

ORDER OF SERVICE

29 OCTOBER 2023

Pentecost 22



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 Ellen Murray and Tony Pears

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into this time of community
from Te Whanganui-a-Tara,
from Te Awakairangi,
from Kapiti,
And from further afield.

Come into this time of connection
with the concerns of our day-to-day lives
with our fears for the world.

Come now into community and connection.

SILENCE

GATHERING

We gather in this place of welcome.

Our presence together makes this space sacred.

We gather for a time of reflection.

May we be more aware of the presence of the sacred in our lives.

We gather and reaffirm the impulse of the sacred towards justice and peace.

Let us celebrate life in the presence we name God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 165 (ii) 'Love divine all loves excelling'

Words: Charles Wesley (adapted)

Tune: BLAENWERN

1. Love Divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us your humble dwelling,
All your faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, you are all compassion,
pure unbounded love you are;
visit us with your salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, O Jesus to deliver,
let us all your life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more your temples leave:
you we would be always blessing,
serve you as your hosts above,
pray and praise you, without ceasing,
glory in your perfect love.
3. Finish then your new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see your great salvation,
perfectly restored in you,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before you,
lost in wonder, love and praise!

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 morning tea in the hall after church.

OPENING PRAYER

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 the rainbow candle as a sign of our inclusivity and for our children.

FAMILY TIME

Frank Cook

PASSING THE PEACE

Our practice is to pass the peace without shaking hands and say "peace be with you".

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Rosemary Lawrence

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

New Testament

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Contemporary Reading

from “The Myth of Normal”
by Dr Gabor Maté with Daniel Maté

If we could begin to see much illness itself not as a cruel twist of fate or some nefarious mystery, but rather as an *expected and therefore normal consequence of abnormal, unnatural circumstances*, it would have revolutionary implications for how we approach everything health related. The ailing bodies and minds among us would no longer be regarded as expressions of individual pathology, but as living alarms directing our attention toward where our society has gone askew, and where our prevailing certainties and assumptions around health are, in fact, fictions. Seen clearly, they might also give us clues as to what it would take to reverse course and build a healthier world.

RESPONSE

*For the Word that was in the beginning
for the Word reborn in our hearts,
for the Word embodied in us,
we give thanks.*

HYMN

‘Who is this man?’

Words: Mary Pearson
Tune: LONDONDERRY AIR

1. Who is this man who gathered people to him
and touched their lives along each dusty way,
who spoke to all with passion and with peacefulness
and valued all their ordinary days?
Who is this man, who at the day’s long ending,
would draw apart to wait on God and pray?
Who in the mystery that knows no ending,
would find God’s wisdom
and would know God’s words to say?

2. Who is this man who calls us now to follow,
a shadow presence asking us to be
companions on the way through this life journey,
to live in truth, to set our tired world free?
So, let us find each other now in partnership,
with ears to hear and eyes awake to see,
that we might grow in grace and understanding,
and walk beside that man who comes from Galilee.

REFLECTION

Jesus and Paul

Tony Pears

HYMN

AA 59 'He came singing love'

Words and Music: Colin Gibson

Tune: SINGING LOVE

1. He came singing love
and he lived singing love;
he died singing love.
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.
2. He came singing faith
and he lived singing faith
he died singing faith.
He arose in silence.
For the faith to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.
3. He came singing hope
and he lived singing hope;
he died singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

4. He came singing peace
and he lived singing peace;
he died singing peace.
He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

MEDITATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dorothy McRae-McMahon (adapted)

We believe that death is real, that within our life we can destroy ourselves and the life of others. We believe that new life is possible, and that it can be created and recreated.

We believe that life is more powerful than death. That, in Jesus, we see love that could not be defeated, justice that refused to lay down its dream, courage that stood beyond its weakness and hope that defied every despair.

We believe that life dances on in the power of the Spirit, singing songs of universal joy, leaping past us in its freedoms and calling us on into life.

So may it be. Amen.

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA 127 'Take my gifts' v1

Words: Shirley Erena Murray, Music: Colin Gibson

Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter,
gave me life and set me free.
Now because your love has touched me,
I have love to give away,
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply!

OFFERING PRAYER

*We bring our openness to be surprised by life,
we bring our offering, to share in the work of opening up the world for
justice,
we bring ourselves.
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

Sonia Groes-Petrie

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Democratic Republic of Congo and the Presbyterian Community of the Democratic Republic of Congo. 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 who are newly elected in Parliament, and think in particular of those who are awaiting the outcome of the final results. Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Crossway Church, Masterton.

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.*

CLOSING HYMN

AA 36 'Every day I will offer you'

Words © Shirley Murray Music: ©Colin Gibson
Tune: LYNNEFRITH

1. 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!
2. Every day I will look to Christ,
 and give thanks for wine and bread,
through the pain and the emptiness
 where your world cries to be fed;
help me see I can work for change,
 and wherever I might be,
every day in your Spirit,
 I'll find the love and energy!
3. Every day I will take your word,
 answer your compassion's claim,
celebrate every sign of hope,
 every deed done in your name;
help me see you are always there,
 and your light can shine through me,
every day in your Spirit,
 I'll find the love and energy!

WORDS OF BLESSING

BLESSING SUNG TO EACH OTHER

FFS 49 'May the God of new beginnings'

Words © John Murray, Music © Colin Gibson

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 in you and me.

May the God of safe homecomings
welcome you and me.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Ephraim Wilson
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

REMEMBERING PARIHAKA

On Sunday 5 November Rev Dr Wayne Te Kawa will be taking our service and the Maori Regional Choir will be singing. Will will have lunch in the Hall after the service.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of St Andrew's on the Terrace will be held on Sunday 12 November 2023, after morning tea.

DCM FOODBANK APPEAL AT NEWTOWN NEW WORLD, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18TH.

This important Pre-Christmas event is around the corner!

The last Appeal in May was very successful so please let me know if you are willing to volunteer on Saturday Nov 18th for this Appeal.

We will work from 12.00 - 4.00pm, ie four hours.

Eight volunteers are required.

Two people will be needed each hour to hand out flyers and manage goods and donations as they are dropped off by shoppers on their way out.

The work is pleasant (greeting and thanking!), the environment sheltered from wind and rain and of course the outcome very worth your while!

As I will be away for a few weeks from the end of October, I am hoping to get keen supporters signed up ASAP!!

Look forward to hearing from you....

Sally Gray. 021-0279-7472. graygeorgesally@gmail.com

RECYCLING OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Household batteries can be dropped off for FREE at Karori Library, Kilbirnie Library, Manners Street Library near Willis (inward bus stop), Island Bay Community Centre, Newlands Community Centre, Tawa Community Centre, and the Southern Landfill Tip Shop.

FINISHED A LOAF OF BREAD OR BOTTLE OF MILK?

Please save the bread bag and the clip (plastic only) 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 since 1969 and one way we can offer our support is to FILL the food baskets at the back of the church each Sunday.

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 toothbrushes. (Please no fresh fruit/vegetables)

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

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Wednesday 1 November 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Robert Ibell, cello, and Rachel Thomson, piano



Thursday 2 November 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Violin Cello Duo – Ian Greenberg and Christine Wang



WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE HAMAS-ISRAEL WAR

Received 25 October 2023

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE HAMAS-ISRAEL WAR



Blessed are the peacemakers

Today it is 18 days since the Hamas and Israel war began with a terror attack by Hamas on Israel. I have watched this unfold in the news with horror and prayed that there would be a ceasefire, prayed that these appalling crimes against God and humanity would end. Instead, the suffering and terrible loss of life continues, with unconscionable civilian casualties, and humanitarian aid not able to reach those who need it most. As is so often the case in war, children, women and the vulnerable pay a terrible price. It is a humanitarian catastrophe.

I know that some of you have strong views on this war, and on the Israel-Palestine conflict. Today, both Israelis and Palestinians are living in fear, are injured, are mourning the loss of families and friends. I invite you to join me in prayer for:

- A ceasefire.
- Those killed, injured, and all who care for them.
- The release of hostages taken by Hamas.
- Safe humanitarian access into Gaza so that much needed aid can be provided.
- Those trapped and those who have had to leave their homes.
- Those risking their safety to help.
- For peace-keepers and peace-makers.

Christian World Service has launched a Gaza Palestine Emergency Appeal to assist people who have been affected by the current conflict, particularly in Gaza. They write that “thousands of people have been killed, injured and displaced. Nearly two hundred people are being held as hostages. Hospitals, schools and homes have been damaged or destroyed. The need for a ceasefire and humanitarian relief is overwhelming.”

If you would like to support the CWS appeal see information [here](#), and there are links to more appeals below.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9)

Right Rev Rose Luxford
Moderator Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand
moderator@presbyterian.org.nz

More appeals for those affected by this war:

[Unicef](#)
[Oxfam](#)
[Red Cross](#)



JOAN TAYLOR PRESENTATION 19 NOVEMBER 2023



Opening our minds about early Christianity



Prof. Joan E Taylor, King's College, London,
world renowned historian & archaeologist,
will talk about her discoveries in a lecture:

Rediscovering Salome the Disciple of Jesus: What Archaeology Reveals

2 pm Sunday 19 November 2023

To be followed by Q & A session and afternoon tea.



Waiwhetu Uniting Church
cnr. Trafalgar & Grenville
Streets
Lower Hutt
[near Woburn Railway Station]
Entry Free
All Welcome

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	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie (CG)
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Tony Pears, Katrina Harper
Coffee/tea	Andrew and Wendy Matthews, Kath Kerr
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Rosemary Lawrence
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Ephraim Wilson

On duty Sunday 5 November

Welcoming	Pat Booth, Pam Fuller
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Mike Wespel-Rose, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier (CG), Simon Miller, Janet Horncy
Family Time	Ellen Murray
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Communion	Andrew and Wendy Matthews, Kath Kerr, Doug Lendrum, Cam Smart, Hamish Dick
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 29 October: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Ellen Murray and Tony Pears

Wednesday 1 November: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm - Lunchtime concert: Robert Ibell, cello, and Rachel Thomson, piano

Thursday 2 November:

12:15pm - Lunchtime concert: Violin Cello Duo - Ian Greenberg and Christine Wang

Sunday 5 November: 10am Sunday Gathering Communion Service led by Rev Wayne Te Kaawa followed by lunch in the hall.

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

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

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