

ORDER OF SERVICE

17 MARCH 2024

5th Sunday in Lent



Nathan Admonishing David, Rembrandt c.1655

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 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 David Brown and Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

PRELUDE

Fugato

by Georg Goltermann (1824 – 1898)

CALL TO WORSHIP

from **“Joyful spirit bubbling”** by Bronwyn White

We wait in the quiet of this whare karakia
for the gift of insight into the hearts of others,
and the reassurances we each need.

SILENCE

GATHERING

We invite into our hearts and lives
- The Flourishing Spirit of growth and expansiveness,
of manaakitanga – hospitality and celebration
the Liberating Spirit of compassion and empathy,
murunga hara – forgiving others and ourselves
letting go of hurts and regrets,
restoring others' mana, creating mana orite;
and the Wairua of perception, clear - sightedness,
mohiotanga – insight and knowing, seeing the God-ness in others,
treating and Treaty-ing as we would be treated, keeping faith

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 476 'O For a Heart to Praise My God'

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: AMAZING GRACE

1. O for a heart to praise my God,
a heart from sin set free,
a heart that always feels thy blood
so freely shed for me:
2. a heart resigned, submissive, meek,
my great Redeemer's throne,
where only Christ is heard to speak,
where Jesus reigns alone:
3. a humble, lowly, contrite heart,
believing, true, and clean,
which neither life nor death can part
from him that dwells within:
4. a heart in every thought renewed,
and full of love divine;
perfect, and right, and pure, and good,
a copy, Lord, of thine.

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, as we serve one another in creating life flourishing communities where each one of us feels a sense of belonging, may you grant us peace in places of war, joy in hearts that are broken, love in communities where there is hate, comfort where there is loss and despair. Hope, in this Lenten season. Amen.

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

Dawn Cowdry

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

John Harper

Hebrew Bible

Psalm 51:1-12

New Testament

John 12:20-36

Contemporary Reading

“Answers” by Joy Cowley (Aotearoa Psalms)

Dear Friend,
I remember the time.
when I thought I had all the answers.
I was so sure of my knowledge about you.
I read books of great teachings,
listened to fine sermons,
exchanged views of Scripture,
discussed, argued, scorched others
with my enthusiasm.
How necessary it was
to pour all experience of you
into a tight container of words!

All the time, dear Friend,
you smiled and led me on,
over the walls of imagery,
through fences of ideas,
gently showing me that walls and fences
have a rightful place in journey,
that they are there for support and shelter
and that when it's time to move on,
they will be no obstacle to progress.

I am still addicted to words
and I still need to hold you
in ideas and images,
though loosely now, in an open web.
But no longer do I have my answers.
You, dear Friend,
have taken away the questions.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

WOV 157 'Rock of Ages'

Words: Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

Tune: TOPLADY (Hastings)

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and power.
2. Not the labors of my hands
can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone:
thou must save, and thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
when my eyelids close in death,
when I soar through tracts unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

REFLECTION **"Sin and Suffering: Enough Already!"**

Rev David Brown

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

HYMN

WOV 183 'Lord of the Dance'

Words: Sydney Carter
Tune: LORD OF THE DANCE

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun;
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth:

Refrain

*Dance then, wherever you may be;
I am the lord of the Dance, said he;
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

2. I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -
they came with me and the dance went on:

Refrain

*Dance then, wherever you may be;
I am the lord of the Dance, said he;
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and they left me there on a cross to die.

Refrain

*Dance then, wherever you may be;
I am the lord of the Dance, said he;
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I was gone;
but I am the dance and I still go on:

Refrain

*Dance then, wherever you may be;
I am the lord of the Dance, said he;
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

5. They cut me down and I leap up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he:

Refrain

*Dance then, wherever you may be;
I am the lord of the Dance, said he;
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

OFFERING MUSIC

“Faithfulness”

by William M. Runyan (1870 – 1957)

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

We bring not only these gifts of money and food, but we bring ourselves that we may take these gifts of grace and love to our neighbours through this offering. Bless the labours of our hands that they may be used to bless others. 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 **briefly** from the lectern.

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

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Gabon and the Evangelical Church of Gabon. 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 Todd Stephenson (List) and Chlöe Swarbrick (Auckland Central). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of St Luke's Uniting Church, Rongotea.

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

CH4 530 'One more step along the world I go'

Words: Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

Tune: SOUTHCOTE

1. One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new
keep me traveling along with you:
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.*
2. Round the corners of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.*
3. As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me traveling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know:
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.*
4. Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me traveling along with you:
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.*

BLESSING

Bronwyn White

As we go from the safety of this whare karakia
gifted with insight into the hearts of others,
whose needs for reassurance are so like our own,
we no longer wait, but claim the flourishing, liberation,
perception that's already ours.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

March from “The Meistersingers”

by Richard Wagner (1813 - 1883)

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

LLOYD'S WAKE

Kia ora koutou e te whanau,

This is a warm invite to a wake for Lloyd Jobson at the congregational lunch following church gathering on Sunday 14th April.

It will be an informal, table fellowship way of remembering Lloyd.

There will be a stall display at the back of the hall of a sample of books from Lloyd's large collection of them. They reflect his longstanding love of learning and vision of education for self and societal empowerment, especially in the cause of social justice and change for betterment in society and the world.

His love of the arts is also reflected by his book collection. Further, his small collection of vinyl records and CDs tells a story of how music had always been his companion Muse.

In the spirit of table fellowship, please feel free to share a few words of how you remember Lloyd at his wake.

Nga mihi nui, Molly Seah

SUNDAY ROSTER: MORE HELP NEEDED

Please contact Pam Fuller pjfiller@gmail.com if you are interested in helping with our Sunday services.

Duties include Welcoming, Sound, Laptop, Readings, Offering, Prayers and Morning tea.

ENVELOPE GIVING 2024-25

For those who support our work at St Andrews on The Terrace through weekly envelope giving, the new sets of envelopes for the coming year April 2024 - 25 are now available. You can pick up your numbered envelopes from the northern vestry after church or contact Treasurer Paul Barber pbarber289@gmail.com to arrange to have them posted to you.

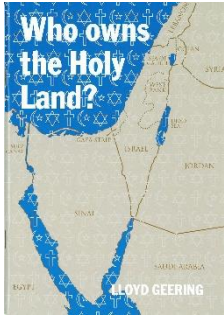
RELAY FOR LIFE 2024

I'm participating in the Relay For Life 2024 on 23/24 March at Trentham and would love you to join me! Funds raised are for the Cancer Society. I would be very grateful if you are able to make a donation to Relay For Life 2024 online at:

<https://relayforlife.org.nz/sally-gray>

Thanks for all your support! Sally Gray

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>

RESIGNATION

We will be sorry to see Christine Wilkinson depart on 5 April in time to go on an adventure to Nepal where she is doing a Himalayan trek with her son's school. Christine has resigned after 13 months as Parish Administrator. She has provided great support to Fei over the last year and we thank her for her service to St Andrew's on The Terrace. We wish her well for her time in Nepal and in the future.

Sue Hirst

Parish Council Convenor

CHURCH LIFE SURVEY

The results of the Church Life Survey are now available. We have an overview of the results from St Andrew's on the Terrace (29 responses), as well as comparisons with Central Presbytery, other PCANZ churches and all churches who responded. A few printed copies will be available at the back of the church, or you can ask the office for a copy to be e-mailed to you.

Sue Hirst

Parish Council Convenor

RECYCLING OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Household batteries can be dropped off for FREE at Karori Library, Kilbirnie Library, Te Awe Library (Brandon St), 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>.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

WELLINGTON PRIDE HIGHLIGHTS

Out in the City. Sunday 17 March. Let Ellen know if you can help out with a stall for Faith Communities United in Love, <[contact ellen@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen@yahoo.com)>

All the festival details at www.wellingtonpridefestival.com/

ngā mihi

Ellen

COMMON GRACE - GAZA CEASEFIRE PILGRIMAGE WELLINGTON

This Lent alongside Aotearoa Christians for Peace in Palestine, Common Grace invites you to join us in a Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage. In over 85 cities around the world, Christians, alongside their Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters, are walking the length of Gaza to prayerfully map Gaza onto our own cities with our bodies. Christian leaders in Palestine have called on the global Christian community to do this.

It is part prayer walk, part protest, part fundraiser. Groups will walk, cycle, or roll through their city, mapping either the 36km journey Gazans are being forced to take from Gaza City to Rafah to flee bombardment, or the 41km length of all of Gaza.

There are four core demands that the Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimages are calling for:

- Enduring and sustained ceasefire.
- Immediate flow of life saving food, water, aid, fuel and humanitarian assistance.
- Release of all hostages – both the Israeli hostages held by Hamas – and the Palestinian hostages held in the Israeli prison system.
- End of occupation so a just-peace can begin.

Any funds raised will go to CWS's partner on the ground in Gaza, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees.

The Wellington event is on **Thursday 28 March 2024**. Starting at Taita Rock, Lower Hutt 5am and ending in Wellington city around 8pm. You can walk the full route or join for part of it along the way.

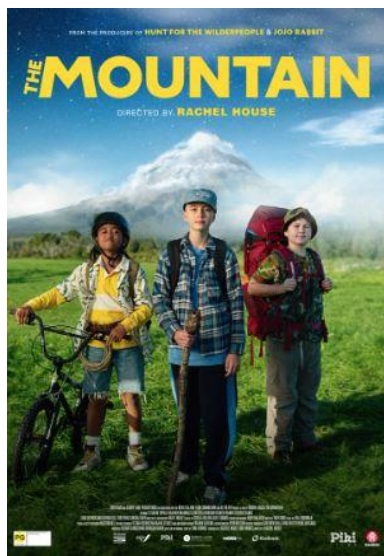
Our prayer is that this Lent, as we meditate on the life and passion of Jesus, we might deepen our solidarity with what our Palestinian sisters and brothers are experiencing daily.

More details and to register go to:

<https://www.commongrace.nz/gazapilgrimages>

Sonia Groes-Petrie

MOVIE FUNDRAISER – ‘THE MOUNTAIN’



The Te Awakairangi Branch of the Green Party is holding a fundraising movie night on Thursday 4 April at the Light House Petone, 8pm for the movie at 8.30pm. The movie is The Mountain, a New Zealand made film directed by Rachel House. It's rated PG and lasts for 89 minutes. It is 'a heartfelt drama about three children on a mission to find healing under the watchful eye of Taranaki Maunga and discover friendship in the spirit of adventure.' Tickets are \$25. If you'd like tickets please contact Vivienne Mountier on 027 845 1434 or vmountier@gmail.com

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 emergency aid to families

The situation in Gaza is catastrophic, the death toll rises daily and families have nowhere to flee. Compounding the distress, Gaza's closed borders have made humanitarian access all but impossible, leaving families lost, abandoned and without the basics needed to survive.

Despite these monumental challenges, ReliefAid is NOW delivering aid in Gaza.

As we have done in other conflicts, ReliefAid is 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

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	Pat Booth, Pam Fuller
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Jenn and Barrie Keenan
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier, Marilyn Wallace, Sally Gray
Family Time	Dawn Cowdrey
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin

On duty Sunday 24 March

Welcoming	Sandra and Tony Kirby
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Bridget Martin, Mike Wespel-Rose
Coffee/tea	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, David Douglas
Family Time	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Rosemary Lawrence
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 17 March: 10am Sunday Gathering service led by Rev David Brown and Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group after morning tea

Wednesday 20 March: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

Sunday 24 March: 10am Sunday Gathering service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Social Justice Education Group

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
Facilities Assistant(s)	H. Wilkinson, O. Ruegg, L. Oakley, M. Barber

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