



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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

Christian communities in the heart of Hastings



***3rd Sunday of the Epiphany
21st January 2024***



**Our service begins on page 476
of *A New Zealand Prayer Book***

Opening Hymn:

**Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God.
He whose word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode:
on the rock of ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
with salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all your foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove:
who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.**

**Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near:
thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day,
daily on the manna feeding
which God gives them when they pray.**

**Saviour, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name:
fading are the world's best pleasures,
all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.**

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The Collect

**Jesus, our Redeemer,
give us your power
to reveal and proclaim the good news,
so that wherever we may go
the sick may be healed,
lepers embraced,
and the dead and dying given new life;
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

First reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The Jonah story is an Old Testament parable about mission to places and people who at first reject God's way. The great city of Nineveh is seen as one such mission field.

After the reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62:5-12

Be still my soul, and wait for God:
from whom comes my hope of deliverance.

God only is my rock and my salvation:
my tower of strength, so that I stand unshaken.

In God is my deliverance and my honour:
the rock of my strength and my place of refuge.

Put your trust in God always you people:
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

For we mortals are only a puff of wind,
the great among us are but illusion:
**weighed in the balance they rise upward,
all of them lighter than air.**

Put no trust in extortion, set no vain hopes on plunder:
if riches increase, do not set your heart upon them.

Once God has spoken, and twice I have heard God say:
'Power belongs to God alone.'

Steadfast love O Lord is yours:
and you reward us all according to our deeds.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29–31

Paul's expectation that Christ's second coming was imminent explains this interesting passage on curbing human relationships.

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Gospel Hymn:

**You walk along our shoreline
where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power,
"Now come and follow me.
And if you still will follow
through storm and wave and shoal,
then I will make you fishers
but of the human soul."**

**You call us, Christ, to gather
the people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only
those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel
across the water's face,
our boat a common shelter
for all found by your grace.**

**We cast our net, O Jesus;
we cry the kingdom's name;
we work for love and justice;
we learn to hope through pain.
You call us still to gather
God's daughters and God's sons,
to let your judgment heal us
so that all may be one.**

Words: Sylvia Dunstan, Tune: MORNING LIGHT, or WOLVERCOTE

We remain standing

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:14–20
Praise and glory to God.

Mark tells of the calling of the first disciples.

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ the Word.

Prayers of the People

... in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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Offertory Hymn:

*Tell my people I love them;
tell my people that I care.
When they feel far away from me,
tell my people I am there.*

**Tell my people I came and died
to give them liberty;
as they abide in me
they will be really free!**

**Tell my people where-e'er they go
to claim my risen power;
my peace and joy and love
is for them hour by hour.**

**Tell my people who grieve and mourn
that I allowed the night
of darkness to descend,
but I am still the Light.**

**Tell my people to share their wealth
and fight the sin of greed;
care for the refugee;
the hungry they're to feed.**

**Tell my people throughout the world
to strive for peace today,
show love for enemies,
be servants of the Way.**

Words: Leonard Barlotti, vv. 3,4,5 Guy Jansen

Prayer After Communion & Blessing

God of glory,
you nourish us with bread from heaven.
**Fill us with your Holy Spirit,
that through us your light may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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 a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing your glory, tell your worth.**

**Tell of your birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of that death at Calvary,
hated by those you came to save,
in lonely suffering on the cross;
for all you loved your life you gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, the Christ was free!
You broke the power of death and hell
that we might share in victory.**

**Tell of your reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
God sends the Spirit on the Church
to live, and serve the Lamb who died.**

**Now we proclaim you Sovereign:
Jesus, the Saviour of the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing your glory, tell your worth.**

Edward Joseph Burns, b. 1938, adapted. Tune: FULDA

We turn to face the entrance of the church building

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

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