

LET ALL THE WORLD IN EVERY CORNER SING

Today we celebrate the role of music and musicians in the life of our church. We do so today in the midst of a global pandemic, aware that millions of Christians around the world are still not able to gather and to sing freely as we do today. We pray for those who feel this loss most acutely and we give thanks for the freedom we experience.

I am told that the bible contains over 400 reference to singing and 50 direct commands to sing. Twice in the New Testament Paul encourages us to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

At its best singing together in worship helps us to express our praise to God, creates a space for us to offer ourselves to God and binds us together in community. When we stand and sing as a congregation, we use our bodies, to join our hearts and our voices in praising God. There is a unifying and community building aspect to choral and to congregational music.

One of the things that I believe made our zoom worship during lockdown so special was that we were able to draw from the soundtrack of our life together at St Andrew's – with recorded music through the years. Even without being together we were about to share in listening to something which represented our collective identity and helped us feel connected to one another across the distance. Music is powerful indeed.

Music is woven into the fabric of our lives. It represents our faith journey collectively and individual. It forms us from the inside out and the outside in.

Whether we are singing old favorites, new words to classic hymn tunes, or discovering new favorites – let us celebrate the gift of music and the joy it brings into our lives.



The Reverend Sarah Stevens-Cross

2ND AUGUST 2020

MUSIC SUNDAY

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St Andrew's
Welcomes You



Introit: *O Praise the Lord-Batten*

Words of Introduction

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
we celebrate today with joy
God's gift of music,
and give special thanks
for the Royal School of Church Music –
for the way it has enriched the worship
of the Christian Church
in many musical styles
and in many places around the world.
In this service we make our prayer
in word, silence and song,
as we seek God's blessing
upon the work of the RSCM
and all who minister through music.

Processional Hymn

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him
by whom ye were made,
and worship before him,
in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you
his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you
to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs,
his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and sweet harp,
the story of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along!
For love in creation,
for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!

Eucharistic Liturgy

Thanksgiving and Praise *page 476*

A Prayer for Kids Church

**Loving God,
bless our young people
this morning,
be with them in their searching,
their questioning,
and in their understanding. Amen.**

Confession

We have too often exchanged
the worship of the living God
for idols of our own imagining.
As we gather to offer our praises
to the holy and undivided Trinity,
and to worship God in spirit and in
truth, let us call to mind our sins;
Silence

We have not always worshipped God,
our creator.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have failed to sing the Lord's song
in a strange land.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have used your gifts
to serve our own ends.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Sentence

"But be filled with the Spirit, as you sing
psalms and hymns and spiritual songs
among yourselves, singing and making
melody to the Lord in your hearts."

Ephesians 5: 18b,19

Collect

God of all creation,
for whom the church,
in liturgy and song,
has borne faithful witness
through the centuries;
let us be your instruments of praise,
that in us may be found
that new dimension of sound
which tunes our souls and bodies
to the infinite beauty of your truth
and the profound glory
of your eternal light.
For you reign, Trinity in unison,
God in harmony, now and forever.
Amen.

Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual
songs.

Psalm 149

Gradual Hymn

In this familiar place
I know the mystery of your grace.
*For the love that I receive,
for the truth that I believe
I praise and thank you for this here and now*

In halting song and word
the music of your voice is heard.
For the love ...

Among these friends of mine
I taste the company divine.
For the love ...

Within this narrow sphere
I learn that you are everywhere.
For the love

Gospel: Luke 1: 46-55

Mary's song

Prayers of the People

Bidding: Lord, hear our prayer

Response: And let our cry come unto
you

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Offertory Hymn

Angel voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel harps, forever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless Thee
and confess thee Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we feel that thou art near us
and wilt hear us? Yes, we can.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
for Thy praise design
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to Thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer,
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.

Honor, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity:
of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven render Thee.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

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*The choir will sing the **Angus Dei** as
communion is distributed to the altar party*

Communion Instructions

*Everyone is welcome to receive
communion at St Andrew's.*

One hand out – dipped bread and wine.

Two hands out you will be offered just the
bread and the wine will follow.

*When you are offered the common cup, you
may drink from it, or take it and hold it to
acknowledge that you are
receiving God's grace; or simply bow your
head to acknowledge it.*

Communion Motet:

*O taste and see – Vaughan William
King of Glory - Greening*

Post Communion Sentence

"I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will make music to my God while I
have my being. " *Psalm 104.35*

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Closing Hymn

Songs of praise the angels sang,
heaven with alleluias rang,
when creation was begun,
when God spake and it was done.

Songs of praise await the morn
When the Prince of peace was born
songs of praise arose when he
captive led captivity.

Saints below, with heart and voice,
still in songs of praise rejoice;
learning here, by faith and love,
songs of praise to sing above.

Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise,
Jesu, glory unto thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

Blessing

May the songs of the angels sustain you,
may the praises of the saints inspire you,
may the silent music
of the Unseen Trinity be in your heart,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

The Light of Life (© RSCM, 2002)

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS

Monday

Psalm 119:89-96 / Jeremiah 28:1-17 / Matthew 14:22-end (or 14:13-21)

God our hope, break the yoke of our expectations, that we may be liberated to seek and recognise your presence in our midst. Keep us in touch with Jesus, who reaches out with your healing and hope, even in the midst of the storms of our lives. With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Tuesday

Psalm 102:16-21 / Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 / Matthew 15:1-2,10-14 (14:22-end)

Restoring God, when we cry out in our brokenness, touch us afresh with your mercy, that we may return to you. Challenge us anew with the example of Jesus, whenever we place the preservation of tradition and ritual above the loving of our neighbour.

With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Wednesday

Psalm 121 / Jeremiah 31:1-7 / Matthew 15:21-28

Loving God, you desire that everyone come from the wilderness of exile into the warmth of your embrace. Grant us the persistence of the Canaanite woman, that we may not only celebrate your presence among us, but also speak clearly about our hopes for the world.

With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Thursday

Psalm 51:11-18 / Jeremiah 31:31-34 / Matthew 16:13-23

Holy God, you have pledged your love for us in a covenant. Through Jesus, you show us your way of love. When we stumble, unsure how to live our lives in you, inspire us by your Spirit to name ourselves as yours, and to trust your covenant of grace. With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Friday

Psalm 137:1-6 (or Deut:32:35-36,39,41) / Nahum 2:1,3; 3:1-3,6-7 / Matthew 16:24-28

God of peace, when we gloat over the demise of those we call enemies, touch our hearts with your hope for peace. Open our ears to hear Jesus' words to love one another. Give us courage to shoulder the cross that leads to new life for all, so we may see all our brothers and sisters as your holy creation. With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Saturday

Psalm 9:7-11 / Habakkuk 1:12 - 2:4 / Matthew 17:14-20

Holy One, through Jesus you show us, that even when our faith is as small as a mustard seed, nothing is impossible in you. You offer us healing and hope, justice and peace. Help us rejoice in your vision of a new world, where your mercy and love are undoubted, celebrated and shared with all. With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Source: Our Daily Bread Jenny Harrison and John McAlpine

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- * We welcome our Guest Preacher this morning, The Reverend Geoff Hickman. Geoff is the former Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral and Chaplain to the Royal School of Church Music, Auckland.
- * The 9.30am Sunday Service will be zoomed for those worshipping from home. Phone 884 6780 from a landline or go to www.zoom.us Meeting ID # 664-003-107

INTERMENT OF ASHES - MARGARET MILLER, TODAY SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST



Keith, Jan and Bryce Miller and their families invite you to join them as they lay Margaret's ashes to rest in the St Andrew's Church grounds at 8.45am on Sunday 2nd August. The family will attend the 8am service and will then flow directly into the interment.

UPCOMING WORSHIP EVENTS

30 AUGUST

One Intergenerational
Service followed by
Parish Meeting



30 AUGUST

Evensong in the Church
5pm



Church Working Bee Saturday 31st October

Details to follow closer to the time

Parish Dinner Saturday 5th September

Mark your diaries now!

Questions about the Referendum?

REFERENDUM EDUCATION FORUMS

St Andrew's Epsom invites you to join us for two evenings of information and education designed to help you make an informed vote in these referenda on election day. Supper will follow.

END OF LIFE CHOICE

7pm Monday 3rd August 2020

Speakers:

Brooke Van Velden, ACT party and
Jan Nichols,
Chief Executive of Harbour Hospice.

CANNABIS LEGALISATION AND CONTROL

7pm Monday 17th August 2020

Speakers :

Associate Professor Chris Wilkins and
Dr Marta Rychert
Massey University College of Health.



Venue: St Andrew's Epsom Parish Hall, 100 St Andrews Rd, Epsom.
Parking is available down the driveway.
RSVP to office@standrewsepsom.org.nz or (09) 6388264

TERM 3 AT TE PAPAPA SCHOOL

Needs for breakfast and lunch remain unchanged; spreads and cereals are much appreciated. Tinned fruits are not so much needed, as they have a stock of these. Margarine and spaghetti would be welcome; baked beans are already provided for the school. Thanks to you all.



STRAWBERRY FAIR 2020 SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER



Needed: household goods, linen including sheets curtains, towels, blankets etc, books, china and glassware, articles for the Silent Auction, small pieces of furniture only. Articles can be delivered to the shed during office hours. If these times are not suitable please phone Bridget to arrange a suitable time.

We are also arranging the annual **Big Raffle**, which is drawn at the Patronal Festival. We would appreciate donations either of a suitable item or a financial donation to enable us to purchase a suitable prize. The bank account is on back of pew sheet. Please ref: Big Raffle. Any queries please ring Bridget 022 533 7300 or email bm.graham@xtra.co.nz

CALLING ALL YOUTH & YOUNG AT HEART Annual Diowhodunit Friday 28th August 7pm to 9pm at St Chad's Meadowbank

The Diowhodunit is like a live game of Cluedo. You work as a team to solve this horrible puzzle, and then they serve you supper! Transport will be provided from St Andrew's and the young people dropped home afterwards. Please let Aimee know if you are keen to be involved.

DONATIONS BY CHEQUE After 31 May 2021 cheques will no longer be accepted for deposit into our ANZ Parish account. The easiest and most convenient way of making a payment is electronically. Many of our regular cheque givers have already started to pay electronically via automatic payment, or by direct crediting to our Parish Account. If you need to speak to someone about this, your bank will be able to help you. You can continue to use cash in the offering plate. We hope that by advertising this now, it will give you plenty of time to consider other options. Thank you for your generosity to St Andrew's.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Services: Sunday 8am and 9:30am, Wednesday 10am

If you would like to give via Automatic Payment or Direct Credit

The Parish bank account is: 06 0103 0780441 00



Those assisting with worship today are:

Presider, Preacher	The Reverend Sarah Stevens-Cross, Geoff Hickman
Deacon	The Reverend Julian Morris
Director of Music	Neil Shroff
Organist	Stephen Hamilton
Liturgical Leader	9.30 am Lesley Anderson
Server	8.00 am Sue Gaddis
	9.30 am Soojin Morris
Chalice Bearer	9.30am Stephen Best
Reader:	8.00 am Kay Hawk
	9.30 am Lucy Best
Intercessors	8.00 am not required
	9.30 am Diana Burslem
Welcomers	8.00 am Kay and Richard Hawk
	9.30 am Jocelyn Bray and Simon Smith
Morning Tea	9.30 am Jane McNamara

Anglican Historical Society

'No Ordinary Man'

Honouring the Revd Dr Arthur Purchas

A talk by his biographer, John Steele

in St Peters Church Onehunga

Sunday 16th August at 2pm.

For further details see the poster on the church noticeboard at back of church.

It's that time again!

RUTH PRETTY

Christmas Cakes and Puddings

In support of the Friends of ATWC

Please see order forms
at the back of church.



KIWI PILGRIMAGE 7 AUGUST 2020

Departing St George's Epsom at 9.00 am, arriving at St Andrew's Epsom at 9.30am

Destination: Waikumete Cemetery 1918 Pandemic Monument

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