



## Faith Community Gathering

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

**This is the season of Christmas,  
New Birth and New things are Birthing for us, alleluia!**



A threshold can as easily be an invitation inside as a call to move out into adventure. One of the most important thresholds we cross is into the place that feels like home.

*Where do you feel most at home?*

**Today we join as one 'fellowship' to join in worship  
and to share in hospitality, we the people of Saints Aidans and Andrews**

Gathering Music.

***The gong is sounded three times***

### **Songs of Praise:**

- Alleluia Alleluia Give thanks to the risen Lord - S.3 HFTC
- Bind us together Lord - S.4 HFTC
- Be still and know that I am God

### **Opening Sentences**

Together we make it a sacred place and welcome by greeting each other in our own languages .

**Haere Mai, Aere mai, hwan-yeong, Fakaalofa lahi atu,  
Afio mai, Ulu tonu mai, Talofa Lava, Foon Ying, Selamat Datang, Vitajte,  
Welkom, Welcome**

Mission 2020 is the 'courtship' of St Aidans & St Andrews

## Opening Sentences

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**

The sacred is everywhere,  
 At the heart of everything  
 That was, is, or to be...  
 It isn't what one says  
 But in what one does  
 That we discover where the sacred is  
 And is marked by peace and love.

**Readings:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23  
**“Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.”**

**Young’uns chat:**

**Singing:** Celebrate a New Day Dawning (Tune: Hyfrydol)

**Thoughts for the week:**

**Singing/offering:** Womb of Life (Tune:Ode of Joy)

**Communion:**

**Our Prayers for others ...**

Followed by saying together in the Spirit of the Lords Prayer ...

**O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos,  
 you create all that moves in light.  
 O Thou! The Breathing Life of all,**

**Creator of the Shimmering Sound that touches us.**

**Respiration of all worlds, we hear you breathing—in and out—  
in silence. Source of Sound: in the roar and the whisper,  
in the breeze and the whirlwind, we hear your Name.**

**Radiant One: You shine within us,  
outside us—even darkness shines—when we remember.**

**Name of names, our small identity  
unravels in you, you give it back as a lesson.**

**Wordless Action, Silent Potency—  
where ears and eyes awaken,  
there heaven comes.**

**O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos!**

Jesus invited all to the feast of peace and new life.

Jesus risked everything in compassion.

Jesus promised to make himself known  
in the breaking of the bread.

We give thanks for the wonderful gift of reflective awareness  
that allows us to recognise and name  
the presence of a Creative Spirit  
beyond all imagining, in our universe.

**And we give thanks.**

Everything we have

Everything we see

Everything we do

Everyone we love and everyone who loves us  
reveals this sustaining Presence  
and our total dependence on it.

We marvel and wonder at the size  
and complexity of our universe...

We marvel and wonder at the development  
of life on this planet...

We give thanks for the creative Presence  
that 'energises' this life and all that exists...

We recognise that human life gives this Presence  
 a particular way of coming to expression,  
 and that in us the Presence can  
 sing and dance,  
 speak and write,  
 love and create.

Conscious that we live, move, and have our being in this Presence,  
 we give thanks for people throughout history  
 who have affirmed this loving presence in all people.

**For those who have invited people to give witness to this  
 by lives characterised by  
 gratitude, compassion,  
 generosity and forgiveness.**

Especially we give thanks for the sage Jesus of Nazareth.  
 He loved so greatly and taught so clearly and courageously,  
 he was able to set people free from images  
 and ideas and religious practices  
 that bound them into fear  
 and a false sense of separation from the Spirit of all Life.  
 Through him we have learned how our loving  
 is a sharing in the life of this Spirit.

**In him we see this Presence urging all of us  
 to make its creativity on earth more visible.**

We also remember how Jesus shared meals with his friends.  
 Through grain and grape, bread and wine,  
 and in fellowship together,  
 he spoke of his enduring love for each of them.  
 So we take this bread and this wine  
 mindful of the Presence at work in our lives,  
 in the ordinary,  
 in the everyday.

*Bread is broken*

Breaking this bread  
 we confess our dependence upon,  
 our participation in  
 the world of nature.

Breaking this loaf  
 we confess our dependence upon,  
 our responsibility for  
 the community of life

*Wine poured out*

Pouring out this wine  
 we commemorate  
 men and women of all ages  
 who have poured themselves  
 into the search for beauty,  
 for truth, for goodness and love...  
 Who have brought us closer to each other,  
 who have brought us closer  
 to that Great Love  
 the generations have sometimes named  
 God.

**Sharing 'The Peace'**

Let us take a moment to celebrate God's grace and mercy by sharing the peace  
 May a heart of peace rest with you.

**And also with you.**

*You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.*

**Music:**

**Communion**

**Bread and Wine**

*Bread is broken, Wine poured out*

So we take and break this bread, and pour out this wine  
 mindful of the Spirit at work in our lives,  
 making our living a source of renewal and hope.

Bread... the very stuff of life.

Wine... the very essence of life.

*{You are invited to eat the bread in your own time remembering your own  
 communion with God. You are invited to hold the wine and drink together to  
 remember that we are the family of Christ}*

**Singing:** Christ is alive AA15

**Notices**

**Birthdays**

**Significant events**

**Parting Words**

Let us take on this week's life

with renewed hope and imagination...

*The Community Candle is extinguished*

May the quality of our lives be our benediction.

**And a blessing to all whom we touch.**

**Words of Blessing**

Go now, into the world God loves so much,

to bear the fruit of love.

Go in peace and with delight

for God the source of life and love goes with us.

In this is great blessing!

**Amene! May it be so in us!**

**Sung Blessing:** Now unto him

**NOTICES:**

Mainly Music starts again on Tuesday 11 February at 9.15am. Any offers of help would be welcome talk with the TEAM and or Pauline Fish.



This year's World Day of Prayer will be held at St Aidan's on Friday March 5 at 10.30am followed by a shared lunch. The service has been written by ladies in Zimbabwe.

**The Courtship of Saints Aidans & Andrews is happening:** Our first date today, what will you bring as a gesture of appreciation? A flower, chocolates ....?

**The Newsletter** – is to be edited by Barbara Westra. Please send all contributions to Barbara 'bmwestra@hotmail.com' by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. February is completed rosters for the coming months will be in it.

**The Worship dates and times are set out as** – all times are 9:30am

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays @ St Andrews,
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ St Aidans,
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ Zion Hill with all three Parishes

**NAME TAGS** – Showing our togetherness and we are all invited to wear them 'religiously' please. 😊

## ROSTERS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Door Duty</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Prayer</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Morning Tea</u>
<b>Feb 2</b>	Robyn Bogue	Helene M	Ian B	Helene	Jocelyn and Pauline
<b>Feb 9</b>	Rachel Hurr	Don McDowall	Rachel	Don	Elizabeth W and Lexi
<b>Feb 16</b>	B Wadams	Lynda B	B Wadams	Lynda	Isabel and Robin
<b>Feb23</b>	Dalia Sharrock	Jocelyn C	Dalia	Jocelyn	Fiona and John
<b>Mar 1</b>	Pauline Fish	Robin Baxter	Pauline	Robin	Rosemary B and Gwen
<b>Mar 8</b>	Margaret King	B Wesley	Margaret	B Wesley	Karen Davies and Lyn Carter
<b>Mar15</b>	Ian Bogue	Jeanne	Rosemary B	Jeanne	Fleur Taylor and Isabel
<b>Mar 22</b>	Cathy Fraser	Lexi M	Cathy	Lexi	Anne White and Val Walby