



# The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

encompassing  
St Matthew's, Hastings  
& St Peter's, Riverslea

*Christian communities in the heart of Hastings*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Epiphany  
14<sup>th</sup> January 2024**



***Our Service begins on page of 456  
of A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa***

## *Opening Hymn*

Joyful, joyful we adore you,  
God of glory, God of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
singing bird and flowing fountain  
call to praise you joyfully.

You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest,  
Our Creator, Christ our brother,  
all are yours who live in love;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to your joy above.

*Words: Henry Van Dyke, adapted - Tune: ODE TO JOY*

## ***The Gathering of the Community – page 456***

### *The Collect – page 460*

Praise to you, God,  
for all your work among us.  
Yours is the vigour in creation,  
yours is the impulse in our new discoveries.  
Make us adventurous,  
yet reverent and hopeful in all we do.  
Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.

## ***The Proclamation – pages 460-461***

### ***The Readings***

A reading from 1 Samuel 3:1-10

*The boy Samuel is called by God to a prophetic ministry. About 1000 BCE, within King Saul's reign, he later anointed David as future king of a united Israel.*

*After the reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18***

Lord you have searched me out and known me:

**you know when I sit down and when I stand up,  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You mark my path, and the places where I rest:

**you are acquainted with all my ways.**

Even before there is a word on my tongue:

**you Lord know it altogether.**

You guard me from behind and before:

**and cover me with your hand.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:

**so high that I cannot attain to it.**

Where shall I go from your spirit:

**or where shall I flee from your presence?**

I will praise you, for you are awesome and wonderful:

**marvellous are your works,  
and you know me through and through.**

My body was not hidden from you:

**when I was being fashioned in secret,  
and woven together in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes looked at my body:

**while it was as yet imperfectly formed.**

In your book all the days of my life were written:  
**while as yet there was not one of them.**

How deep are your thoughts O God:  
**and how great is the sum of them.**

If I should count them,  
they are more in number than the sand:  
**to finish the count,  
my life-span must needs be equal to yours.**

A reading from I Corinthians 6:12-20

*Immorality among Christians in Corinth was of great concern to Paul.  
He urges them to live by the highest of standards.*

*After the reading*

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**Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Hymn*

Every day I will offer you,  
loving God, my heart and mind,  
every way I discover you  
in the work your hand has signed;  
help me see I'm your image, and  
you have dreamed what I might be,  
every day in your Spirit,  
I'll find the love and energy!

Every day I will look to Christ,  
and give thanks for wine and bread  
through the pain and the emptiness  
where your world cries to be fed;  
help me see I can work for change,  
and wherever I might be,  
every day in your Spirit,  
I'll find the love and energy!

Every day I will take your word,  
answer your compassion's claim,  
celebrate every sign of hope,  
every deed done in your name;  
help me see you are always there,  
and your light can shine through me,  
every day in your Spirit,  
I'll find the love and energy!

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*We remain standing.*

The Holy Gospel according to John 1:43-51  
**Praise and glory to God.**

*Philip sees something unique in Jesus' ministry and message.  
He encourages a reluctant Nathaniel to become a follower.*

*After the reading:*  
This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to Christ the Word.**

### ***The Sermon***

***The Affirmation of Faith – page 461***

### ***The Prayers of the People***

*During the prayers:*  
God, you know our ways; in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

***The Peace – page 466***

### ***Offertory Hymn***

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
my hand will save.**

I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have born my peoples pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord ...*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
till their hearts be satisfied,  
I will give My life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord ...*

*Daniel L. Shutte - © New Dawn Music*

***Preparation of the Gifts – page 467***

***The Great Thanksgiving – page 467***

*We remain standing though feel free to sit if needs be.*

## ***The Communion – page 472***

*Communion is offered in both kinds (bread and wine) though feel free to receive only the bread.  
We do not, for health reasons, dip the bread in the wine.  
This is safer for you and others.*

### ***Prayer After Communion & Blessing***

May we who have been your guests  
at this communion  
reveal your life to all the world.

**May we be no longer your servants,  
but know your will,  
and be your friends.**

**You give us your life, may we be worthy of it;  
you give us yourself, may we embody you.**

Christ the Son be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**

### ***Final Hymn***

**We have not walked these paths before,  
nor viewed the scenes that meet our eyes;  
what fresh perspectives are in store,  
horizons hard to recognise  
that catch our breath with swift surprise,  
that catch our breath with swift surprise.**

**New sounds, new songs excite our ears,  
new needs are stretching heart and mind,  
unknown sensations, joys or fears;  
as passing fashions fall behind,  
what words, what wonders shall we find?  
what words, what wonders shall we find?**

**And God, who formed the ancient dust  
and wove the tapestry of space,  
is far beyond, and wise and just,  
yet walks beside us at our pace;  
such is the mystery, such the grace.  
such is the mystery, such the grace.**

**This much we know: here Jesus stood,  
and finished what he came to do,  
for all he did was wholly good  
and all he said was fully true,  
and what he makes is always new,  
and what he makes is always new.**

*Words: Christopher Idle - Tune: MELITA (aka "Eternal Father, strong to save")*

**Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.  
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

