



ORDER OF SERVICE

8th SEPTEMBER 2024

Pentecost 16 SEASON OF CREATION



MAUNGA - MOUNTAIN
Taupiri Maunga. Ngarawhia
Urupa of kings and queens of Maoridom

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 Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

PRELUDE

**Lift thine eyes unto the mountains, whence cometh help
(from *Elijah*) Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 47)**

CALL TO WORSHIP

As the mist rises, from the peaks of Aoraki and Ruapehu, Taranaki and Tapuae-o-Uenuku; and the warm September sun melts ice and snow, enlivening nascent mountain streams .

May the shroud over our eyes be lifted so that we see more clearly the beauty and goodness of creation that has been so divinely made .

May we see with greater clarity God's love for all of creation, and may our coldness of heart towards our Earth community be transformed into life-giving acts of healing and justice.

SILENCE

GATHERING: OPENING RESPONSES

**“Whāia e koe ki te iti Kahurangi; ki te tuohu koe, me he maunga teitei”
Seek that which is most precious, if you are to bow, let it be to a lofty mountain.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA155 'Where Mountains Rise to Open Skies'

Words: Shirley Erena Murray. Music: Vernon Griffiths

1. Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach
in water's light, in lake and star.
2. Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other's mana stand.
3. From broken word, from conflict stirred
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.
4. Your love be known, compassion shown
that every child have equal scope:
In justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.
5. Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distil the air,
your spirit binds all humankind
one covenant of life to share!

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.

HE KARAKIA

In the beginning of Aotearoa
there was the language
of Te whenua

Te hau

Te moana

Ngā manu

Ngā awa

Ngā puia

Ngā kekeno

This was your first word in creation
on these enchanted shores

Then human language
journeyed across te moana
took root here,
and blossomed
as te Reo Māori
a way of knowing and being in this place
found voice

It listened to the first language
and gave it tongue,
every awa,
every maunga,
everything in nature
and every place
was given a name,
a rich unfolding story
of sacred relationship and kinship
was woven through it all .

O God,
We give deep thanks
that like an ancient tī kōuka
ravaged by a firestorm on an exposed ridge
Te Reo Māori has survived
the desolating impact of colonisation .
For mana whenua suppression of Te Reo

has turned to regeneration
in the struggle for decolonisation,
but new initiatives to suppress it
have recently been launched by the government .
And this grieves us!

Kupu Ora, Living Word,
may te Reo Māori be nurtured
in the life-giving soil of Hato Anaru o Te Parehua,
may we honour and celebrate
the indigenous language of this motu .
May we be strong allies in the struggle
to enable its full flourishing .

May te Reo Māori
grow in us and between us
and deepen our connectedness
with this place and each other .
Āmine

JESUS' PRAYER

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***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

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

Gillian Feist

Hebrew reading

Genesis 23: 2-9

Hebrew Bible

Psalm 121

Contemporary Reading

'September'

Lauris Edmond

This mountain leaps, and stands
breaking horizons. It is the first
land out of falling waters, the wind
finds it like a discovering dove.
In the wheeling light it is still,
construing containment, poise
from the inchoate idiom of the earth.

No flower was white before this
blossoming of snow, no September
sharp with spring until this morning.
I shall learn the lessons of God
from the mountain; it has entered
my imagination: eternal indifference,
eternal scope, eternal reprieve.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

'Come and find the quiet centre'

(FFS: 10(i)) Words: © Shirley Murray; Music: Gaelic trad, arr. John Bell

1. Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace and simply be.
2. Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches bases,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.
3. In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our lives and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

REFLECTION

A land layered with stories

Ellen Murray and Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Climb every mountain (from *The Sound of Music*)

Richard Rodgers (1902 – 1979)

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Go tell it on the mountain
Malcolm Archer b. 1952

OFFERING HYMN

AA127 'Take my Gifts' v1

Words © Shirley Murray. Music © Colin Gibson.

1. 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

Faithful God, you ask us to be faithful people.

In this community, you ask us to be people of justice.

In this community, you ask us to be people of mercy.

In this community, you ask us to be people of peace.

Be with us as we try to be faithful

in large ways and in small ways

so your eternal community may come in every way.

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

Fionn McKenzie

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of South Korea, and the National Council of Churches in Korea, and throughout the world. 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 Todd McClay (Rotorua) and Hon Nicole McKee (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Clive Haumoana - St Francis Cooperating Parish (Pres-Meth-Ang).

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 32 'God who sets us on a journey'

Words: Joy Dine WOV 165 Hyfrydol

1. God who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people
in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward,
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,
love for God and self and neighbour
marks the way that Christ defined.
2. Exploration brings new insights,
changes, choices we must face;
give us wisdom in deciding,
mindful always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our bearings,
find it hard to know what's right,
we regain our true direction
focused on the Jesus light.
3. End our longing for the old days,
grant the vision that we lack –
once we've started on this journey
there can be no turning back;
let us travel light, discarding
excess baggage from our past,
cherish only what's essential,
choosing treasure that will last.
4. When we set up camp and settle
to avoid love's risk and pain,
you disturb complacent comfort,
pull the tent pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge
you are always at our side;
give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

TE MANAAKITANGA/BLESSING

May the peace of first light
on Maunga Hikurangi,
be ours.

May the peace of a still alpine tarn
high above the bushline,
be ours .

May the peace of a mountain daisy
pushing through snow,
be ours.

May the peace of the silent mountains
where Jesus felt close to God,
be ours,
now and always.

Amen

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C (9/8)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

THANK YOU

Bruce Cash
our musician today

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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

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS



Wednesday 11 September 12:15pm – 1:00pm
Afternoon Serenade: Johanna Gruskin, Sophia Acheson and Christine Wang



Wednesday 18 September 12:15pm – 1:00pm
NZSM Cello Ensemble

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

REMINDER: TOMORROW - UPCOMING BOOK LAUNCH

Anne Manchester's five-year journey researching and writing about the life and legacy of Shirley Erena Murray has finally reached its conclusion. *Peace is Her Song: The life and legacy of hymn writer Shirley Erena Murray* will be launched on **7 September** at St Andrew's on The Terrace, 3pm. An indication of numbers would be helpful, though all are welcome. Please email Anne on aemanch@gmail.com or publisher Philip Garside on bookspgpl@gmail.com if you intend being there.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE - SUNDAY 8TH

On Sunday 8th September 2024 at 3pm at St Marks Wesley Uniting Church, 58 Woburn Road, Lower Hutt we are holding a Service of Remembrance and Hope in memory of all victims and survivors who were abused and neglected in State and Church care. The Service, which is in response to the findings of the Royal Commission on Abuse in State and Church Care, is open to everyone and there will be refreshments served afterwards.

VUW LIVING WAGE COUNCIL ACTION – MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

VUW does not pay living wage. Join us here in the Hunter Council Chamber to demonstrate that the community wants the living wage included in the University's strategic plan. "If they care for your students, if they can cook your kai, if they clean your lecture theatres until 4am, pay them enough to live on!"
Monday 9 September 2024, 10am.

UPCOMING CONCERT – SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

How can I keep from singing? Wellington Community Choir and the Four Voices of Ratana Choir. A wonderful opportunity to hear the Ratana Choir in Wellington. Saturday 14 September 5pm-6.30pm at St Peter's on Willis. Tickets \$25 Concession \$15 Under 14 free. Tony Pears

UPCOMING CONCERT - SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

The Gale Force Gospel Choir invite you to their spring concert, 'Into the Light'. Sunday 15th September, 3.30pm, St Andrews on the Terrace. Door sales: \$20, Concession \$10, Kids free. Booking now at <https://www.galeforcegospel.org.nz>

UPCOMING WORKSHOP – 22 SEPTEMBER

Speak Peace - An Introduction to Nonviolent Communication

I highly recommend this workshop on 22 September which I will be attending.

Information at this link

<https://nvc-now.lilregie.com/booking/attendees/new> Tony Pears

LUNCHTIME TALK - DIVISIVENESS AND DEMOCRACY

ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE, MONDAY OCTOBER 7TH, 12 NOON.

Dame Anne Salmond and Professor Jonathan Boston – two of our most respected public thinkers – will discuss divisiveness in our society and the threats our democracy faces. Please join us at St Andrew's on the Terrace for what promises to be a fascinating exchange of ideas. Entry free, but koha 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
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Katrina Harper and Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Sally Gray, Michael Parker and Janet Horncy (CG)
Family Time	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Gillian Feist
Prayers of the People	Cam Smart
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	-
Musician	Bruce Cash
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty September 15th

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Jenn and Barrie Keenan
Coffee/tea	Maxine Cunningham, Rosemary Lawrence and Marilyn Wallace
Family Time	Frank Cook (CG)
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Jim Cunningham
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 8th September: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

Wednesday 11th September: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm – Afternoon Serenade: Johanna Gruskin, Sophia Acheson and Christine Wang

Sunday 15th September: 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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