



ORDER OF SERVICE

16 September 2018

3rd Sunday in Creation Pentecost 16



Mountains

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***.

Please 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.

Printed copies of the reflection are available at the back of the church for people with extreme hearing loss. For others they can be picked up at the end of the Gathering.

Please note your nearest fire exit.

The church and hall have been earthquake strengthened. In an earthquake: drop, cover and hold.

GATHERING

Mountains soar above the plains

Reaching upwards, massive and mighty;

Mountains inspire and invite

journeys of risk, adventure, requiring courage;

Mountains are meeting places of holy moment

Places for reflection and refreshment, places of peace

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 155 'Where mountains rise'

Words: © 1971, Shirley Erena Murray

Music by Vernon Griffiths © 1971 Faber Music Ltd

Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light, in lake and star.

Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha*
to let each other's mana** stand.

From broken word, from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.

Your love be known, compassion shown,
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.

Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distill the air,
your spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

* aroha = Maori word for "all-embracing love"

** mana = Maori for "dignity, prestige"

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER and JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter version on card

HARP SOLO

"Andante" from Violin Sonata No.2 by Bach

(Transcription by Marcel Grandjany)

Performed by Joy Sun

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

BLESSING THE CHILDREN (All stand)

We send you to the Rainbow Room programme to hear stories, ask questions and have fun together.

We bless you. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Feel free to pass the peace with those nearby or move to greet others further away. Passing the peace consists of shaking hands and saying "Peace be with you." The response is "Peace be with you" or just "And with you." Or, simply saying "Hello" is a good idea. Also feel free to simply observe if you wish!

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Wendy Matthews

Hebrew Bible

Psalm 24: 3-5

Gospel

Matthew 5: 1-5

Contemporary reading

from "Spiritual Practice"

by Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat

<https://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/practices/features/view/17965/be-like-the-mountain>

Equanimity is a state of inner balance that enables you to remain calm and centered in the midst of all the turmoil in your life. An image often used to describe it is "being like the mountain." The mountain absorbs the sun in the same way that it takes in the rain, the wind, and the snow. It doesn't care what the weather is. No matter what is going on around it, the mountain is still the mountain.

People who are masters of equanimity remain even-tempered and unaffected by outside influences. They have learned not to give in to their likes and dislikes nor to react to situations according to their desires and aversions. This is not easy in the modern world. Every day we are bombarded with thousands of images, all feeding our desires by linking happiness to buying, having, or doing.

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION ON MOUNTAIN IMAGES

AFFIRMATION OF JOURNEY *for contemplating in silence*

Our life is like ascending a mountain.
We begin, fresh and energetic, keen for the climb;
We progress with enthusiasm,
enjoying the view as it widens and changes,
enjoying our companions on the way.

Sooner or later, we encounter sharp precipices and deep ravines
Sloping gradients and heart-breaking inclines
Slippery scree and tangling tree roots;
We stumble and fall.
We pick ourselves up and continue,
Wounded, a little more bruised, scraped and punctured,
perhaps a little more tired of ceaseless travelling.

But here and there,
tucked away in small crevices,
are delicate mountain daisies,
silvery spider webs, green and grey lichens;
Here and there,
mountain streams yield chilly, refreshing water,
and we find steps cut to make the way easier,
or a sheltering hut with wood for a warming fire
when the weather is just too, too rough.

And the mountain waits with equanimity
for us to keep on climbing
for us to learn all the lessons she is teaching us
for us to continue to approach her summit.

HYMN

'El Shaddai will come to help us'

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**Jann Aldredge-Clanton writes: "El Shaddai is a Hebrew name translated "God of the Breasts", "the Breasted God" or "God Almighty." The connection is thought to have come from the rounded shape of hills.*

El Shaddai* will come to help us,
hearing every painful plea;
Through the world around us rages,
She will still our comfort be.
Holding all in loving care,
She will every burden bear.

Through the midst of pain and sorrow,
El Shaddai will nurture all;
She will come through swelling tempest,
helping when we faint and fall.
Blessing from her womb and breasts
bring all weary ones to rest.

El Shaddai with deep compassion
will forever with us stay;
Giving guidance through each challenge,
She will show the healing way.
Helping all our fears release,
She will lead to hope and peace.

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

We offer the various gifts we have brought in the silence of love and with the prayers which are within our hearts.

Silence

So may it be

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 not already in the order of service, 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

Barrie Keenan

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Indonesia and the Christian Protestant Church in Indonesia. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Jacinda Ardern (Mt Albert electorate) and Maggie Barry (North Shore electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Upper Hutt Uniting Parish.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

'In our world'

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In our world we find delight
For creation, day and night
Brings us solace, joy;
Spirit grows, refreshes, gleams
as the earth fuels richer dreams
just by being here;

*May this beauty never end
May this solace always be here
May the human race take notice
And show divine compassion.*

Mountains march to distant heights
Wilderness tests all our might
Where the tussocks blow;
Windswept tors define the land
Desert plateaus, mountains stand
Old eruptions' scars;

*May this beauty never end
May this rock and earth remain here
May the human race take notice
And show divine compassion*

Land provides our standing place,
hills through which the rivers trace,
give us space to be;
Ground which holds us, gives us base,
needs our care, through all our days
so it will survive;

*May this place continue standing
May this earth continue holding
May our feet be ever grounded
Held in divine compassion*

It's a mystery who made this -
evolution, hand-made care -
multiple ideas.

But it's not a mystery who
Needs to care for green and blue -
We have all been charged

*To make sure this never ends
That this beauty does remain here
That the human race takes notice
And shows divine compassion*

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Gavotte
by Samuel Wesley (1766 - 1837)

Peter Franklin
our musician today

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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.

There is a 2-hour parking limit on the street in the Wellington CBD on Sundays and weekend parking fees apply. If you are staying for an after-church activity, you can move your car into the car park, or move to a new space on the street.

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

SEPTEMBER – ENJOY CREATION MONTH WITH US

Sunday 16 September – 'Mountains' – Harp solo by Joy Sun.

Gathering led by Susan Jones, followed by Social Justice Education Group

Sunday 23 September – 'Humanity' led by Fiona McDougal with friends. Exploring the Faith Study postponed.

Sunday 30 September – 'Following in Francis' footsteps.' Gathering led by Susan Jones, followed by Exploring the Faith study group

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all those who helped in many capacities with the Conference last weekend. The committee worked very hard, of course, and they tend to get recognised publicly. But also, a big thanks to those who came and helped as volunteers and local guides. We also appreciated those who came as registrants and those who helped on Sunday with the bigger than usual morning tea and clean up. We do appreciate the parish's support and interest. There will be further details when we have our final

debriefing meeting in early October. Generally the evaluation forms show that people enjoyed the programme and the venue – so well done St Andrew's!

NORMAN AND LINDA WILKINS

Norman and Linda will be away until October 3rd but Norman is up to date with organ fund jobs so if you have any smallish jobs that you want doing please save them till he gets back

FAITH COMMUNITIES UNITED IN LOVE: PLANNING MEETING

Join LGBTIQ people of faith and allies to plan for events at Pride 2019 and the ILGA conference. Meeting 1pm Saturday **22 September** at the St Andrew's Centre. Any questions, get in touch with Ellen Murray, contact_ellen@yahoo.com.

ST ANDREW'S TRUST FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting on Friday Sept 28th at 6pm,
In Conference Rooms 1 & 2 of the St Andrew's Centre



The evening will begin with a light meal, followed by the business of the AGM at 6.30pm and Conclude with a presentation by Rev. Dr. Susan Jones on the topic:

“The Interface between Religion and Society; Re-enchanting the world”

All members of St Andrews are invited.

There is no charge but for catering purposes please email admin@satrs.org.nz or phone Pam Fuller on 475 8240 if you are able to come.

Board Membership: We currently have three vacancies for trustees and are seeking people who have experience in governance, communications including website management, administration and finance or accounting as well as ideas about how to develop an enticing programme for the trust.

We are all volunteers, spend a few hours a week on trust activities and hold a business meeting on the first Tuesday evening of each month.

If you or someone you know is potentially interested and would like to know more please call trust member Jan Rivers on 022 126 1839 or Trust Chair Pam Fuller on 027 361 9192 or 475 8240

CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY

“Just a reminder that we have a congregational library which lives in the rolling cupboard at the back of the church opposite the sound desk.

It is loosely organised by Dawn and myself. It is based on an honesty system- when you take a book you enter your name, the book name and your phone number in the yellow issue book. When you return the book you cross your name and entry out.

For me books have been deeply life-enhancing and bring me much pleasure. It is a joy I have always shared with my now-departed mum. We have a great selection of books in the library for the enrichment and refreshment of your spirit. I encourage you to browse and borrow.”

Mike Wespel-Rose

HEALTH AND SAFETY

We have reduced the number of chairs stored in the foyer and the back of the church to increase the space available for morning tea and to reduce risk. We are planning to have only 20 chairs at the back of the church and 40 in the foyer. These need to be stacked only 5 chairs high to be safe. Please do not carry more than 2 chairs at a time. Chairs do move around a lot in this place! If you can tidy them away when you see them out of place, that would be helpful. Only shift chairs if your body can stand the strain! Thank you! Susan

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

COOK ISLANDS JOINS NUCLEAR BAN TREATY

Link to share:

<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/posts/1857024214344939>

CIVIC TRUST FORUM - WELLINGTON AFTER PARIS - SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMMES

Links to information: http://www.standrews.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Wellington-After-Paris-profiles_final.docx
<http://www.standrews.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Wellington-After-Paris-program-final-1.docx>, <http://www.standrews.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Wellington-after-Paris-invitation-flyer.pdf>

SEVERE TRAUMA & STRESS RECOVERY WORKSHOPS

Wednesday **19 September 2018** - St Andrews on the Terrace Meeting Rooms
\$195.00pp + GST. <https://www.grow.co.nz/page/severe-trauma-and-stress/>

'REMEMBER THE BRAVE', WELLINGTON LAUNCH

The Wellington launch is organised by Peace Movement Aotearoa to mark the International Day of Peace (21 September), all welcome.

When: **Saturday, 22 September 2018**, from 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Where: St Andrew's Conference Centre, 30 The Terrace, Wellington

RSVP: please RSVP on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/events/333645114053930> or by email, icanz@xtra.co.nz

A4 poster: is available on the World War 1 Centenary Peace Project page,

www.ww1.org.nz (direct link, <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/rtb,22sept18.pdf>)

ORGAN DONATION VS ORGAN TRAFFICKING

Join Human Rights Documentaries NZ for an interactive panel discussion about New Zealand's lack of organs. Examine the options available, as well as the dilemmas and consequences of receiving transplants overseas.

24th September 2018, 6pm – 7.30pm at Room GBLT1, Old Government Buildings, Victoria University, Stout Street, Wellington. Light refreshments will be provided
RSVP / margo.macvicar@endorganpillaging.org or visit tiny.cc/etac-panel-nz.

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	Graham Howell, Heather Macfarlane
Sound	Jennifer Bush-Daumec
Offering	James Cone, Russell Feist
Coffee/tea	Jim and Maxine Cunningham, Kath Kerr
Time with the Children	Ellen Murray
Readings	Wendy Matthews
Prayers of the People	Barrie Keenan
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Roger Jones

On duty 23 September

Welcoming	Frank Cook, Jeni Bryant
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	Graham Howell, Jon Schrader
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Laura and Melissa Van Echten
Time with the Children	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Jenn Keenan
Prayers of the People	Patricia Booth
Musician	Vivien Chiu
Rainbow Room Helper	Lois Robertson

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 16 September 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones

Followed by Social Justice Education Group.

Wednesday 19 September Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 19 September 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – NZSM String Ensembles

Thursday 20 September 12:15pm Lunchtime Concert -Classical Voice Students of the NZSM

Thursday 20 September 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Sunday 23 September 10am Sunday Gathering led by Fiona McDougal and others

Followed by Exploring Faith Study Group.

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	Susan Jones
Parish Council Convenor	Lynne Dovey
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Sandra Kirby
Pastoral Convenors	Linda Wilkins and Maxine Cunningham Brian Burrell
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jules Collinson
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Social Justice Coordinator	Margaret Rushbrook
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence
Centre Manager	Laetitia Brunell
Office Administrator	Jillene Everett
Facilities Assistants	Hamish Dick and Elissa Lim

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