



ORDER OF SERVICE

2ND FEBRUARY 2025

EPIPHANY 4

love

No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.
- Aesop

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

"Adagio" by W.A. Mozart (1756 – 1791)

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the corners of this city
from the confusion of life
from the loneliness of our hearts

Gather us, O God.

To feed our minds
to fire our imagination
to free our hearts

Gather us, O God.

- *Kate McIlhagga*

SILENCE

GATHERING

We come to this time of gathering
aware of sacred mystery

bringing us to life,

calling us to freedom,

moving among us with love.

Let us open our hearts and minds
so we can participate in this time

And with our lives resonate our thanksgiving.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Morning has broken'

Words © Eleanor Farjean & Yusuf Islam

Tune : BUNESSAN WOV 91

1. Morning has broken, like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
praise for them springing fresh from the word.
2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness, where his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day.
4. Mine is the passion and inspiration,
new life inspires me to venture forth.
My love to offer, my obligation,
to leave the darkness, spread love on earth.

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 lunch in the Hall after church.

OPENING PRAYER

For our community gathered here,
for the spirit that called us together and drew us to this place:

We give thanks this day.

For moments we have shared with others;
for times when we have reached out across barriers
of distance and fear; for times when others have reached out to us;
for moments when we have discovered another along our path:

We give thanks this day.

For this community of celebration and growth,
introspection and solitude, and for those moments of
'that peace which passes all understanding':

We give thanks this day.

For our gathering together out of distant places;
for our weaving together out of many separate selves
this hour of celebration and worship:

We give thanks this day. Amen

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.

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

We send you to the Rainbow Room to hear stories, ask questions and have fun together. ***We bless you. Amen.***

PASSING THE PEACE

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

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Tony Kirby

Hebrew Bible

Jeremiah 1:4-10

New Testament

1 Cor 13:1-13

Contemporary Reading

"And so it is" by Albert Wendt

from 'Katuvei' Contemporary Pasifika Poetry from Aoteroa New Zealand

We want so many things and much
What is real and what is not? What is the plan?

Our garden is an endless performance
of light and shadow quick bird and insect palaver

The decisive wisdom of cut basil informs everything
teaches even the black roots of the back divide to breathe

Blessed are the flowers herbs and vegetables
Reina has planted in their healing loveliness

The hibiscus blooms want a language to describe their colour
I say the red of fresh blood or birth

A lone monarch butterfly flits from flower to flower
How temporary it all is how fleeting the attention

The boundary palm with the gigantic Afro is a fecund nest
for the squabble of birds that wake us in the mornings

In two weeks of luscious rain and heat our lawn
is a wild scramble of green that wants no limits

Into the breathless blue sky the pohutukawa
in the corner of our back yard stretches and stretches
Invisible in its foliage a warbler weaves a delicate song
I want to capture and remember like I try to hold

all the people I've loved or love
as they disappear into the space before memory

Yesterday I pulled up the compost lid
to a buffet of delicious decay and fat worms feasting

Soil earth is our return our last need and answer
beyond addictive reason fear and desire

Despite all else the day will fulfil its cycle of light and dark
and I'll continue to want much and take my chances

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

FFS 10(i) 'Come and find the quiet centre'

Words: Shirley Murray; arr. John Bell Tune: GAELIC TRADITIONAL MELODY

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 base,
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 loves 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

“I do not know how to speak; I am too young” (Jer 1:6)
Rev. Dr Fei Taule’ale’ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC **‘AT THE RIVER’ (hymn tune)** *adapted by Aaron Copeland*
Jane Keller

HYMN

‘God of every new beginning’

Words © 2004 Carl P. Daw J. Tune BLAENWERN WOV 165 (ii)

1. God of every new beginning,
each rekindling, all fresh starts,
reawakening joy and wonder,
rousing nerve in fearful hearts:
shepherd us through doubts and shadows;
with new promise prod and brace;
show us how our past connects us
to your future full of grace.

2. God the Spirit, life-bestower,
singing wind and dancing fire,
fount of faith's imagination,
hope's endurance, love's desire:
come, renew your gifts among us,
let them form our minds and wills;
fire us with the truth that frees us;
breathe again the peace that stills.

3. God incarnate, dwelling with us,
Word made flesh by human birth,
Love embodied in our story
Suffering Servant here on earth;
teach us how our life together
forms a witness to your care;
through this holy mystery may we
firmly trust and greatly dare.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Westminster Abbey” by H. Purcell (1659 – 1695)

OFFERING HYMN

‘Give thanks with a grateful heart’

Words and Music ©Henry Smith 1978

1. Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He’s given many gifts to us.
And now let the weak say I am strong,
let the poor say I am rich,
because of what our God has
done for us, give thanks.

OFFERING PRAYER

At this time and in this place, may our inner replenishment make us more alive to life’s moments and more responsive to life’s creative possibilities.

And let the offerings we bring be a sign of our gratitude, and an expression of hope for life and the world. 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 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

Sonia Groes-Petrie

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Pakistan. We pray for the the Presbyterian Church of Pakistan, here 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 are able to welcome some from this group. 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 Tangi Utikere (Palmerston North) and Tim van de Molen (Waikato). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Khandallah 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: WE CELEBRATE THE CHRISTIAN MEAL OF THANKSGIVING

THE INVITATION

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

'Crowded table, urgent faces'

Words: Andrew Pratt Tune: ABBOTS LEIGH WOV 93

1. 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.
2. 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 CHANT

CH 661 'Eat this bread drink this cup'

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Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

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 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

FFS 'These Hills where the hawk flies lonely'

Words and music © Colin Gibson

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.

MAORI BLESSING:

Kia tau ki a tātou katoa

Te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, a Ihu Karaiti

Me te aroha o te Atua

Me te whiwhingatahitanga

Ki te wairua tapu

Ake, ake, ake

Amine

(English translation: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all now and forever. Amen)

SUNG BLESSING

FFS 29 'God speed you on your way'

Words and music © Shona Murray Tune: STAFFORD

1. God speed you on your way,
safe keep you ev'ry day,
give you wing, cause to sing--
all this we wish and pray.

2. God give you space to thrive,
all senses kept alive,
health and hope, means to cope,
joyfully to arrive.

3. God lead you to the new,
places and points of view,
paths to take, friends to make,
more life to travel through!

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

**“Nun danket alle Gott, Op. 65 No 13”
by S. Karg-Elert (1877 – 1933)**

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Peter Franklin

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

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

Great news! We are now able to accept ALL types of plastic lids for recycling regardless of their number or lack of number. That means we now collect plastic and metal lids, Tetra Pak beverage cartons and used pens. There are containers for each sort of material in the North Vestry. I have updated the take-home information sheet about what we do and don't collect. You can pick up a new one from the desk in the North Vestry. Please make sure everything you drop off is clean and dry. Thanks for all your recycling efforts. It's really making a difference to what goes into landfill. - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

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. For Hutt Valley and other members, Bunnings' stores have recycling bins where used batteries can be left. Happy recycling!

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 in 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

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.**

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. 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/**

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	Simon Miller
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Katrina Harper and Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier, Maxine and Jim Cunningham
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Communion	Lynne Dovey, Laura and David Gehrenbeck, Doug Lendrum, Janet Horncy, Janet Martin
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty February 9th

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Bridget Martin, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Sally Gray, Katrina Harper, Marilyn Wallace
Family Time	Ellen Murray
Readings	Jim Cunningham
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey (CG)
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Bruce Cash
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday February 2nd: 10am Communion Service led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Community Brunch.

Sunday February 9th: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Exploring Faith.

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

- 1st Sunday Communion service followed by Community Brunch on even months
Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec.
- 2nd Sunday Congregational service followed by Exploring Faith
- 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	Caroline Korybut
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller
Concert Coordinator	Kristina Zuelicke
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
Office Administrator	Jemma Ballantyne
Centre Assistant	Germaine Ambray
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