



ORDER OF SERVICE

28 JANUARY 2024

Fourth Sunday in Epiphany



by iezael williams

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.

We seek to be a community that is safe and welcoming for everyone regardless of sexual orientation, relationship status, gender identity or expression, sex characteristics, age, mental and physical abilities, mental health, neurotype, economic power, ethnicity, faith or belief.

We recognise that being inclusive is an ongoing journey and we are continuing to learn. We are committed to challenging discrimination within the church and wider society.

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.

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 gather here to celebrate life's beauty and find healing for its pain; to honour our kinship with each other and with the earth; to create a more compassionate world, beginning with ourselves.

Let us celebrate life in the presence of God.

SILENCE

GATHERING

We bring with us this morning

The knowledge of people who have nurtured Christian faith over the centuries

We bring with us this morning

The memory of people who have encouraged and guided us with their wisdom and knowledge

We bring with us this morning

Our own insights and understandings of what it means to be Christian

We bring with us this morning

Our own attentiveness and willingness to work at the task of worship

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Land of shining primal forests'

Words: William L (Bill) Wallace

Tune: HYMN TO JOY WOV 92

1. Land of shining primal forests,
sculptured ribbon framed by sea;
land of mystic snow-clad markers
charged with raw vitality;
valleys wreathed in mists of morning,
Earth caressed by sparkling light,
Gift of God, our awesome homeland,
signed with nature's cross by night.
2. Sing two races' different stories,
sing their hopes and sing their needs.
Let the Treaty write our story,
frame our vows and shape our deeds
bid the people sit at table,
share their joy and share their pain;
join in Covenant and banquet,
break the bread and break the chains.
3. To the nation's patterned weaving
we have brought our vibrant threads;
gifts of language, gifts of custom,
precious gifts of heart and head.
Let us name our river, mountain,
make this soil our spirit's earth,
find the Christ in land and people,
bring God's tender dream to birth.
4. Dream our country's future pathway,
shape the journey day by day;
use the Treaty's founding wisdom,
share the power and share the praise.
Then beyond the present struggles,
festive joys and lurking fears,
nation-building based on justice
shall empower the people's prayers.

WELCOME

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

Kia ora tātou.

Ou te faatalofa atu i le suaafa 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 RESPONSES

Empowering God, when the road ahead looms endless,
empower us to be companions for one another along the road.

Inspiring God, when the road forward is blocked,
inspire in us creative responses that move us beyond the barriers.

Enabling God, when the road before us divides,
enable us to feel your presence luring us on.

Frame our vows and shape our deeds.

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

Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

PASSING THE PEACE

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

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Gillian Feist

Hebrew Bible

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

New Testament

Mark 1:21-28

Contemporary Reading

Sotto Voce
by Ruth Johnston

See her there, your sister In the second bench from the back,
Beside her children, Always there, Always smiling,
Sometimes a little too quiet,
Sometimes a little too loud.
What if they knew How he threatened me this week
Or how he punishes me Because it's always my fault When things go wrong.

She comes in late, breathless, Hurrying the children past the feet Of those
already seated.
Why can't she get ready sooner And come with her husband?
What patience he must have,
To stand up at the front,
To see her stumbling in,
And still to lead the service With such dignity.

Last night, in a fit of rage He drove my car into a snow bank Because I parked in his way.

I shoveled snow alone this morning While he left early to take his place Up at the front.

I have no bruises, at least not outside Where they can be seen;
No marks to show the world So that I can say, Surely I'm justified to leave.
But if I go, he too will be hurt,
The children won't understand,
Our friends will take sides,
And I will be condemned

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

FFS 63 'These Hills'

Words and music: Colin Gibson

Words and music © 1998 Hope Publishing Company

Tune: KAIKOURA

1. These hills where the hawk flies lonely,
beaches where the long surf rolls,
mountains where the snows meet heaven,
these are our care.
Pastures where the sheep graze calmly,
orchards where the apples grow,
gardens where the roses cluster,
these are our prayer.
2. Forests where the tree ferns tower,
rivers running strong and clear,
oceans where the great whales wander,
these are our care.
Race meeting race as equals,
justice for age-old wrong,
worth for every man and woman,
these are our prayer.

3. Cities where the young roam restless,
lives brought to deep despair,
homeless and powerless people,
these are our care.

Places where the Word is spoken,
hands held in serving love,
faiths of our many cultures,
these are our prayer.

4. All that the old world gave us,
all that the new world brings,
language, ideas, customs,
these are our care.

Life finding joy and value,
faith seeking truth and light,
God heard and seen in all things,
this be our prayer.

REFLECTION *“Discerning the impure spirit?”* Rev Dr Fei Taule’ale’ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC Celtic Women “You Raise Me Up”

HYMN **‘Spirit, Spirit of gentleness’**
Words: © James K Manley (1978)
Tune: SPIRIT

Refrain:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

1. You moved on the waters
you called to the deep
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep
and over the eons
you called to each thing
"awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings."

Refrain:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

2. You swept through the desert
you stung with the sand
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land
and when they were blinded
with idols and lies
then you spoke to your prophets
to open their eyes

Refrain:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

3. You sang in a stable
you cried from a hill
when you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still
and down in the city
you called once again
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind

Refrain:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

4. You call from tomorrow
you break ancient schemes
from the bondage of sorrow
all the captives dream dreams
our women see visions
our men clear their eyes
with bold new decisions
your people arise

Refrain:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA 127 'Take my gifts' verse 3

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Colin Gibson
Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE

Take whatever I can offer -
gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen,
talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others
in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me.

OFFERING PRAYER

***In gratitude for the blessings of our lives
we bring what we have to offer.
May our gifts bring hope to others,
in this act, and in our commitment
to cherish and honour all of life. 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

Jim Cunningham

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of El Salvador and the Christian World Service Partner Las Dignas, working to open opportunities for women at every level of Salvadoran life - politics, health, economics and education. 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 Hon Dr Shane Reti (Whangārei) and Hon Grant Robertson (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Milson Combined Church (Pres-Meth-Ang), Palmerston North.

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

FFS 57 'Song of faith that sings forever'

Words: Shirley Murray Music: Colin Gibson

Tune: ABBEYFIELD

1. Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always, somewhere sounding,
though the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.
2. Song of faith in exaltation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descant to our daily tone,
song from sickbed or in prison,
faith must often sing alone.
3. And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.

BLESSING

May the love that gives to life its beauty,
the reverence that gives to life its sacredness,
and the purposes that give to life its deep significance
be strong within each of us
and lead us into ever deepening relationships with all of life.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Bruce Corkill
our musician today

ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE WELCOMES ALL VISITORS

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

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ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

LLOYD JOBSON

It is with much sadness that Sarah & I share the news Lloyd passed away on Wednesday morning 17 January at Mary Potter Hospice. A cremation has been held and a private tree planting ceremony will be held at a later date.

Whilst we will miss him deeply, we are grateful he is no longer in pain and is finally at peace.

Sarah and I are taking a few days to grieve privately together therefore we would prefer not to have visitors at this time.

We appreciate all the kind thoughts and prayers of the St Andrews Community. Thank you from Molly & Sarah

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE GAZA PALESTINE EMERGENCY APPEAL



Christian World Service has launched an **emergency appeal** to assist people who have been affected by the current conflict in the Middle East, particularly Gaza.

“The people of Gaza are living in harrowing conditions with limited resources, and we cannot

stand idly by while they suffer... Our collective efforts can make a significant difference in the lives of those trapped in this nightmarish situation,” DSPR.

Funds raised will meet some of the urgent needs of people through our long term partner the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR). In Gaza, DSPR is providing shelter, food and support to people who have fled the north and who have lost homes. DSPR is an integral part of the local community. It is preparing to help many more people as soon as it practically can with:

- Food
- hygiene kits
- shelter
- medications and medical treatment
- psychosocial support

Donations can be made through CWS:

- **Online and by direct deposit to the Gaza Palestine Emergency Appeal**

- **By Phone with a credit card: 0800 74 73 72**
- **By Post to: CWS, PO Box 22652, Christchurch 8140**

NB: CWS is a member of ACT Alliance a coalition of over 140 churches working together on humanitarian, development in over 120 countries.

RELIEFAID APPEAL FOR GAZA



Another option is ReliefAid which is on the ground delivering humanitarian aid in Gaza , where families face unprecedented horror.

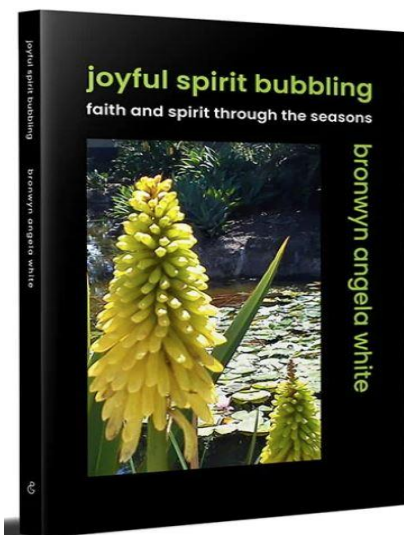
As we have done in other conflicts, ReliefAid is once again bringing help where it is needed most. Leveraging our established networks on the ground, we have deployed a team within Gaza to deliver life-saving aid directly to families.

Donations can be made here: www.reliefaid.org.nz/gaza-appeal/

Together we will make a difference. Thank you.

Mike Seawright, Founder and Chief Executive

BOOK: JOYFUL SPIRIT BUBBLING by Bronwyn White



Kapiti Coast writer Bronwyn Angela White's new book — **Joyful Spirit Bubbling: Faith and Spirit Through the Seasons** is now available to purchase.

This poetic exploration of Aotearoa New Zealand's seasons, infused with Māori elements, invites readers to engage in worship through poems and prayers. It celebrates diverse talents, acknowledges cultural contributions, and urges a pursuit of peace and justice, creating a vibrant tapestry of gratitude for life's sacred moments.

Joyful Spirit Bubbling journeys through the seasons in Aotearoa New Zealand, capturing the essence of summer – December, January, February – and moving through Autumn and Winter to end with the revival and hope of Spring.

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	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Paul Franken, Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Katrina Harper
Family Time	Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	Gillian Feist
Prayers of the People	Jim Cunningham
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Bruce Corkill

On duty Sunday 4 February

Welcoming	Pat Booth, Pam Fuller
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Mike Wespel-Rose, Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Vivienne Mountier, Marilyn Wallace
Family Time	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

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

Wednesday 31 January: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

Sunday 4 February: 10am Sunday Gathering Communion Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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	David Douglas
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
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