



ORDER OF SERVICE

9TH FEBRUARY 2025

EPIPHANY 5



“GOD DEFEND AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND”

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

**Magnificat (2 opening verses)
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)**

CALL TO WORSHIP

The week our nation looked at itself and its founding documents;

We gather in this spirit filled space to give thanks and reflect.

If Jesus's feet were on this land now,

what would he say to us and all who live here,

politicians and people, migrants, mothers,

colleagues and customers, students and sellers?

SILENCE

OPENING RESPONSES (please remain standing)

Mountains form the backbone of this country

What backbone do we display?

Beaches invite us to play and relax

What chance does everyone have to re-create and re-energise?

People remind us of the infinite variety of humankind

How varied can our responses be?

On mountain or beach, with everyone present, Spirit is found within us

Spirit we call God, shown to us in Jesus who walks with us here

Enlighten our lives and open our hearts.

1. And did those feet in former times
walk upon scree and tussock brown
and did the man, Jesus the Christ
cross mountains high and rolling downs?
and did he know the morning mist?
and did he know the harbour's sheen?
and did he love this cityscape
its terraced streets, the urban scene?
2. And does he still walk this our land,
talking and laughing with us yet?
And does he know that stab of need
when all our other friends forget?
And is he there when wine is poured?
And is he there when bread's prepared?
And does he laugh when life's all right?
And does he weep when it is not?
3. Be with us Christ, as we step out.
Come with us on our lifelong quest.
Be our true guide, on our right hand,
be with us, walking and at rest.
So we will know life to the full,
be there to see us through the night.
For we would be your followers
pursue your Way with all our might.

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

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

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

Ellen Murray

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

Jim Cunningham

Hebrew Bible

Psalm 138

New Testament

Colossians 3:13

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Korohe - 3:13

Kia āta hanga koutou tētahi ki tētahi, me te hohou i te rongo tētahi ki tētahi, ki te mea kei tētahi he take riri ki tētahi: kia rite ki tā te Ariki i hohou nei i te rongo ki a koutou, kia pērā ano hoki koutou.

Thursday was 'Waitangi Day"
In 1840, so they say,
the Maori chieftains, at The Bay,
signed independent rights away.
Though none of them had heard or seen
Victoria, the "Great White Queen",
at Hobson's urging, they agreed
their sovereignty to her concede.

So, one by one, they gave their hand,
though none could fully understand,
that, thereby, all their rights and land
came under the White Queen's command.
And so, until this very day, through years of argument and fray,
protesters with complaints assay
to remedy what went astray.

O God of Nations! Grant release!
Let this dispute and squabble cease!
May all our chiefs and politicians,
considering their propositions,
proclaim that Maori in their iwi
and Pakeha are brother kiwi
and, after all we've had to weather,
forgive and live in peace together?

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA155 'Where Mountains rise to open skies'

Words: © Shirley Murray Music :Vernon Giffiths

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 bind all humankind
one covenant of life to share!

REFLECTION **The Crying Waters" (Waitangi)**

Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Rivers of Babylon

Bruce Cash

HYMN

'E te Atua'

Words and Music: Traditional Tune: KUM BA YA AA31

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| 1. E te Atua aroha mai [x3]
ake ake tonu e. | O God love us
forever and ever. |
| 2. E te Atua manaaki mai [x3]
ake ake tonu e. | O God bless us
forever and ever. |
| 3. E te Atua awhina mai [x3]
ake ake tonu e. | O God help us
forever and ever |

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Magnificat (middle verse)
Dietrich Buxtehude

OFFERING HYMN

'Give thanks with a grateful heart'

Words and Music © Henry Smith 197T June GIVE THANKS

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.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Palau, the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia. We pray for the United Church of Christ – Congregational in the Marshall Islands, 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 Hon Brook van Velden (Tāmaki) and Ayesha Verrall (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Levin Uniting Church (Pres-Meth).

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

“Deep in the human heart”

Words: © Bill Wallace Tune : Diademata WOV 163

1. Deep in the human heart
the fire of justice burns;
a vision of a world renewed
through radical concern.
As Christians we are called
to set the captives free,
to overthrow the evil powers
and end hypocrisy.
2. This is our task today:
to build a world of peace;
a world of justice, freedom, truth,
where kindness will increase;
a world from hunger freed,
a world where people share,
where every person is of worth
and no one lives in fear.
3. Taking the step of faith,
we leave the past behind
and move into the future's world
with open heart and mind.
By grace we work with Christ,
as one community,
to bring new hope and fuller life
to all humanity.

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

May the God of new beginnings, start with you and me
May the God of continuing story, speak through you and me,
May the God of infinite wisdom shine through you and me
May the God of safe homecomings, welcome you and me.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G, BWV 541
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Bruce Cash

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 Sunday 9 February you are welcome to gather in Conference Room 1-2 for the 1st "Exploring Faith" session for 2025. These 2nd Sundays of the month sessions through 2024 have been absorbing, interesting and thought-provoking. This month it will be one of our members simply sharing her faith journey, what faith has meant to her during her lifetime. 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 barrie@keenan.co.nz or 027 285 7275.

NOTICE FROM HEATHER-ROSE

Many people in conversation have asked me about InterPlay and Dances of Universal Peace, two community bodymindspirit practices I facilitate/cofacilitate, this month (and next) there will be opportunity to explore both in Wellington:

Saturday February 15th 2-4pm Dances of Universal Peace

Saturday February 22nd 1-4pm Welcome to InterPlay

Venue for both is the Wellington Wellness Collective Studio, Unit 5 Kilbirnie Plaza, 22 Bay Road Kilbirnie. There is onsite patrolled parking - a small fee for over 90 mins, and many buses nearby.

Comfy clothes for movement for both practices; maybe bring a cushion.

Koha welcomed.

Ngā mihi, Heather-Rose

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.**

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

On duty February 16 th	
Welcoming	Pam Fuller and Pat McGiven
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Lynette Burrell and Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Kath Kerr and Michael Parker
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Ephraim Wilson
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's	
Sunday February 9th: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Exploring Faith.	
Sunday February 16th: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Younger members (Y) Group.	
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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