

ORDER OF SERVICE

28 August 2022

Sitting in places of honour



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12th Sunday after Pentecost

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 Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called as a community of faith,
a supportive community,
in which we love into being
new possibilities for one another,
calling out of each other the best we have to offer.
In doing so we follow the pattern of our God,
who constantly accepts us as we are,
while drawing us on to realize what we can be.
In worship we build the community
where such fostering of new possibilities
can take birth and grow.

***We will celebrate life,
past, present and future,
in the presence we name God***

SILENCE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go, WOV525

Words/Music: © Public Domain, Tune: St. Margaret, 4 verses

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee:
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths if glow
may richer fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee:
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee:
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
the morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee:
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

GATHERING

Let there be joy in our coming together this morning.

***Let there be compassion heard in the words we speak,
and love in the songs we sing.***

Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.

Let there be joy in our coming together.

May we awaken to the presence of God,
here in this ordinary place.

May we awaken to the power of love,
here in this ordinary crowd.

May we build a community of justice for all,
now in this ordinary time.

May we daily work to build a world at peace,
now with these ordinary hands.

WELCOME

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

Kia ora tātou.

Talofa lava.

Talofa.

PRAYER

Gracious God,
you are a God of hospitality
who invites us all to a banquet
where the last may be first,
and where the humble and the powerful switch seats.

In gratitude,
may we share your abundance without counting the cost.
In thankfulness,
may we host strangers as angels you have sent!

May your spirit rest upon us
so that we may find a place at Your table
and welcome others with radical hospitality.

In the name of Jesus,
a guest at all our tables, we pray.
Amen

(Church of Scotland weekly worship Rev. Jonathon Fleming)

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 this candle to show that we are an inclusive rainbow church and for our children.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Ellen Murray

BLESSING THE CHILDREN *(All stand)*

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

We bless you. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Traditionally we shake hands to pass the peace and say, "peace be with you." Now that COVID-19 is here we ask that you pass the peace without shaking hands.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Rosemary Lawrence

Hebrew Bible

Proverbs 25:6-7

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Contemporary reading "Prayer" from the Prayer of the Frog by Anthony de Mello

When Brother Bruno was at prayer one night he was disturbed by the croaking of a bullfrog. All his attempts to disregard the sound were unsuccessful so he shouted from his window, "Quiet! I'm at my prayer."

Now Brother Bruno was a saint so his command was instantly obeyed. Every living creature held its voice so as to create a silence that would be favourable to prayer.

But now another sound intruded on Bruno's worship – an inner voice that said, "Maybe God is as pleased with the croaking of that frog as with the chanting of your psalms." "What can please the ears of God in the croak of a frog?" was

Bruno's scornful rejoinder. But the voice refused to give up: "Why would you think God invented the sound?"

Bruno decided to find out why. He leaned out of his window and gave the order, "Sing" The bullfrog's measured croaking filled the air to the ludicrous accompaniment of all the frogs in the vicinity. And as Bruno attended to the sound, their voices ceased to jar; for he discovered that, if he stopped resisting them, they actually enriched the silence of the night.

With that discovery Bruno's heart became harmonious with the universe and, for the first time in his life he understood what it means to pray.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

I the Lord of sea and sky, CH251

Words based on Isaiah 6: Dan Schutte. Music Dan Schutte
Words & music © 1981, 2000, OCP

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and pain
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness light.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

[Refrain]

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them;
they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone;
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

[Refrain]

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame;
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
till their hearts be satisfied;
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

[Refrain]

REFLECTION

Better to be humble than embarrassed

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

HYMN

Give thanks for life, WOV384

Words: © 1987 Shirley Erena Murray, Tune: Sine Nomine

Give thanks for life,
the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through
beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope,
our love, our praise,
Alleluia, Alleluia

Give thanks for those
who made their life a light
caught from the christ-flame,
bursting through the night.
who touched the truth, who
burned for what is right,
Alleluia, Alleluia

And for our own, our living
and our dead,
thanks for love by
which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time
or death or dread,

Alleluia, Alleluia

Give thanks for hope,
that like the wheat, the grain
lying in the darkness
does its life retain,
in resurrection
to grow green again.

Alleluia, Alleluia

OFFERING HYMN

Here we bring small or great, AA62

Music © Colin Gibson Words © Shirley Murray © 1992 Hope Publishing Co

Here we bring, small or great,
gifts to offer on this plate,
what we've earned, what we own,
tithe or token, bread or stone.

[Refrain]

*Jesus said: "Have a care – your hearts will always be,
where your riches are, where your riches are.*

Faithful God, you ask us to be faithful people.

In this community, you ask us to be people of justice.

In this community, you ask us to be people of mercy.

In this community, you ask us to be people of peace.

Be with us as we try to be faithful

in large ways and in small ways

so your eternal community may come in every way. 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

Catriona Cairns

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Spain and the Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church. We hold all refugees in our hearts. We pray in particular for those detained for many years in Papua New Guinea & Nauru. We give thanks for progress that has been made and pray that their calls for justice might yet find a compassionate response. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Anna Lorck (Tukituki) and Marja Lubeck (List). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Pacific Islanders' Presbyterian Church, Newtown.

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

HYMN

Come and find the quiet centre, FFS10(i)

Words: © Shirley Murray, Traditional Gaelic Melody

Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
 clear the chaos and the clutter
 clear our eyes, that we can see
 all the things that really matter,
 be at peace, and simple be.

Silence is a friend who claims,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
 making space within our thinking,
 lifting shades to show the sun,
 raising courage when we're shrinking,
 finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our lives and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
 there's a place for deepest dreaming,
 there's a time for heart to care,
 in the Spirit's lively scheming,
 there is always room to spare!

BLESSING

Kia tau ki a tātou katoa te atawhai o tō tatou Ariki a Ihu Karaiti, me te aroha o te Atua, me te whiwhinga tahitanga ki te Wairua Tapu, ake, ake, ake, Amine.

SUNG BLESSING

May the God of new beginnings, FFS49

Music: Colin Gibson Words: John Murray

May the God of new beginnings start with you and me
may the God of continuing story, speak through you and me
may the God of infinite wisdom shine through you and me
may the God of safe homecomings, welcome you and me.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Thank you to Bruce Corkill

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 has introduced a COVID response package which includes some temporary changes to street parking in the city. On Saturday and Sunday the time limit for most metered parks has been extended to 180 minutes, 8am-8pm (compared to weekdays 8am-5pm when it is 120 minutes but extends to 180 minutes 5-8pm). The weekend charge had been reduced to \$1/hour. This change is set to run from 21 March to 30 June 2022. 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 Andrew's on The Terrace, BNZ Lambton Quay, 02-0534-0004022-02

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

ROSTERS FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

A reminder for those who help on our rosters that we will be putting together a new roster for the period October/November. If you have any dates during this period that you know you will be away please notify the office at office@standrews.org.nz by Friday the 9th of September.

For those who are not already on the rosters, please let us know if you are interested in helping with the weekly services e.g. Welcoming, Offering and Morning tea.

Thank you.

OFFICE STAFFING

Following Jillene's departure, we have appointed Hayes Francis as Parish Administrator up until Christmas. We have also engaged Amy de Bruin to assist Adelina with reservations, set up for meetings and generally run the conference centre. Both are capable students who were already engaged as facilities assistants. Hayes helped with Parish Administration earlier in the year when Jillene was absent.

We advertised in June to fill two roles: Parish Administrator and Front of House assistant. Although we interviewed five candidates none were suitable for either role, hence we approached Hayes and Amy to see whether they would be available. Fortunately for St Andrew's they both agreed. While we would have preferred to make permanent appointments, this is the best solution for the present. The labour market is extremely constrained and administrators are very hard to find. We will keep looking.

If you have notices or require help in any way please email the office in the normal way and copy Adelina in: manager@standrews.org.nz

Lynne Dovey
Parish Council Convenor

ECO-CHURCH

Recently, I attended a very stimulating Presbytery Gathering in Palmerton North on the theme of Caring for Creation. It included a workshop on the Eco-Church movement (<https://www.ecochurch.org.nz>), which Parish Council agreed is something we could, as a parish, consider signing up to. Our aim is to have a special Congregational Conversation on the 4th Sunday in September (the 25th) to look at how we might engage with it.

Leading up to that, it would be good to share some accounts of how we as individuals are bringing sustainable practices into our day-to-day lives.

I'm still keen for you to send stories to me (suehirst78@gmail.com) over the next couple of weeks so we can share some common (and not so common) themes during the September services.

Sue Hirst

JAM JARS

Thanks for the jam jars delivered so far. I'm still looking for more. I'm particularly keen to receive the 'Craigs' jam size and smaller, but will also take peanut butter jars and Rose's jam/marmalade jars. Ideally with lids. Bring them on Sunday, leave them in the vestry during the week – whatever works best for you.

Sue Hirst

FINISHED A LOAF OF BREAD OR BOTTLE OF MILK?!!!

Please save the bread bag and the clip (**plastic only**)/tie and milk bottle tops. The bags are used at the Compassion Soup Kitchen for "takeaway" lunches and the tags and milk bottle tops get recycled. **Please fold the bags and pack separately.** There is a collection box on the North Vestry table. Thanks– Kath, Trish and Brian.

SUPPORT FOR DCM (DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MINISTRY)

We are grateful for the many services provided by the DCM and one way we can offer our support is to FILL the food baskets at the back of the church each Sunday. They are collected every Monday by a DCM worker.

Suggested items:

Tinned – soup, fish, baked beans, stews and fruit / pasta and curry sauces / Jam, honey Marmite/Vegemite and peanut butter / porridge, biscuits and muesli bars / instant coffee and tea bags / soap, toilet paper, toothpaste and tooth brushes. (Please no fresh fruit/vegetables)

DCM has been working in the city of Wellington since 1969 with a mission to "focus on the needs of, and to help empower those marginalised in the city, with a current focus on people experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness."

For other ways to support the work of the DCM visit <https://www.dcm.org.nz>.

Brian Burrell

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

LIVING WAGE ELECTION FORUM

The Wellington network of the Living Wage Movement would like to invite you to a forum for candidates in the lead up to voting in the Wellington local body elections.

The forum will be at St Peters on Willis Street starting 6 pm - 7:30 pm on Wednesday 14 September 2022.

It will be a fun night to hear from the Living Wage movement and candidates about what they will do to support the living wage in our city and region.

RSVP to finn@livingwage.org.nz

AUGUST SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION GROUP

Is housing more than a roof over your head? The August Social Justice Education Group will revisit the 2021 theme of housing/shelter as a basic human right/need. We can ask ourselves what do our homes mean to us?

The state, local government and civil society are highly invested in providing housing and responding to the complex growth needs of our communities. We can reflect on the barriers to good quality housing and examine some creative solutions.

We will call on our lived experience, awareness of current directions and vision for change. No guest speaker, rather a discussion facilitated by David Douglas with the support of some poetry and podcasts.

Want to hear a Southern Hemisphere premiere of a very exciting choral work?
Come along to this outstanding performance!

"WHEN THERE IS PEACE: AN ARMISTICE ORATORIO"

Zachary Wadsworth, composer

Sunday, 11 September, 4:00 pm

Queen Margaret College Hall, 53 Hobson Street, Thorndon

This work was premiered in 2018 by Chor Leoni, a Vancouver based men's choir. The piece is written for men's voices, string quartet, percussion, soprano and tenor soloists, and a narrator. There are only a few major choral works available for only men's voices and we are very excited about presenting this innovative and fresh music that walks through the struggles of war. The choir will consist of over 60 men from colleges, community choirs, Inspirare and others in the Wellington region.

The concert will be accompanied by the world-renowned New Zealand String Quartet, a wonderful narrator, 2 fantastic percussionists from the NZSO and Orchestra Wellington, and outstanding soloists, Rosel Labone and Lachlan Craig.

To purchase tickets, visit: [eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

SEA OF FAITH IN AUSTRALIA (SoFiA) - Melbourne.

Greetings. SOFiA Victoria have sent through their newsletter of events. I have removed the physical meeting and left these Zoom meetings if anyone wishes to participate. Remember they are 2 hours behind us in time so they start 4pm in our time. Cheers, Pete Cowley
Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86098470135?pwd=j78fdCgKxZeoDZqznAKqGnt3TwX8L8.1>

Meeting ID: 860 9847 0135 - - Passcode: 166774

~ SoFiA promotes the open exploration of religion, spirituality and the search for meaning ~

All viewpoints welcome. Enquiries: sofmelb@yahoo.com.au - SOFiA [Website](#).

Facebook: '[Sofiatalk](#)' (Your opinions would be appreciated in their ongoing discussions).

Future Online Topics:

24 Sept. - "Speaking of Love: Meaning and Phenomenology of the Human." - Yarkov Halik.

22 Oct. - To be announced.

26 Nov. - "An Analysis of Don Cupitt's Philosophy." - Dr. John Quilter (Australian Catholic University).

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	Maxine and Jim Cunningham
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Katrina Harper, John Morgan
Coffee/tea	Jenny and Gavin Watson, Johan Van der Merwe
Time with the Children	Ellen Murray
Readings	Rosemary Lawrence
Prayers of the People	Catriona Cairns
Rainbow Room Helper	Lois Robertson
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Bruce Corkill

On duty Sunday 4 September

Welcoming	Sandra and Tony Kirby
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	John Morgan
Coffee/tea	Wendy and Andrew Matthews, Lois Robertson
Time with the Children	Cam Smart
Readings	Valerie Rhodes
Prayers of the People	Ken Irwin
Rainbow Room Helper	Ellen Murray
Library	Gillian Feist
Musician	TBC

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 28 August 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

Wednesday 31 August:

10.30am Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm Wednesday Lunchtime Concert Ingrid Schoenfeld and Heather Easting, piano and organ

Thursday 1 September Centering Prayer in the Centre

Sunday 4 September 10am 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 Exploring Faith.

2nd Sunday Congregational Brunch on even months Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec and Younger members' (Y) group meets after morning tea/brunch.

3rd Sunday Congregational Conversation

4th Sunday Social Justice Education Group / 5th Sunday (if 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	Lynne Dovey
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Sandra Kirby
Pastoral Care Team	Pat Booth, Brian Burrell, Maxine Cunningham, Katrina Harper, Lois Robertson.
Church Music Coordinator	Mark Stamper
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Concert Coordinator	Kristina Zuelicke
Faith in Action Co-ordinator	Margaret Rushbrook
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Vacant
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
Parish Administrator	Hayes Francis
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Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller

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