

ORDER OF SERVICE

2 August 2026



“Peace” by Allan Boesak

In the Bible, peace and justice are never separated.
Peace is never simply the absence of war, it is the active presence of justice.
It has to do with human fulfilment, with liberation, with wholeness,
with a meaningful life and well-being, not only for the individual,
but for the community as a whole.
The prophets speak of peace as the offspring of justice.

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.

Please join in the congregational responses printed in ***bold italics*** and stand, if you are able, for the hymns and the offering prayer. We usually sing the hymns without announcement. To use the ***loop system*** in the church, turn your hearing aids on to the appropriate setting.

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 Jim Cunningham

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Just as we are sent forth
to encounter life and confront
the forces of emptiness, alienation and death,
so we are called back in to share
our insights and experiences,
our sorrows and losses,
our joys and victories
with others in this community,
that together we may grow in
our understanding, our faith and our compassion.

SILENCE

GATHERING

When our world is twisted by greed and bruised by violence

We come seeking signs of hope and healing,

When our concerns have become inward and narrow

We come seeking the Peace that passes understanding

When our actions are small and our vision weak

We come to see the holy in friend and enemy.

God, Creator and Sustainer of all that is, we come.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HIOS 19 "Deep in the human heart"

Words: Bill Wallace Tune: DIADEMATA WOV 163

1. Deep in the human heart
the fire of justice burns;
a vision of a world renewed
through radical concern.
Christians we are called
to set the captives free,
to overthrow the evil powers
and end hypocrisy.
2. This is our task today:
to build a world of peace;
a world of justice, freedom, truth,
where kindness will increase;
a world from hunger freed,
a world where people share,
where every person is of worth
and no one lives in fear.
3. Taking the step of faith,
we leave the past behind
and move into the future's world
with open heart and mind.
By grace we work with Christ,
as one community,
to bring new hope and fuller life
to all humanity.

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 lunch in the hall after church.

PRAYER FOR PEACE ON HIROSHIMA DAY

Christian World Service

We remember the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki as they remember the tens of thousands who lost their lives, their health and their homes from atomic bombs.

We will work for peace.

We remember the many more people who have been injured or killed from nuclear testing, in wars and conflicts not of their making and those who have stood against them.

We will work for peace.

We remember the earth which has been torn by war, poisoned and exploited by human actions. Especially today we remember the people of Gaza... Israel....Syria..... Ukraine.....

(a time of silence)

We will work for peace.

In your many names we pray. 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

We send you 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 rangimarie, with or without shaking hands, and say "Rangimarie" or "Peace be with you."

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Pat Booth

Epistle

Galatians 3: 23-29

Gospel

Matthew 13: 24-30

Contemporary Reading

PEACE is a state of harmony characterised by the lack of violent conflict. Commonly understood as the absence of hostility, peace also means the existence of healthy or newly healed interpersonal or international relationships, prosperity in matters of social and economic welfare, the establishment of equality, and a working political order that serves the true interests of all. In international relations, peacetime is not only the absence of war or conflict, but also the presence of cultural, economic and political understanding and justice. (Anonymous)

Reflection

Rev Dr Jim Cunningham

Those Wretched Weeds!



RESPONSE

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

REFLECTIVE MUSIC & HYMN

“This is my Song”

Words: Lloyd Stone & Georgia Harkness
Music: Jean Sibelius FINLANDIA WOV 48

Organ: One verse of Finlandia

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine;
this is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine
2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
3. May truth and freedom come to every nation;
may peace abound where strife has raged so long;
that each may seek to love and build together,
a world united, righting every wrong;
a world united in its love for freedom,
proclaiming peace together in one song.

Organ: One verse of Finlandia

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA 63 'How happy you who work for peace'

Words Shirley Murray Tune : GONFALON ROYAL WOV 318

1. How happy you who work for peace!
Your hands shall plant and not destroy,
your words defuse the power of hate,
and prayers bring aroha and joy.
2. How happy you who work for peace,
who mend the torn, who bend the rod!
You make the Christ direction plain,
you truly are a child of God.

OFFERING PRAYER

Compassionate God,
who calls all people to be one family,
teach us to share your gifts with each other,
strengthen us to make peace by working together,
and challenge us with a vision of the feast
where all are welcome. **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 and visitors are welcomed. 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

Sonia Groes-Petrie

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of American Samoa and we pray for the National Council of Churches in American Samoa. 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 Casey Costello (List) and Tim Costley (Ōtaki). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Porirua - Cook Islands Presbyterian Church (Wgtn Region).

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's journey, wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to, whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome to participate in the communion. This sacred meal is for all people.



1. O Christ who by a cross made peace your sign,
 who gives your peace in water, bread and wine:
 O Spirit Christ who is our spirit's home,
 teach us the secret of the true shalom.
2. We speak of peace when in our hearts we war
 and, unforgiving, keep our grudges sore,
 we promise peace while yet we strive to win,
 and in our enemy, see not our kin.
3. Two deaths now face the starving and the fed --
 the blinding bomb, the simple lack of bread;
 with riches of the earth at our command,
 from weaponry to welcome, turn our hand.
4. The selfishness which is our human curse,
 the arsenal of hatred which we nurse -
 all are dispelled when in our hearts we say
 "There is no way to peace: peace is the way."

THE STORY...

We remember the stories from our tradition....

How on many occasions Jesus would share a meal with friends.

Bread and wine, the very basics of life, shared in community.

How bread would be taken, a blessing offered, and then shared amongst them.
And all ate.

How some wine would be poured out, a blessing offered, and then passed
amongst them. All of them drank.

When they gathered in this way it was a time of concern,
conversation and celebration.

The bread and the wine symbolised
human lives interconnected with other human lives,
and the power of giving and receiving.

We remember that on the night before his death
he shared the Passover Meal with his disciples
and gave the meal a new significance and purpose.

May the passion for life as seen in Jesus
and in the lives and struggles
of many other committed and faithful people then and now,
enable us to dream and to risk....

Together may we re-imagine the world.

Together may we work to make all things new.

***Together may we celebrate the possibilities and hope
we each have and are called to share.***

For everyone born, a place at the Table.

THE BREAD IS BROKEN

We break the bread for the broken Earth,
ravaged and plundered for greed.

May there be healing for our beautiful blue and green planet.

We break the bread for our broken humanity,
for the powerful and the powerless
trapped by exploitation and oppression.

May there be healing for humanity.

We break the bread for those who follow other paths;
who travel on a different road from us;
those who think and act differently;
those whose belief system is different to ours;
those who see our world through different eyes
of ethnicity and culture.

May there be healing where there is pain and woundedness.

We break the bread for those places devastated by war and violence.

May there be people there to work for peace, justice, and reconciliation.

We break this bread for the unhealed hurts and wounds
that lie within us all.

May we, too, be healed.

THE WINE IS POURED

This is the cup of peace and of new life for all.
A sign of love for the community of hope.

***A reminder of the call
to live life fully,
to love wastefully,
and to be all that we can be.***

Come then, life-giving Spirit of our God,
brood over these bodily things,
and make us one body with Christ;
that we may no longer be in bondage
to the principalities and powers that enslave creation,
but may know your liberating peace
such as the world cannot give.

THE BREAD AND THE WINE ARE SHARED



CLOSING HYMN

“Go-between God, in the Spirit of Jesus”

Words: Shirley Erena Murray; Music: Colin Gibson Tune: REVERSI AA 9

1. Go-between God, in the Spirit of Jesus,
reaching and welcoming, crossing divides,
let me be part of your bridge-building people,
making connections where prejudice rides.
2. Let me see value in colours and cultures
new to my landscape of habit or thought;
let me find treasures in other traditions,
gifts of new insight that strangers have brought.
3. Let me find truths in another faith's scripture,
let me share wisdom wherever it shines,
lighting our differing pathways to worship,
seeking the scope of your stunning designs
4. Let me accept revelation in science,
all that enhances the life of the earth,
let me reject all that threatens her nature,
testing technology's status and worth.
5. Let me be part of a new evolution
honouring others who honour the good,
artists in living out love without labels,
standing in places where Jesus has stood.

BENEDICTION

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Judy Dumbleton

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AUDIO REFLECTIONS

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

<http://www.standrews.org.nz/category/sunday-gathering>

We welcome all visitors and invite you to stay for morning tea or coffee.

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

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

A reminder from my work's social club this week about contributing to a morning tea with no single use plastic reminded me it is Plastic Free July at the moment. Plastic Free July is a global movement aimed at reducing single-use plastic waste in our homes, communities, and workplaces. The waste hierarchy reminds us to try and avoid waste as a first step. Not easy in our single-use plastic-focused society, but helpful to remember. Perhaps I'll take mandarins for morning tea - all packaged in nature's free compostable wrapping!

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

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.

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE

Monthly Dances of Universal Peace session second Saturdays at Centennial Community Hall Berhampore, 1.30-4.30pm.

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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	Pat McGiven, Pam Fuller
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Ben Gray
Offering	Bridget Martin, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Maxine Cunningham, Vivienne Mountier and Jenn Keenan
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie (CG)
Communion	Lynne Dovey, Janet Horncy, Rosemary Lawrence, Vhari McWha, Kath Kerr and Tania Penafiel-Bermudez
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leader	Rev Dr Jim Cunningham

On duty August 9th

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Tania Penafiel-Bermudez
Laptop	Mike Wespel-Rose
Offering	Mike Wespel-Rose, Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Katrina Harper, Aaron Cook and Hannah Carty
Family Time	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Jenn Keenan
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey (CG)
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Peter Franklin
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This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday August 2nd : Communion Service led by Rev Dr Jim Cunningham followed by Community Brunch

Wednesday August 5th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Classical Voice students of the NZSM

Sunday August 9th: 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 (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
Centre Assistant	Hannah Gaisford
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