



Hato Anaru o Te Parehua Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE 3 MARCH 2024

3rd Sunday in Lent



"JUSTIFIED ANGER"

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

ГІМН УКРАЇНИ

National Anthem of Ukraine

CALL TO WORSHIP

As summer begins to draw to a close, we gather once again on this Lenten Communion Sunday. We come to be reminded of a time to be silent, to reflect, a time to give up things that clog up our lives that we cling on to. We come to be a part of a community that represents the Shalom of God the Agape of Christ, so that we may be representatives of the grace given us so that we may give the same to others.

SILENCE

GATHERING

This third Sunday in Lent reminds us to remember the Ten commandments that Moses brought down from the mountain.

It also reminds us to respect and honour one another

To love the mystery that we call God with all our heart, soul and being.

To love our neighbours as ourselves.

May the heart and mind of Christ, be in us as well.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Land of shining primal forests"

Words: Bill Wallace Tune: HYMN TO JOY WOV 92

 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.

- 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.
- 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; see 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.*

Talofa Lava 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

Gracious God, breathe your breath of life into our time together, that we may find our worship together to be a time of thanksgiving. For your grace and favour,

for your peace and love,

for your presence among us in the sharing of bread and wine, we are thankful. *Amen.*

JESUS' PRAYER

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

Ellen Murray

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	Frank Hanson
Hebrew Bible	Exodus 20:1-17
New Testament	John 2: 14-21

They tell me, they promise me, I'm not alone but I can only go by what I've always been shown. Unwanted, undesirable, freek show, just a small sample of all I've known. I wish my inner abuser would adapt another tone. I don't own my own thoughts, any positive feeling is only on loan.

People act like I hone in on this curse to be worthless,

like I thirst to be anxious,

like I have to coerce this anger and bitterness,

like I enjoy being immersed in the hopeless,

like my first thought is the worst on purpose,

like I enjoy all my deep rooted issues constantly rising to the surface.

Then comes the question that brings me back to reality, "What are you doing to get control of this?' Not enough certainly." Honestly that's another cog in the circle mosh pit of misery, part of the continuity.

I'd give anything for it to be as easy as everyone claims it should be.

Because what most people see from me is rehearsed my final diagnosis cannot be reversed. The totality of my issues couldn't possibly be unearthed. But that doesn't change the horrible landscape I've traversed.

I wouldn't be able to tell you what I'm worth, all I know is...

...I am this, for what it's worth.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

"When Christ went to the Temple"

Words: Carolyn W Gillette Tune: AURELIA WOV 385

- When Christ went to the Temple to worship God one day, he entered through the courtyard where anyone could pray. That court was for the nations — and all could enter in, but Jesus found a market, a shameful robbers' den.
- There, cattle, sheep and pigeons were sold for sacrifice, and moneychangers shouted of quality and price. Outsiders could not enter the inner courts for prayer, their only place to worship was in the courtyard there.
- When prayer gave way to profit, and pride closed many doors, Jesus cried out in anger and made a whip of cords.
 He shooed the sheep and cattle and scattered pigeons, too.
 God's house was for all people — not for a chosen few.
- O God, you love the nations and call us all to pray.
 Forgive us when our worship turns other folk away.
 As Christ, in loving protest, fought prejudice and pride, may we who follow Jesus now welcome all inside.

REFLECTION

"Justified Anger"

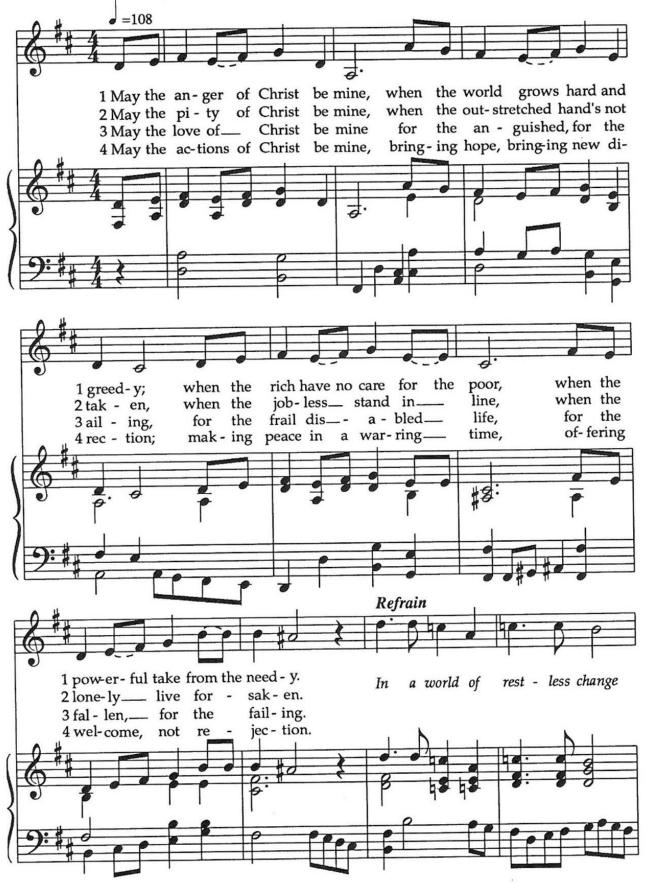
Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

HYMN

"A song of light"

Words and music; Colin Gibson Tune: EATON



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OFFERING MUSIC

Darwall's 148th by John Darwall (1731 – 1789)

OFFERING HYMN

Words: Robert Murry (adapt) Tune: STUTTGART

Grant us God the grace of giving with a spirit large and free, that ourselves and all our living we may offer thankfully.

OFFERING PRAYER

For the gifts we receive and the gifts we share *we give thanks.* For the abundant universe, with resources enough and to spare *we give thanks.* May our offerings of money and food, compassion and goodwill, be multiplied to those who receive them *blessing them, as we are blessed to give. 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. If you have a notice, please move to the front row, ready to speak **<u>briefly</u>** from the lectern.

For the benefit of newcomers, please introduce yourself before you begin. Thank you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Anna Smith

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Finland and the Orthodox Church of Finland. 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 Scott Simpson (Coromandel) and Stuart Smith (Kaikōura). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Plimmerton Presbyterian Church.

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

COMMUNION

St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's Table. Wherever you are on your faith journey; wherever you have come from; wherever you are going to; whatever you believe; whatever you do not believe, you are welcome to participate in the communion. This is God's meal for all people.

At this Table we give thanks for justice, love, peace and freedom. At this Table we give thanks for friends and strangers together in community in this safe place.

For everyone born a place at the Table. We are all invited.

HYMN

"Crowded table, urgent faces"

Words: Andrew Pratt Tune" ABBOT'S LEIGH WOV 93

- Crowded table, urgent faces, people longing for the bread; bread of life and bread for living, bread for rising from the dead; Young and old, both men and women, those for whom this life is hard, those who live in warmth and comfort, those whose life is stained or tarred;
- All are welcome, wise or foolish, at this table all are fed, sharing wine in celebration, eating Christ's communion bread. Then in costly life and giving we will share what we receive; demonstrate in daily living all that we affirm, believe.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God is the heart of life.

And we are the heartbeat.

May our hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy. *We rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation.* With those who have gone before us, and those who will come after us, we join the whole creation in the hymn of praise: *Holy, holy, holy, vulnerable God, the whole creation is full of your glory; hosanna in the highest. Blessed are we who come to celebrate Shalom; hosanna all around.* We give thanks to you, O God, for you love the world. *You look upon your creation and on us and name us good.*

You conceive in us possibilities, and carry us on into the timeless struggle of bringing to birth your reign of love.

We give thanks for Jesus our brother,

who gave hope to ordinary people like us,

and broke through the barriers which separate us from life.

He proclaimed Good News to the poor.

He healed those who were sick, and set free those who were captive to illness of the mind.

He sends us out to continue his work and nurture life in his name.

We thank you, Spirit of Life, for strengthening and empowering us to share the Good News of God's love with others.

For you desire that all Creation know this love and experience the gift of new life. Come then, life-giving spirit of our God; brood over these bodily things and make us one body in Christ; that we may no longer be in bondage to the principalities and powers that enslave creation, but may know your liberating peace. Amen

THE BREAD IS BROKEN

We break the bread for the broken Earth, ravaged and plundered for greed. *May there be healing for our beautiful blue and green planet*. We break the bread for our broken humanity, for the powerful and the powerless trapped by exploitation and oppression. *May there be healing for humanity.*

We break the bread for those who follow other paths; who travel on a different road from us; those who think and act differently; those whose belief system is different to ours; those who see our world through different eyes of ethnicity and culture.

May there be healing where there is pain and woundedness.

We break this bread for the unhealed hurts and wounds that lie within us all. *May we, too, be healed.*

THE WINE IS POURED

This is the cup of peace and of new life for all. A sign of love for the community of hope. *A reminder of the call to live life fully, to love wastefully, and to be all that we can be.*

Come then, life-giving Spirit of our God, brood over these bodily things, and make us one body with Christ; that we may no longer be in bondage to the principalities and powers that enslave creation, but may know your liberating peace such as the world cannot give.

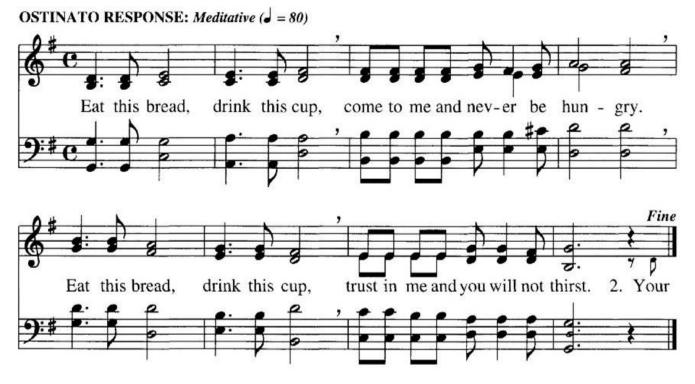
SHARING BREAD AND WINE

The gifts of God for the People of God. Come, for all is ready. The Bread of Life. The Cup of Blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

CH4 661 'Eat this bread, drink this cup'

Music: Jaques Berthier (1923-1994) Tune: EAT THIS BREAD



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The feast is ended and the work of the world lies before us.

Many who work for change suffer resistance.

So make us strong.

Many who do new things sometimes feel afraid.

So make us brave.

Many who challenge the world as it is, arouse anger.

So grant us inner peace.

Many who live joyful and creative lives are envied.

So make us generous.

Many who try to love encounter hate.

So we trust in you O God of gracious love. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

"Past and Present"

Words: Bill Wallace Tune : CWM RHONDA WOV 476

 Past and present, with our dreaming, join to make us what we are; ancient wisdom, ancient follies shape the way we love and care: Give us reverence, Give us wisdom, From the past for life today.

- Make us mindful of each moment ev'ry force, each strength, each flaw; free us from those empty longings which consume us more and more: Give us vision, Give us courage, For this present age of change.
- We must face the future's challenge to create a better earth, hand in hand with all who labour dream and suffer for its birth. For through sharing and through caring We shall build community.

BLESSING

Kia hora te marino, Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana, Kia tere te rohirohi. Kia hora te marino, Te marino ara Mo ake tonu ake.

May peace be widespread, may the sea glisten like greenstone, and may the shimmer of light guide you. now and forever more.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

by G.F. Handel (1685 – 1759)

THANK YOU

Peter Franklin 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

"EXPLORING FAITH"

After our service and morning tea this morning you are welcome to gather in Conference Room 1 – 2 for the first "Exploring Faith" session for 2024. These 1st Sundays of the month sessions, in previous years, have been both absorbing, interesting and thought-provoking. Sometimes it is some of our members simply sharing their faith journey, what faith has meant to them and to the extent that it has changed during their lifetime. Also, we might pick a particular topic and agree to explore that and see to what extent we think the same, or quite differently about the same thing. This Sunday it will be the former listening to "faith journeys". For any questions about this, or if you would be interested in sharing your faith story sometime in the future, please contact Barrie Keenan at <u>barrie@keenan.co.nz</u> or 027 285 7275.

LLOYD JOBSON

I visited Molly on Friday 23rd and we had a nice chat. Lloyd was a great reader and had a substantial selection of books. Molly invited me to choose any books from his collection that might suit the congregational library. So I came away with a large box full which I will add to our collection.

Authors include Erich Fromm, Winnicott, Martin Luther King, Rollo May and many more. Thanks to Molly.

Mike Wespel-Rose

IS PEACE POSSIBLE?

This was a presentation by Dr. John Reuwer a veteran peace activist. It was on Wednesday 21st Feb in the church. The audience included quite a few St. Andrews members. We were asked the question - "Can we imagine a world without war?".

A couple of films were mentioned that I thought sounded very interesting and people might like to access - or we could have a showing after church some time. They are:

Soldiers without guns - Explores the journey of coalition soldiers as they arrive unarmed in the middle of a 10 year civil war and use music, Maori culture, and love to work towards peace.

A Bold Peace - Costa Rica's path of demilitarisation.

Pray the devil back to hell - chronicles the remarkable story of the Liberian women who came together to end a bloody civil war and bring peace to their shattered country.

Thanks - Mike Wespel-Rose

EFESO COLLINS

Before church on Sunday I was listening to "The week in Politics" on RNZ. They had suspended the normal program and replaced it with the parliamentary maiden speech of Efeso Collins. It was a beautiful and moving speech. You can access it by going to RNZ and searching on "Efeso Collins: in his own words" (about 14 mins)

Thanks - Mike Wespel-Rose

WHO OWNS THE HOLY LAND?

With the current situation in Gaza, we have had numerous expressions of interest in the St Andrew's Trust publication of Professor Sir Lloyd Geering's 2001 lecture series *Who owns the Holy Land?* For those who do not have access to a print copy, it is reproduced here:

https://www.standrews.org.nz/archives/41423

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

WELLINGTON PRIDE HIGHLIGHTS

Queering Faith - kai & connection. Sunday 3 March, 4pm - 7pm, St Andrew's Conference Centre. Come and hang out in a space affirming and celebrating rainbow people and faith/spirituality. Bring along something that uplifts, inspires or strengthens you (a reading, symbol, etc). Games and activities will be available for kids or anyone who just wants to have fun. Snacks and drinks provided. St Andrew's whānau, kai contributions welcome - let Ellen know if you can contribute, <<u>contact_ellen@yahoo.com</u>>, 027 528 4760

Hikoi for the rainbow community and allies, Saturday 9 March 10:30am Walk with Faith Communities United in Love banner on the Pride Hikoi. Contact Ellen for meet-up info or organise a group to bring the St Andrew's banner.

Celebration of Queer Spirit: Christian Pride Service. St Peter's on Willis. Sunday 10 March 10am.

Out in the City. Sunday 17 March. Let Ellen know if you can help out with a stall for Faith Communities United in Love, <<u>contact_ellen@yahoo.com</u>>

All the festival details at <u>www.wellingtonpridefestival.com/</u>

ngā mihi Ellen

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	Sandra and Tony Kirby
Sound	Ben Grey
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Lynette Burrell, Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Sally Gray
Family Time	Ellen Murray
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Anna Smith
Communion	Lynne Dovey, Kath Kerr, Doug Lendrum, Cam
	Smart, Sonia Groes-Petrie, Janet Martin
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin

On duty Sunday 10 March	
Welcoming	Maxine and Jim Cunningham
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Katrina Harper, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Katrina Harper, Janet Horncy
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Anna Smith
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Corkill

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 3 March: 10am Sunday Gathering Communion service led by Rev Dr Fei

Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Exploring Faith

Wednesday 6 March: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

Sunday 10 March: 10am Sunday Gathering 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
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