

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## 27 AUGUST 2023

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### Pentecost 13



**“The slaughter of innocents”**

**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**

Eternal Spirit,  
because the world is full of beauty and  
beauty is a tender thing,  
and we are keepers of creation:  
we need to be won again and again  
to your way of loving,  
to your way of justice,  
to hope and harmony.

( Adapted from " Be Our Freedom Lord" edited by Terry C Falla)

**SILENCE**

**GATHERING**

We gather in this place:  
in our community of St Andrews on The Terrace  
all hoping for different things.  
We look for belonging  
kindness  
generosity  
learning  
peace  
affirmation  
recognition  
and more.

He wairua te Atua

**God is spirit**

He marama te Atua

**God is light**

He aroha te Atua

**God is love**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**'In this place where now we gather'**

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**In this place**

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with measure numbers 5, 9, and 13 indicated at the start of their respective lines. The lyrics are: 1. In this place where now we gath-er, we have lived our com-mon life, In this place we've learned to-geth-er, mov-ing through both joy and strife, In this place hope's grown with-in us as we shared the bread and wine, In this place where all are wel-come, we have known a love that shines.

1. In this place where now we gather,  
we have lived our common life.  
In this place we've learned together,  
moving through both joy and strife.  
In this place hope's grown within us  
as we shared the bread and wine.  
In this place where all are welcome,  
we have known a love that shines.
2. In this time of fresh beginnings,  
opening our hearts with hope.  
In this time of great adventure,  
seeking out God's greater scope.  
In this time we stand together,  
reaching to our world anew.  
In this time we make commitment  
to this city's greater good.

3. Let us join in celebration  
making joyful harmony.  
Let us join our hands and promise  
to treat earth respectfully.  
Let us join and share our vision  
of a world that's just and free.  
Let us join in deep intention  
to live gently, lovingly.

## WELCOME

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

***Kia ora tātou.***

Ou te faatalofa atu I le Suafa o Iesu Keriso

***Talofa lava, we too greet you in the name of Jesus Christ***

*A special welcome to those who are visiting us, please join us for fellowship in the hall after church.*

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Today we contemplate generosity.

It can take many forms:

money given, kindness shown, forgiveness offered,

emotional support, a listening ear,

a shoulder to cry on,

time made available,

understanding,

open hearts,

and ears ready to listen.

***Let us open our hearts***

***to generosity***

***and kindness.***

***Let us commit to practicing both –***

***in our families, communities***

***and in the breadth and depth***

***of our country that is Aotearoa New Zealand.***

***So let it be. 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

Dawn Cowdry

## 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 (we wish Jennifer Bon Voyage)

Jennifer Bush

Hebrew Bible

Exodus 1:8-2:10

New Testament

Matthew 16:13-20

## Contemporary Reading

*The horrors of mass infanticide, as felt by the Irish and translated by Kuno Meyer in Ancient Irish Poetry. This is one of several poems that escaped Viking destruction, dating to the 8th-11th Century.*

## The Mothers' Lament at the Slaughter of the Innocents

Then, as the executioner plucked her son from her breast, one of the women said:

Why do you tear from me my darling son,  
The fruit of my womb? It was I who bore him,  
My breast he drank.  
My womb carried him about,  
My vitals he sucked,  
My heart he filled.  
He was my life,  
'Tis death to have him taken from me.  
My strength has ebbed,  
My speech is silenced,  
My eyes are blinded.

Then another woman said:

It is my son you take from me.

I did not do the evil, But kill me—me! Kill not my son!

My breasts are sapless, My eyes are wet, My hands shake, My poor body totters.

My husband has no son, And I no strength. My life is like death.

O my own son, O God!

My youth without reward, My birthless sicknesses Without requital until Doom.

My breasts are silent,

My heart is wrung.

Then said another woman:

Ye are seeking to kill one,

Ye are killing many.

Infants ye slay,

The fathers ye wound,

The mothers ye kill.

Hell with your deed is full,

Heaven is shut,

Ye have spilt the blood of guiltless innocents.

And yet another woman said:  
O Christ, come to me!  
With my son take my soul quickly!  
O great Mary, Mother of God's Son,  
What shall I do without my son?  
For Thy Son my spirit and sense are killed.  
I am become a crazy woman for my son.  
After the piteous slaughter  
My heart is a clot of blood  
From this day till Doom.

## RESPONSE

For the word of God in scripture and story  
for the word of God among us  
for the word of God within us  
***we give thanks.***

## HYMN:

### FFS 27 'God of unexplored tomorrows'

Words: © Beverley Jones Music: © Colin Gibson  
Tune: MARCHING (165 Tis)

1. God of unexplored tomorrows,  
of today and yesterday,  
God of rock and flowing river,  
be our refuge, be our way.
2. Guardian rock above, before us,  
strong foundation where we build,  
landmark through the haze of doubting,  
shelter where our fears are stilled.
3. Be the cleansing, quenching water,  
irrigate, disturb and move,  
stir us from our easy shallows,  
current of refreshing love.
4. God of rock and flowing river  
now and ever with us stand,  
to transform our land of promise  
into each one's promised land.

## HYMN

## CH4 265 'Pray for a world'

Words: ©1996 Ruth C. Duck;  
Tune: WARRINGTON WOV 136

1. Pray for a world where every child finds welcome in a sheltered place, where love is tender, undefiled, and firmness intertwines with grace.
2. Pray for a world where passion's fire burns not in force or careless lust, where God's good gift of deep desire is safe in arms of faith and trust.
3. Pray for a nation just and fair that seeks the welfare of us all, where leaders guide with prudent care and nurture life for great and small.
4. Pray for a world where all have voice and none will batter, rape, abuse. Till then, may all have rightful choice and pray for wisdom as they choose.

## OFFERING MUSIC

## OFFERING HYMN

## AA 36 'Every day I will offer you' (v1)

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Every day I will offer you,  
loving God, my heart and mind,  
every way I discover you  
in the work your hand has signed;  
help me see I'm your image, and  
you have dreamed what I might be,  
every day in your Spirit,  
I'll find the love and energy!



## OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We have enough from what we gain  
through income or benefit, legacy or gifting;  
***enough to give to others.***

This money we bring  
***so this church can continue its work of justice, peace and  
compassion.***

This food we bring  
***so others who have little, will have some.***

May both money and food find the need they have been given to fill,  
***and do their work.***

***May those who use both money and food be blessed in the using.***

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:

If you have a notice to share, please come forward. Thank you.

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

**Lynne Dovey**

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Cambodia and the Christian World Service  
Partner Church World Service Cambodia and their work with communities to  
deliver food security, health services, savings and credit schemes, and  
training of volunteers to provide village services. We hold all refugees in our  
hearts and pray in particular for those who are still detained in Australia. We  
give thanks for recent progress and pray that their calls for justice might yet  
be answered with compassion. In New Zealand, we remember those in  
Parliament, and today we name Dr Emily Henderson (Whangārei) and Harete  
Hipango (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and  
people of St Ninian's Uniting Parish, Karori.

## PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

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

*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

### **'We shall go out with hope of resurrection'**

Words: June Boyce Tillman © 1993 Stainer & Bell Ltd  
Tune: Londonderry Air

1. We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;  
tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;  
we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed;  
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united  
within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.

2. We'll give a voice to those who have not spoke;;  
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;  
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer;  
wibrating love alive in every heart.  
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping;  
chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief;  
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,  
including all within the circles of our love.

## **BLESSING**

Let us reach down deep  
*in order to stretch right up,*  
Let us think seriously  
*in order to live joyously.*  
Let us celebrate the breath of life within us  
*with plenty of oil to sing and dance by*  
*so we can live in union deep within,*  
knowing Love surrounds us  
every moment of every day.

## **SUNG BLESSING (in Māori)**

**Ma te ma-rie a te A-tua**  
The Peace of God  
**ta tou ka-toa e ti-a-ki;**  
keep us all.  
**Ma-na a-no e wha-ka-u**  
God will confirm  
**O ta-tou nga-kau ki te pai.**  
our hearts in goodness.

**WOV 679 'Ma Te Marie'**  
Tune: Old Hundreth, Public Domain

## **SUNG AMEN**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **THANK YOU**

**Judy Dumbleton**  
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.

### **GENEROUS GIVING**

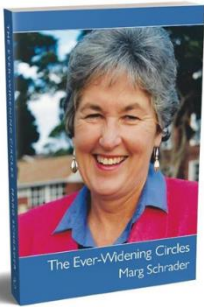
St Andrew's depends on the generous giving of members and friends. If you would like to make a donation or support our work through planned giving, please contact our Parish Office or Treasurer. Bank account for donations is: St Andrews on The Terrace, BNZ Lambton Qy, 02-0534-0004022-02

## **ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP**

The Social Justice group meets after church this Sunday in Conference Room 3 and will be discussing 'Pressing Issues for 2023 Election'. The general election takes place on 14th October so it is time to turn our minds to the pressing issues for this election. Paul Barber, senior social policy advisor, Social Policy and Parliamentary Unit of The Salvation Army will share some insights on pressing issues as part of the discussion.

### **BOOK LAUNCH**



A reminder that St Andrews is hosting a Launch of Marg Schrader's biography "Ever Widening Circles" this afternoon at 2pm in Conference Rooms 1 and 2.

Copies of the book \$35 will be available to buy.

### **HELP NEEDED WITH SET-UP OF THE TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR MORNING TEA**

If you are able to come to church a little earlier and could help with this please check in with the team in the kitchen to see if they need any assistance.

### **EXPLORING FAITH GROUP**

The next Exploring Faith Group will be on Sunday 3 September, when we will continue our exploration of what it means to have chosen to be part of a progressive faith community here at St Andrew's.

Our two speakers this month will be Vivienne Mountier and Michael Parker.

Pat Booth

### **CHURCH LIFE SURVEY**

During the month of August, we hope parishioners will take the 15-20 minutes needed to participate in the Church Life Survey, which is being run by the Christian Research Association. It is particularly useful post-COVID, as it will provide some indication of the impact that the pandemic has had on church life in Aotearoa NZ. Here is the QR code for St Andrew's on the Terrace:



Or you can use the web link:

<https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rldawic/01H5X084TXH2C8JZHMFC4SM9XZ/en>

For those wishing to fill in the survey in print, copies will be available at St Andrew's from this Sunday. Once filled in, print copies should be handed into the office.

## WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Upcoming concerts are:

*Wednesday 30 August 12:15pm – 1:00pm*

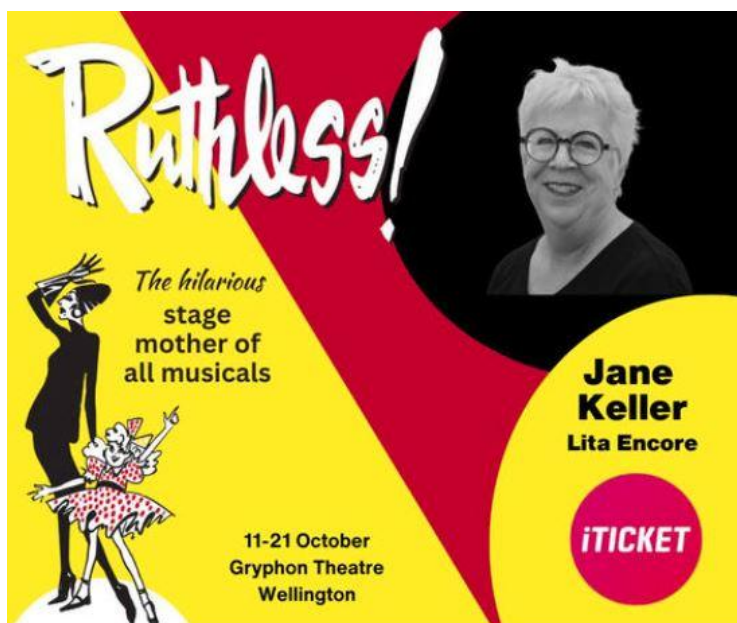
Duo Enharmonics – Beth Chen and Nicole Chao

*Wednesday 6 September 12:15pm – 1:00pm*

Flute and Guitar Duo - Elsa Shih and Sirisan Sobhanasiri

## WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

### UPCOMING SHOW - RUTHLESS WITH JANE KELLER



Our very own Jane Keller is performing in the stage musical Ruthless! This is an all-female musical with music by Marvin Laird and book and lyrics by Joel Paley that spoofs Broadway musicals, like Gypsy and Mame, and movies such as The Bad Seed and All About Eve. The show won the 1993 New York Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Off-Broadway Musical.

Will Tina become the diva she was born to be? Will Judy ever reach her potential? And why is Sylvia so enthusiastic about promoting Tina and Judy? But where is dad?

These questions may... or may not... be answered. You'll just have to come along to see what all the mischief is about! from 11-21 October at the Gryphon Theatre in Wellington. I'm really keen on going. It would be good if we could get a group from church to go together. Let me know if you are interested and we can organise tickets or we can choose a date and everyone purchase their own tickets for that date. Fei

### **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	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Paul Franken, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Sally Gray, Vivienne Mountier, Simon Miller
Family Time	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Jennifer Bush
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

#### **On duty Sunday 3 September**

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	John Harper, Mike Wespel-Rose
Coffee/tea	Sally Gray, Laura and Melissa Van Echten
Family Time	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Wendy Matthews
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Communion	Rosemary Lawrence, Fiona McDougall, Cam Smart, Sonia Groes-Petrie, Frank Cook, Janet Hornycy
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Peter Franklin

#### **This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's**

**Sunday 27 August: 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai, followed by Younger Members (Y) group and Social Justice group.

**2:00pm** - "Ever Widening Circles" Book Launch.

**Wednesday 30 August: 10:30am** - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

**12:15pm** - Lunchtime concert: Duo Enharmonics – Beth Chen and Nicole Chao

**Sunday 3 September: 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rev Ross Scott, 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.
3rd Sunday	Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group meets after morning tea/brunch
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

<b>Minister</b>	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
<b>Parish Council Convenor</b>	Sue Hirst
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Barber
<b>Facilities Management Group</b>	Sandra Kirby
<b>Pastoral Care Team</b>	Pat Booth, Brian Burrell, Maxine Cunningham, Katrina Harper
<b>Theologian in Residence</b>	Lloyd Geering
<b>Presbytery Representative</b>	Lois Robertson
<b>Church Music Coordinator</b>	Vacant
<b>Eco Church Coordinator</b>	Sonia Groes-Petrie
<b>Faith in Action Coordinator</b>	Paul Barber
<b>Rainbow Room Coordinator</b>	Vacant
<b>Roster Coordinator</b>	Pam Fuller
<b>Concert Coordinator</b>	Kristina Zuelicke
<b>Centre Manager</b>	Adelina Reis
<b>Office Administrator</b>	Christine Wilkinson
<b>Facilities Assistant(s)</b>	Maddie Fenn, Oscar Ruegg, Liam Oakley, Mattias Barber

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