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St Andrew's
on The Terrace

ORDER OF SERVICE

13 December 2020

Advent 3



Lessons & CAROLS
ANCIENT & Modern

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. ***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.

Today's service is led by Rev. Ken Irwin and Jillian Carpenter

GATHERING

A child will be born
We are ready!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

COC 7 'Carol our Christmas'

Words: © 1986 Shirley Erena Murray

Music by Colin Gibson. Music © 1992 Hope Publishing Co.

1. Carol our Christmas, an upside-down Christmas:
snow is not falling and trees are not bare.
Carol the summer, and welcome the Christ Child,
warm in our sunshine and sweetness of air.
2. Sing of the gold and the green and the sparkle,
water and river and lure of the beach.
Sing in the happiness of open spaces,
sing a nativity summer can reach!
3. Shepherds and musterers move over hillside,
finding, not angels, but sheep to be shorn;
Wise ones make journeys, whatever the season,
searching for signs of the truth to be born.
4. Rightside-up Christmas belongs to the universe,
made in the moment a woman gives birth;
Hope is the Jesus gift, love is the offering,
everywhere, anywhere, here on the earth.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.
Kia ora.

CANDLE LIGHTING & CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE

PASSING THE PEACE

Traditionally we shake hands to pass the peace and say "peace be with you. Now that Covid is here we ask that you pass the peace without shaking hands."

THE BIDDING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the trial and deliver us from evil
for the power and the glory are yours
now and forever,
AMEN*

Lesson 1 Haere mai – Welcome

by Joy Cowley

Kia ora, my friend. Welcome.
You bring honour to my house
and a blessing to my whanau.

Come in, spend time with us
and we will talk, You and I,
of good things.

You know, when I was young
I had a picture of You in my head,
a young Jewish man in a long robe,
and that is true, my friend, that is true,
but You grew with me over the years
and now I know that your whakapapa
belongs as much here, as over there
or anywhere else.

You are one of our people,
one with these mountains,
one with this land.

Haere mai e Ihu Karaiti,
Welcome Christ Jesus,
this is your home.

HYMN

CH4 326 'As with gladness those of old'

Words: William Chatterton Dix

Music from a chorale by Conrad Kochner arr. William Henry Monk. Public domain

1. As with gladness those of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So most gracious God may we
Evermore be led by Thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped,
To that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.
3. As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ to Thee, our heavenly King.

Lesson 2

Isaiah 7: 14, Isaiah 40: 1-5, Isaiah 61: 1,2

Lesson 3

A New Zealand Christmas

by Eileen Duggan

Oh, the grace was on it that He chose that country –
We have kind oxen and our straw is sweet,
We have shepherds too now, and stables and a manger,
Had we but one footprint of His little feet!

Oh, my heart goes crying through these days of summer,
Through the sleepy summer, slow with streams and bees,
Had my land been old then, here He might have lighted,
Here have seen His first moon in the ngaio trees.

Oh, my heart goes crying through these days of waiting
While our lilies open and our tuis sing,
Had my Lord been born here angels might have ringed us,
Standing round our islands wing wide to wing.

Had my Lord been born here in the time of rata,
Three dark-eyed chieftains would have knelt to Him,
With greenstone and mats and the proud huia feather,
And the eyes of Mary, seeing, would grow dim.

Oh, my heart goes crying through these days of waiting,
We too have oxen and our straw is sweet,
We too have shepherds and stables and a manger,
Oh, for one clear footprint of His little feet!

Lesson 4

Nativity
by Joy Cowley

Look now! It is happening again! Love like a high spring
tide is swelling to fullness and overflowing the banks
of our small concerns.

And here again is the star, that white flame of truth blazing
the way for us through a desert of tired ways.

Once more comes the music, angel song that lifts our
hearts and tunes our ears to the harmony of the universe,
making us wonder how we ever could have forgotten.

And now the magi within us gathers up gifts of gold
and Myrrh, while that other part of ourselves, the impulsive
reckless shepherd, runs helter skelter with arms
outstretched to embrace the wonder of it all.

We have no words to contain our praise. We ache with awe, we tremble
with miracle, as once again, in the small rough stable of our lives, Christ
is born.

Lesson 5

God's troubling the waters
by Clare Fussell

"God is troubling the waters" said the moon
"What - again?" shrieked the stars
"Isn't heaven full enough already, and all the lighting done?
That god of yours, that god likes to cause trouble."
Then the Spirit moved on the waters,
and Trouble danced along the wavetops of the deep
and god saw, saw that it was very good...
and had a Good Idea.

"God is troubling the waters" said Mr Noah
"Oh not again!" said Mrs Noah
"That god of yours - that god is Trouble.
The neighbours are lost, I'm sick of the rain
and animals weren't meant to be in here..."

Once more the spirit moved - dancing in across the waters
with a sprig of hope,
Dove achieving what raven had not -
and god saw that the Idea was Very Good.

“I think God is troubling my waters” said Mary
‘There's Trouble for sure’, thought Joseph – ‘it's too soon.
It's all wrong - we're not ready - these aren't our people.’
The donkey laughed - in a hee haw sort of way
“It feels like the baby is dancing” said Mary
‘I knew this baby would be Trouble.’ thought Joseph,
but wisely kept his thinking to himself.

Then angels sang and starlight saw;
And shepherds and wise ones danced together.
For Tiny Ones can mean Big Trouble
and that is Very Good.....

“God's coming to trouble the waters – look! ” said the child
dangling her legs in the coolness.
“What - so soon?” said the paralysed one
“God moving already and I'm nowhere near.
Won't you help me be there
for when the troubling starts?”.
“Can't” said the child.
“My mum says I got to stay in here
so I'm healed when the trouble begins”.

Alongside the pool a shadow danced by -
that of a man who looked down with concern,
at the one held by fear and rage -
both hearing the call to courage.
“A healing will bring us both Trouble” said Jesus.
But if that's what you want.....”
So paralysis danced - and doubt went marching
and god looked , and knew the Idea was Very Good.

Again God is troubling the waters -
in our days the Spirit is moving :
Troubling those who can't help but see;
Making song when the world says “Be Quiet ! ”;
Dancing wild when the world says “Keep Still ! ”
Let us be the Trouble of God.

HYMN

WOV 237 'Once in Judah's least known city'

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander, Tune: Irby. Public Domain

1. Once in Judah's least known city
Stood a boarding house with back-door shed,
Where an almost solo mother
Tried to find her new-born a bed.
Mary's mum and dad went wild
When they heard their daughter had a child.
2. He brought to earth a sense of heaven,
Lord of none yet Lord of all;
And his shelter always was unstable
For his mission was beyond recall.
With the poor, with those least holy,
Christ the King was pleased to live so lowly.
3. Can he know our youth and childhood's pattern
When we know-not how he daily grew?
Was he always little, weak and helpless,
Did he share our joys and problems too?
In our laughter, fun and madness,
Will the Lord of love share in our gladness?
4. Not in that uncharted stable
With village-gossips standing by,
But in heaven we shall see him -
Here as much as up above the sky -
When, in love for friend and stranger,
We embrace the message-of-the manger.

Lesson 6

Luke 2: 8-15

Choir

'Pohutukawa Carol'

REFLECTION

'Believe the Fantasy'

Ken Irwin

Lesson 7

Luke 1: 26 - 38

THE OFFERING & DEDICATION

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.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

*Renew your people, God,
and renew our life in this place.
Give us a new spirit of unity
with all who follow the Way of Jesus
and new bonds of love
with people of other faiths.*

*Bless the city in which we live
that it may be a place
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

Choir:

'Not on a snowy night'

Lesson 8

The Magnificat: Luke 1: 47-56

Please stand for the Gospel

Lesson 9:

John 1: 1-14

Paraphrase Alan T Dale

HYMN

WOV 228 'O Come all ye Faithful' vv 1-3

Music John Francis Wade

Words C. Frederick Oakeley (alt)words

1. O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

2. God of God,
Light of light
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb
Very God,
Begotten, not created
*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above.
Glory to God in the highest;
O come, let us adore Him...
*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

BLESSING

adapted from Fra Giovanni (1513)

There is nothing which we can give you which you have not;
but there is much that, while we cannot give, you may take.

No heaven can come to us unless our minds find rest in it here today.

We will take heaven.

There is no rangimarie - peacefulness that lies only in the future: it is
accessible right now in the present instant.

We will take rangimarie - peace.

Likewise tumanako – hopefulness is not trapped, to be unlocked only for
times ahead

We will take tumanako – hope.

There is gloom in the world – it comes in the form of shadow. It masks
what lies behind: harikoa – joy.

We will take harikoa - joy.

This thing we call aroha is not something new. It has come to us from our
ancestors and is for us to pass on

We will take aroha – love.

And so, at this Christmas, we greet you with the trust that for you, now
and forever, the day is reborn and the shadows fall away.

We will take Christmas.

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Mark Stamper

our musician today

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acknowledged.



AUDIO REFLECTIONS

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

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

Wellington City Council now charges for weekend parking on the street. As well as that, there is a two hour parking limit. If you have parked on the street initially and are staying for an after-church activity, it may be possible to move your car into the St Andrew's/Braemar car park but please be careful that you do not block anyone in.

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

TODAY - LAST BRUNCH FOR THE YEAR

Our last brunch for the year will be a special one during which we will be celebrating Valerie and Alan Rhodes' 65th wedding anniversary. They are very kindly providing ham and salad and other delicious food. Please come as usual and bring something to supplement this, perhaps something sweet. If you feel unsure, you might like to be in touch with Valerie and ask if she has a suggestion. Also as usual, if you forget, please do still come after church and enjoy this special occasion, there will be enough for everyone.

CHRISTMAS CAKE FUNDRAISER

Two small iced cakes (\$12.50) available for sale. The remaining orders are available for pick up. Contact Maxine Cunningham at brunch.

SPONSOR A PIPE

As at 1 December we have just \$30,000 left to raise to meet our \$500,000 target! What an amazing effort by St Andrew's people. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed.

We still have some pipes available to sponsor.

Send your donation and request by 5 pm 16 December 2020 and we will do our very best to get you the specially designed certificate in time for Christmas.

<https://www.standrews.org.nz/sponsor-an-organ-pipe-today>

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MINISTRY - FOODBASKET

DCM appreciates the food basket contributions that St Andrew's makes which helps provide food and essentials for those in need in Wellington. Soups, tinned, packaged or cup of soups, muesli bars, biscuits and crackers are always gratefully received too. At this time of year some Christmas treats and stocking fillers would be gratefully received. Brian Burrell

WELCOME HOME CONCERT FOR THE ORGAN

We weren't able to hold our Going Away concert in April this year before the organ was dismantled and shipped to the factory in Timaru due to the lockdown.

But we are certainly planning a Welcome Home concert for 2021. It will be a variety concert featuring singers, brass players and percussionists as well as the restored organ as well as the piano and baroque organ. A pretty exciting programme is shaping up with something for everyone. Please put **Sunday 2 May at 7 pm** in your diaries so as not to miss out!

LUNCHTIME CONCERT COORDINATOR MARJAN VAN WAARDENBERG RETIRES

Marjan has been organising and hosting the lunchtime concerts at St Andrew's for 15 years. The story she tells is that she agreed to take on the role for a 'few weeks' back in 2005. Like all good professionals (although it is a completely voluntary role) she has found someone to replace her and that person is Kristina Zuelicke. Kristina is a musician who often performs at St Andrew's. Kristina ran a lunchtime series in Palmerston North for a number of years.

With this change we are planning to establish a roster of concert hosts so that the requirement to be here every week doesn't fall on just one person. Kristina will however do all of the behind the scenes organisation. If you are interested in being part of such a roster please contact Jillene Everett in the office: office@standrews.org.nz St Andrew's on The Terrace has been very fortunate to have Marjan in this role and is very grateful to her for all the work she has done to bring together the lunchtime concerts. We welcome Kristina into the role. Concerts in 2021 will not start until late March as the organ will be reinstalled from mid-February through to mid-March.

CUPPA N CHAT

Our last meeting for the year will be 16 December.

We start again on 13 January .

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The theme of the 2020 Christian World Service Appeal is 'When I Was Hungry'.

This December Christian World Service marks 75 years since the first Christmas Appeal for "the millions in the east and the west, who are hungry, cold, and homeless". These

words from Archbishop West Watson from the then National Council of Churches have shaped work that started in Greece and moved from Palestine to the rest of the world. Your gifts have touched three generations of people, sharing food, warmth, shelter and justice.

Your donations to the 2020 Christmas Appeal for people facing hunger and fear will give them food and a path to a better livelihood.

This Christmas give families the basics of a sustainable life.

Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church or you can donate directly online at: christmasappeal.org.nz.

St Andrew's
on The Terrace



**St Andrew's on The Terrace invites you
to celebrate Christmas 2020**

Sunday 13 December

10am Lesson and Carols Gathering
with St Andrew's Singers

Wednesday 16 December

12.15pm 'Carols Old and New'
Sing-a-long Carol Concert

Thursday 24 December

7.30pm. Sherry/juice and Christmas cake
8pm Christmas Eve Carol service & communion

Friday 25 December

10am Christmas Day Gathering

All Sunday Gatherings during December and January
begin at 10am and include morning tea.

St Andrew's Centre re opens 14 January

Queries: 04 472 9211 or office@standrews.org.nz

See www.standrews.org.nz for recordings of Gatherings



WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

FINANCIAL REVIEWER REQUIRED – BENEFIT RIGHTS SERVICE

The Beneficiary Education Advisory Service (better known as the Benefit Rights Service) needs a "financial reviewer" to assess its latest Financial Statements. It has a turnover of \$35,000 with almost all of its income via a government grants and donations. The costs are rent, power, stationery, volunteers' expenses, a small wage (5 hours a week), and tea and coffee. It owns a printer and computer server and desks, chairs and filing cabinets that are full to the brim. The equipment is all donated. BRS has clients from around New Zealand (435 in the last year - aged 4 months - sort of - to 80) and other than the 5-hour/week employee a staff of two full-time equivalents.

As well as advocacy for our clients we also offer training to other social service organisations and hope to expand this to trade unions and health service organisations. Please contact Victoria Roberts (04-210-2012) or see Graham Howell

Wellington International Pride Parade (WIPP)

We are excited to announce the launch of a community meeting.

Date: Sunday 13 December, Time: 2pm - 6pm

Location: Garden Room, St Peter's Church, 170 Victoria Street, Te Aro

To ensure we are able to hear from you, we would really appreciate it if a few from your organisation could attend and have your say, representing your community group.

Seating space is limited so could you please RSVP via our Facebook page or through email to me personally. <tamsmatthews@gmail.com>

We would love you to come meet and celebrate our New Board in all its diversity.

WIPP has always offered a platform with a large audience and the perfect space for all organisations to express themselves. This year the council told us, we had 50,000 spectators and it's our hope you will want to utilise this platform.

This is your parade, we are merely the vessels that help make it happen

Please come have your say and help create a parade we can all be proud of.

ROYAL COMMISSION MOSQUE REPORT

<https://christchurchattack.royalcommission.nz/the-report>

PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA

MFAT Disarmament Forum - Wellington on Friday, 18 December: from 10am to 12 noon, Level 12, MFAT HQ, 195 Lambton Quay, Wellington.

The confirmed details for each are included below - if you wish to attend any of these sessions, please RSVP to Nicholas.Clutterbuck@mfat.govt.nz as soon as possible, thank you.

NZ Ban Killer Robots petition -

<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/posts/3521829727864371>

CHRISTMAS 2020/2021 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – NORTHLAND KIDZ CLUB

For details, check out our website (www.nkc.org.nz), or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612), e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com).



Performing favourite waiata, choral classics and soloist choices ranging from Mozart and Vivaldi to Leonard Cohen, Elton John and Stevie Wonder

TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2020 | 12.15 AND 5.30
ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

Featuring Wellington lawyers and law staff, supported by players from the NZSO and Orchestra Wellington, starring Justice Joe Williams and the Judges' choir "Just Voices"



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Thank you also to St Andrew's on the Terrace and Orchestra Wellington

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	Jeni Bryant, Trish McBride
Sound	Bronwyn White
Laptop	Margaret Rushbrook
Offering	Katrina Harper, Sue Hirst
Coffee/tea (community lunch)	Maxine Cunningham, Linda Wilkins, Sandra and Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room Helper	Lois Robertson
Library	Ann Barrie
Musician	Mark Stamper

On duty Sunday 20th December

Welcoming	Michael Parker, Pat Booth
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Bridget Martin, Sonia Groes-Petrie
Coffee/tea	Gavin and Jenny Watson, Janet Horncy
Time with the Children	Graham Howell
Readings	Lynette Burrell
Prayers of the People	Wendy Matthews
Rainbow Room Helper	Graham Howell
Library	Gillian Feist
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 13th December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev, Ken Irwin

Followed by congregational brunch

Wednesday 16th December:

10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm - St Andrew's Church Carol Service

Sunday 20th December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Fiona McDougal

Followed by Congregational Conversation.

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday Communion during service, followed by Exploring Faith.

2nd Sunday Congregational Brunch on even months Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec

3rd Sunday Congregational Conversation

4th Sunday Social Justice

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

Interim Moderator	Catriona Cairns
Parish Council Convenor	Lynne Dovey
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Sandra Kirby
Pastoral Care Coordinator	Linda Wilkins
Pastoral Convenors	Linda Wilkins, Maxine Cunningham, Brian Burrell and Pat Booth
Church Music Coordinator	Mark Stamper
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg, Kristina Zuelicke
Faith in Action Co-ordinator	Margaret Rushbrook
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jules Collinson
Centre Manager	Laetitia Brunell
Office Administrator	Jillene Everett
Facilities Assistant(s)	Tom Crichton
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller

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