



ORDER OF SERVICE

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EASTER 7



HONOURING MOTHERING

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 Maxine Cunningham

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Let us celebrate all that is of great worth to us,
and acknowledge that honesty and truth
are of great worth to our minds.

Let us celebrate honest thinking and the pursuit of truth.

We acknowledge that beauty is of great worth to our eyes and ears.

Let us rejoice in the presence of beauty wherever we find it.

We acknowledge that love is of great worth to our hearts.

Let us celebrate the wonder of loving and being loved.

But of greatest worth to us all is simply life itself.

Let us celebrate the mystery of life in all of its diversity.

SILENCE

GATHERING

We come to be opened by visions that can enlist us
in larger causes and more caring actions.

We come to hear stories that might take us into a deeper kind of integrity, and
reconnect us with our better selves.

So may the warmer fullness that we seek
fill our hearts, our minds and our spirits.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Sing Praise To All'

Words: Gretta Vosper

TUNE: WOV 28 Lobe deb Herren

1. Sing praise to all that has offered us life and sustains us-
all that has opened our hearts to the love borne within us:
family and friends,
beauty we see without end –
gifts that our lives lay before us.
2. Sing praise to all that has opened our minds to new vistas –
all that has called us to seek out new truth through the ages:
vision and word,
music that sought to be heard.
These are the gifts that will mould us.
3. Sing praise to minds that will fashion our bold new tomorrows –
yesterday's wisdom released from its dogma and credos.
evermore free
to live out what we believe
walking the path that Life hallows.

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

Pauline Patchett

JESUS' PRAYER

© Rev Sherri Weinberg

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:

Rev Dr 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

Frank Hanson

Hebrew Bible:

Exodus 1:15-22, 2:1-10

Gospel reading:

Matthew 2 1:16

Faith opened her laptop. Eight tabs were open in her browser, every one of them offering advice on how to make your life more efficient. Faith clicked them all closed. She was a single mother with a two-year-old at home and a twenty-year-old in college. Efficiency was not an attainable goal. Sleep was not an attainable goal. Eating an uninterrupted meal. Using the bathroom with the door closed. Reading a book without having to show the pictures to all the stuffed animals in the room. Breathing deeply. Walking in a straight line. Thinking.

Faith desperately wanted her brain back, the pre-pregnancy brain that knew how to be a fully functioning adult.

With her daughter Emma, Faith was aware of the not-so-subtle changes to her mental abilities. That she could multi-task but she could barely single task. That the feelings of anxiety and hypervigilance that came with being a cop were amplified to the nth degree. That she never really slept because her ears were always awake. That the sound of Emma crying could make her hands shake and her lips tremble and that sometimes Emma's nightlight would catch the tender strands of her delicate eyelashes and Faith's heart would be filled with so much love that she ended up sobbing alone in the hallway.

Sara had explained the science behind these mood changes. During the stages of pregnancy and breastfeeding and childhood, a woman's brain was flooded with hormones that altered the gray matter in the regions involved in social processes, heightening the mother's empathy, and bonding them close to their child.

Which was a damn good thing, because if another human being treated you the way a toddler did – threw food in your face, questioned your every move, unravelled all the aluminium foil off the roll, yelled at the silverware, made you clean shit off their ass, peed in your bed, peed in your car, peed on you while you're cleaning up their pee, demanded that you repeat everything at least sixteen times and then screeched at you for talking too much – then you would probably kill them.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA 158 'Who is my Mother?'

Words: © Shirley Murray. Music: © Ian Render

1. Who is my mother?
Who is my brother?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
spirit-blown people
born from the Gospel
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.
2. Differently abled,
differently labelled
widen the circle round Jesus Christ,
crutches and stigmas,
cultures' enigmas
all come together round Jesus Christ.
3. Love will relate us –
colour or status
can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:
family failings,
human derailing,
all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.
4. Bound by one vision,
met for one mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ.
Here is my mother,
here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, round Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

Mothers' Day? Yeah right!

Maxine Cunningham

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Lullaby

'E Hine E' Kiri Te Kanawa

THE WOMAN'S CREED

Rachel Conrad Wahlberg from the book "Jesus and the Freed Woman" 1978.

I believe in God who created woman and man in God's own image, who created the world and gave both sexes the care of the earth.

I believe in Jesus, child of God, chosen of God, born of the woman Mary, who listened to women and liked them, who stayed in their homes, who discussed the Kingdom with them, who was followed and financed by women disciples.

I believe in Jesus who discussed theology with a woman at a well and first confided in her his messiahship, who motivated her to go and tell her great news to the city.

I believe in Jesus who received anointing from a woman at Simon's house, who rebuked the men guests, who scorned her. I believe in Jesus who said this woman will be remembered for what she did - minister to Jesus.

I believe in Jesus who acted boldly to reject the blood taboo of ancient societies by healing the audacious woman who touched him.

I believe in Jesus who healed a woman on the Sabbath and made her straight because she was a human being.

I believe in Jesus who spoke of God as a woman seeking the lost coin as a woman who swept seeking the lost.

I believe in Jesus who thought of pregnancy and birth with reverence not as punishment – but as wrenching event a metaphor for transformation born again, anguish-into-joy.

I believe in Jesus, who spoke of himself as a mother hen who would gather her chicks under her wings.

I believe in Jesus who appeared first to Mary Magdalene, who sent her with the bursting message, GO AND TELL...

I believe in the wholeness of the Saviour in whom there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for we are all one in salvation.

I believe in the Holy Spirit as she moves over the waters of creation and over the earth.

I believe in the Holy Spirit as she yearns within us to pray for those things too deep for words.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the woman spirit of God, who like a hen created us and gave us birth and covers us with her wings.

HYMN

'Come Celebrate the Women'

Words: Shirley Erena Murray TUNE : ELLACOMBE WOV 27

1. Come, celebrate the women
who brought the Church to birth!
the gentle revolution
that shall transform the earth:
whose faith was salt and leaven,
whose hearts and minds were free,
and this was their direction --
to peace and unity.
2. The teachers, saints and mothers
who lived and died unsung
kept safe the gospel story
and taught it to the young;
the Christ child Mary cradled,
the living Word to be,
was crucified for pleading
this peace and unity.

3. Daughters of the disciples,
you weave the story still,
the fabric of the future
with warmth and love and skill,
you make the bread of wholeness,
the wine of harmony --
and all shall share your feasting
in peace and unity!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA 127 'Take My Gifts' v1

Words & 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

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 **briefly** from the lectern.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hamish Dick

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Hong Kong and Macau and the Hong Kong Christian Council. We hold all refugees in our hearts and pray in particular for those who are still detained in Australia. We give thanks that we in New Zealand have at last secured the chance to welcome 450 of this group over the next 3 years. We pray that more will have the opportunity to be resettled in the near future. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Hon Judith Collins (Papakura) and Hon Kelvin Davis (Te Tai Tokerau). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of the Tawa Union 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.*

CLOSING HYMN

AA 118 'Sing a happy alleluia!'

Words: Shirley Erena Murray Music: Colin Gibson

1. Sing a happy alleluia!
Sing it out with heart and style,
we're the echo of God's laughter,
we're the image of God's smile
*Alleluia, all creation,
alleluia everyone,
alleluia, all creation,
alleluia everyone*
2. We're the proof of God's good humour,
we're the twinkle in God's eye,
made to shine, reflect the glory,
given light and space to fly –
Alleluia, all creation.....
3. Sarah laughed at God's good timing,
Mary sang and David danced,
Jesus smiled and hugged the children –
so is life for us enhanced.
Alleluia, all creation.....
4. Every day sing alleluia!
We are loved, though so absurd,
Human, foolish, chosen people,
God still takes us at our word!
Alleluia, all creation.....

BLESSING

May God the starmaker cradle and circle you.
May God the storyteller beckon and encourage you.
May God the life changer challenge you and cherish you.
May you walk in the light of God's love and laughter
all the moments of your nights and days.

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

FUNDRAISING – PICKLES AND JAMS

After today's service, a range of pickles and jams will be available for sale in the hall. There is even a small quantity of marmalade. Please bring plenty of cash and a bag to take it all home in.

See you there,
Sue and Maxine.

LIBRARY

The book "Why weren't we told " is a handbook on 'progressive' Christianity. It is full of a wide range of contributions from wide range of well known progressive Christian writers including Margaret Maymorn. The forward is by Lloyd Geering. This book was the source of the "Progressive affirmations " which I read in church a couple of weeks ago. I find it a truly remarkable book with a tremendous range of interesting writing. Looking to buy more copies of the book, I have found a source which I have ordered from Booktopia Australia and I expect to receive it in the next 2 weeks. To find this site on google, type in the following search '**Why weren't we told' Rex Hunt (booktopia.com.au)**

Make sure it is the **Rex Hunt** book. There is another book with the same name but different topic. Approximate cost is NZ\$60 including postage.

If you are keen to get this book and you find the above too difficult, I am happy to do this for you and you can pay me once the book arrives.

Thanks,

Mike Wespel-Rose.

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS



Wednesday 15th May 12:15pm – 1:00pm
Paul Rosoman – Organ



Wednesday 22nd May 12:15pm – 1:00pm
NZSM Cello Ensemble

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

WEEKLY CLIMATE ACTION AT PARLIAMENT

Each **Tuesday** from **12.30pm – 1.30pm** a small group of climate justice activists mounts a protest on the lawn at Parliament, and at Midland Park on the last Friday of the month. They have been doing this for some time as part of an international movement called Fridays for Future: www.fridaysforfuture.nz/

Around the world groups of people take this action every Friday. But in Wellington the protest at Parliament happens on Tuesdays as MPs are in their electorates on Fridays. I was able to take part one week, representing St Andrew's, and they were very happy to have our presence. Along with a member of the Religious Diversity Centre I held a "No Faith in Fossil Fuels" banner. If you would like to join me at Parliament any Tuesday, please be in touch: annamsmith6012@gmail.com. Thank you, Anna Smith.

MARY POTTER HOSPICE STREET APPEAL

The Mary Potter Hospice is seeking volunteers to spend an hour or two collecting during their street appeals, Thursday 16th and Saturday 18th of May. You can register online at <https://marypotter.org.nz/events/street-appeal-volunteers-2024>

UPCOMING CONCERT - SUNDAY 26 MAY, 2pm, St Peter's on Willis Street

The Northern Chorale, directed by Thomas Nikora, will perform:

Misa Criolla, an Argentinian Folk Mass by Ariel Ramirez, set to the sounds and rhythms of South America, with percussion, guitars and piano.

The Third Day, a modern cantata based on the resurrection, by Wellington's Jonathan Berkahn.

The performance will be followed by afternoon tea.

Adults \$20 / Students \$10 / School age children free.

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. Nearly 85% of the population – 1.9 million people have been displaced in Gaza. They are in urgent need of food, water, shelter and safety.

"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.

Donations can be made through CWS:

- Online and by direct deposit via <https://cws.org.nz/donate-to-the-gaza-palestine-appeal/>
- By Phone with a credit card: 0800 74 73 72

NB: CWS is a member of <https://actalliance.org>, a coalition of over 140 churches working together on humanitarian, development in over 120 countries.

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 and Margaret Harper
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie (CG)
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Mike Wespel-Rose and Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier, Simon Miller, Katrina Harper
Family Time	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Hamish Dick
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Service Leader	Maxine Cunningham

On duty May 19th

Welcoming	Pam Fuller and Jenny Bryant
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst (CG)
Offering	Lynette Burrell and Paul Franklin
Coffee/tea	Sandra and Tony Kirby, Sally Gray
Family Time	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Jenn Keenan
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Wednesday 15 May: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm – Paul Rosomon - Organ

Sunday 19 May: 10am Sunday gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Congregational Conversation and Younger Members (Y) group meets after morning tea.

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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