation, redemption, and sustaining love.

This is the sacred work before us.

To live.
To embrace.
To serve.

And in this holy mystery,
we discover once again
that it is in God
that we live and move
and have our being.

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: KUM BA YA arr by Nicola and Guy Jansen

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| 1. E te Atua aroha mai (x3)
ake ake tonu e. (x2) | <i>O God love us
forever and ever.</i> |
| 2. E te Atua manaaki mai (x3)
ake ake tonu e. (x2) | <i>O God bless us
forever and ever.</i> |
| 3. E te Atua awhina mai (x3)
ake ake tonu e. (x2) | <i>O God help us
forever and ever.</i> |

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

HYMN

"Come Celebrate the Women"Words © Shirley Murray Tune: ELLACOMBE **WOV 277**

1. Come, celebrate the women
who brought the Church to birth!
the gentle revolution
that shall transform the earth:
whose faith was salt and leaven,
whose hearts and minds were free,
and this was their direction --
to peace and unity.

2. The teachers, saints and mothers
who lived and died unsung
kept safe the gospel story
and taught it to the young;
the Christ child Mary cradled,
the living Word to be,
was crucified for pleading
this peace and unity.

3. Daughters of the disciples,
you weave the story still,
the fabric of the future
with warmth and love and skill,
you make the bread of wholeness,
the wine of harmony --
and all shall share your feasting
in peace and unity!

OFFERING MUSIC

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,
from the abundance of the earth
and the labour of human hands,
we bring these gifts before you.
Bless the food we share,
the money we offer,
and the acts of kindness that often go unseen.
May these gifts become signs of your love in the world —
bringing comfort to the lonely,
justice to the oppressed,
welcome to the stranger,
and hope to those who are struggling.
Teach us that generosity is not only what we give,
but how we choose to live.
In the spirit of Christ, we offer ourselves and these gifts for the healing of the world.

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.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Cameroon, and we pray for the Council of Protestant Churches in Cameroon. 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 Camilla Belich (List) and Glen Bennett (List). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Palmerston North - Milson Combined 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

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
alleluia, faafetai
la pepese, ia pepese
alleluia, 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
alleluia, faafetai
la pepese, ia pepese
alleluia, 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
alleluia, faafetai
la pepese, ia pepese
alleluia, 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 for Trinity Sunday

May the love of the Creator
surround you like the beauty of the earth,
the rivers that flow, the mountains that stand strong,
and the breath of life within every living thing.

May the grace of Christ, the Living Word,
walk beside you in times of joy and sorrow,
teaching you compassion, courage, and hope,
and reminding you that you are never alone.

May the fire and breath of the Holy Spirit
fill your hearts with wisdom and peace,
stirring you to acts of justice, kindness, and love
in a world longing for healing.

Amen.

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

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

I've taken advantage of the lovely autumn weather this week to go for walks in my lunch break. I've been working from home this week so I've enjoyed walks around my local neighbourhood in Lower Hutt. I've enjoyed listening to the chatter of blackbirds, thrush, tui and fantail/pīwakawaka as well as taking in the changing colours of the leaves. It's reminded me about all the incredible the diversity and creativity that exists in our natural world. I've also appreciated some human creativity this week through A Rocha Aotearoa's Pentecost Art Project: <https://www.ecochurch.org.nz/the-pentecost-art-project>

There are some lovely images on their website to look at and reflect on.

- Sonia Groes-Petrie, Sustainability Group

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

You can drop off the following items for recycling in the North Vestry:

- Plastic lids and some other small plastics
- Metal and aluminium lids
- Beverage cartons (Tetra Pak)
- Used pens
- Household metal items
- Empty printer cartridges and rubber bands.

An information sheet with full details and directions for preparing your items is available in the North Vestry. Thank you for keeping your waste out of landfill. Happy recycling!

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	Sandra and Tony Kirby
Sound	Tania Penafiel-Bermudez
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Lynette Burrell and Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Jenn Keenan, Hannah Garty and Ata Burr
Family Time	Frank Cook (CG)
Readings	Anna Smith
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 June 7st

Welcoming	Pat McGiven and Pam Fuller
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Tony Pears and Paul Franken
Coffee/tea/brunch	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Katrina Harper and Jenn Keenan
Family Time	Frank Cook (CG)
Readings	Michael Parker
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Communion	Sonia Groes-Petrie, Kath Kerr, Paul Barber, Barry Keenan, Janet Martin and Ellen Murray
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday May 31st 10:00am: Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Dances of Universal Peace.

Wednesday June 3th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Dulcis Tibia, Recorder Quartet

Thursday June 4th 12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Samuel Yuan, Solo Piano

Sunday June 7st: Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Community 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 (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	Sara Rokni (acting)
Centre Assistant	Sara Rokni
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