



# The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

(encompassing St Matthew's, Hastings, St Peter's, Riverslea, & St Martin's, Mayfair)  
Christian communities in the heart of Hastings



**Second Sunday of Lent**

**25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Eucharistic Liturgy:  
Thanksgiving of the People of God**

*Presider:* Grace and peace to you from God.  
**God fill you with truth and joy.**

We stand

Opening Hymn: **All people that on earth do dwell**

Tune: **OLD 100<sup>th</sup>** – [CP369] - Voices United #822

Contemporary version adapted by Thomas Troeger

From William Kethe; Genevan Psalter, 1551

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing out your faith with cheerful voice;  
delight in God whose praise you tell,  
whose presence calls you to rejoice.**
- 2 Know that there is one God, indeed,  
who fashions us without our aid,  
who claims us, gives us all we need,  
whose tender care will never fade.**
- 3 Enter the sacred gates with praise;  
with joy approach the temple walls.  
Extol and bless our God always  
as people whom the Spirit calls.**
- 4 Proclaim again that God is good,  
whose mercy is forever sure,  
whose truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.**

*The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing*

## **The Gathering**

I runga i te Ingoa o te Atua,  
te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu.

**Āmine.**

*(In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen)*

## A Sentence for the Season of Lent:

Jesus told his disciples, 'If any of you would come after me you must deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me.' *Matthew 16: 24 (adapted)*

## A Lenten Song of Praise

**'Saviour of the World'** - Salvator Mundi (*ANZPB p86*)

- 1 Jesus, Saviour of the world,  
come to us in your mercy:  
**we look to you to save and help us.**
- 2 By your cross and your life laid down  
you set your people free:  
**we look to you to save and help us.**
- 3 When they were ready to perish  
you saved your disciples:  
**we look to you to come to our help.**
- 4 In the greatness of your mercy loose us from our chains:  
**forgive the sins of all your people.**
- 5 Make yourself known  
as our Saviour and mighty deliverer:  
**save and help us that we may praise you.**
- 6 Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus:  
**hear our prayer and be with us always.**
- 7 And when you come in your glory:  
**make us to be one with you  
and to share the life of your kingdom.**
- 8 Thanks be to you O Lord:  
**Amen.**

*We sit or kneel*

## Invitation to Confession:

God's love is shown for us in this:  
while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. *Romans 5:8*

As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist together,  
in a moment of silence, we call to mind God's love for us,  
and our need for God's forgiveness.

*Silence*

Jesus, you came to call us to repentance.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you come in word and sacrament  
to share your abundant life.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Jesus, you will come again in glory  
to renew the whole creation.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Silence*

**Loving God, your presence comforts us  
as we journey through desert times and dark days;  
forgive us, cleanse us, heal us,  
and set us free, so that we may come to share  
in your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen**

*Presider:*

God forgives you;

forgive others;

forgive yourself.

*Silence*

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:  
approach your God in peace.

**Amen.**

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

**The word of Christ dwell in us richly.**

## Sentence of the Day

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him. *Mark 8: 34*

## Collect of the Day

Servant God, grant us opportunity,  
give us willingness to serve you day by day;  
**that what we do and how we bear each other's burdens,  
may be our sacrifice to you.**  
**This we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

## Reading:

**Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16**

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

**Psalm 22: 23-31** (ANZPB)

<sup>23</sup> Give praise all you that fear the Lord:  
proclaim God's greatness, all you children of Jacob,  
stand in awe all you children of Israel.

<sup>24</sup> **For you O God have not despised or abhorred  
the poor in their affliction:  
you have not hidden your face from them,  
but you heard them when they called to you.**

<sup>25</sup> You are the theme of my praise in the full assembly:  
my vows I will perform  
in the sight of those who fear you.

<sup>26</sup> **The poor shall eat and be satisfied:  
those who seek you O Lord shall praise you,  
may they be in good heart for ever.**

<sup>27</sup> Let all the ends of the earth remember  
and turn to you O Lord:  
and let all the families of the nations  
bow down before you.

- 28 **For yours is the kingdom O Lord:  
and you are the ruler over the nations.**
- 29 As for those who sleep in the grave,  
how shall they worship you:  
all those who go down into the dust,  
how shall they bow before you?
- 30 **But I shall live through you,  
and my children shall serve you:  
they shall tell of you  
to the generations that are yet to come.**
- 31 To a people as yet unborn they shall make known:  
the saving deeds you have done.

*Reading:* **Romans 4: 13-25**

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

*Gradual Hymn:* ***Faith will not grow from words alone***

*Tune: DUNEDIN - TIS#691 - Words: Elizabeth J Smith*

- 1 **Faith will not grow from words alone,  
from proofs provided, scripture known;  
our faith must feel its way about,  
and live with question-marks and doubt.**
- 2 **The pattern Jesus showed, we share:  
life comes through death,  
hope through despair.  
God is made known in brokenness,  
and faith feeds on God's emptiness.**
- 3 **The church still tells how Jesus came  
through death to glorious life again -  
the strangest story! Yet, maybe,  
our faith will thrive on mystery.**

- 4 **Faith takes the little that we know,  
and calls for hope, and tells us: Go!  
Love and take courage, come what may;  
Christ will be with us on the way.**

*Gospel Reading:* **Mark 8: 31-38**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark,  
chapter eight, beginning at the thirty-first verse.  
**Praise and glory to God.**

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

## **The Sermon**

Hymn:

***Love will be our Lenten calling***

*Tune: PICARDY - TIS#684 - Words: Elizabeth J. Smith*

- 1 **Love will be our Lenten calling,  
love to shake and shatter sin,  
waking every closed, cold spirit,  
stirring new life deep within,  
till the quickened heart remembers  
what our Easter birth can mean.**
- 2 **Peace will be our Lenten living  
as we turn for home again,  
longing for the words of pardon,  
stripping off old grief and pain,  
till we stand, restored and joyful,  
with the Church on Easter day.**
- 3 **Truth will be our Lenten learning:  
hear the Crucified One call!  
Shadowed by the Saviour's passion,  
images and idols fall,  
and, in Easter's holy splendour,  
God alone is all in all.**

## ***Affirmation of Faith - Nicene Creed***

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
and has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world,  
giving thanks for God's goodness.

God of hope, in your mercy: ('Let Us Pray' - Janet Nelson)

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

**Grant that we may walk in your presence:**

**your love in our hearts,**

**your truth in our minds,**

**your strength in our wills;**

**until, at the end of our journey,**

**we know the joy of our homecoming**

**and the welcome of your embrace,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand

### The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*As we sing the next Hymn, the bread and wine are brought to the altar; our offerings for the Foodbank and money to support ministry and mission are collected and presented also.*

### Offertory Hymn: **Christ who called disciples to him**

*Tune: RHUDDLAN - SG620 – Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith*

- Christ who called disciples to him  
from their nets beside the sea,  
taught and trained the twelve who knew him  
by the shores of Galilee,  
still he calls us to his service,  
saying 'Come and follow me'.**

- <sup>2</sup> Christ whose touch was life and healing,  
sight to blind and strength to lame,  
deed and word alike revealing  
mercy evermore the same,  
still he calls us to his service,  
strong in faith to bear his name.
- <sup>3</sup> Christ, in whom for our salvation  
God's unchanging love is shown,  
risen now in exaltation,  
reigning from the Father's throne,  
still he calls us to his service,  
and to make his gospel known.
- <sup>4</sup> Christ whose calling knows no ending,  
no reserve and no delays,  
by his Spirit's power defending  
those who follow in his ways,  
we are come to be his servants,  
faithful now and all our days.

### *The Preparation of the Gifts*

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness,  
and the power, and the glory,  
and the victory and the majesty.  
**All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours,  
and of your own we give you.**

### *The Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord is here.  
**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Honour and worship are indeed your due,  
our Lord and our God, through Jesus Christ,  
for you created all things;  
by your will they were created,  
and for your glory they have their being.

In your loving purpose you chose us  
before the foundation of the world  
to be your people;  
you gave your promises to Abraham and Sarah  
and bestowed your favour on the Virgin Mary.

Above all we give you thanks and praise  
for your grace in sending Jesus Christ,  
not for any merit of our own  
but when we had turned away from you.

We were bound in sin,  
but in your compassion you redeemed us,  
reconciling us to yourself with the precious blood of Christ.

In your Son you suffered with us and for us,  
offering us the healing riches of salvation  
and calling us to freedom and holiness.

Though tempted in every way as we are,  
yet he did not sin;  
through him therefore we may triumph over sin  
and grow in grace.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language,  
with the whole Church on earth and in heaven,  
joyfully we give you thanks and say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and honour to you, God of grace,  
for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ  
once for all on the cross  
to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

The night before he died,  
he took bread,  
and when he had given you thanks,  
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;  
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup,  
and when he had given you thanks,  
he gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you,  
for this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this as often as you drink it,  
to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father,  
in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son,  
we now celebrate the wonder of your grace  
and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come in glory.**

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness,  
we were far off until you brought us near  
and our hands are empty until you fill them.

As we eat this bread and drink this wine,  
through the power of your Holy Spirit  
feed us with your heavenly food,

renew us in your service, unite us in Christ,  
and bring us to your everlasting kingdom.  
O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God;  
how unsearchable are your judgments  
and untraceable your ways.

**From you, and through you, and for you are all things.  
To you be the glory for ever. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray,  
saying ...

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,  
for we all share the one bread.**

## **The Invitation to Communion**

Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua,  
tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

*Come God's people,  
come to receive Christ's heavenly food.*

Communion will be served at standing stations at the Sanctuary steps - all are welcome to receive the bread and wine at communion, (however please note that intinction, ie dipping the wafer into the wine chalice, is **NOT** permitted); although you are welcome to receive the bread only if you prefer, or to come forward for a blessing only.

If you need communion served to you in your seat, please indicate to the servers.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Praise and glory to you, Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
for you do not call the righteous  
but us sinners to repentance.

**You draw us away from the easy road  
that would lead to our destruction.**

**You call us instead to seek God's kingdom,  
to strive for what is right,  
and to lay up our treasure in heaven. Amen.**

## **The Lenten Wreath**

Today, in our Gospel reading, we heard that Jesus spoke to the crowds of his impending suffering, rejection, and death;  
and his instruction that anyone who wants to become a follower must deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow him.

Today we extinguish one more candle in the Lenten Wreath as our journey through this season takes us a step closer to the cross of Good Friday.

## **The Blessing**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourself,  
and to take up your cross and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be with you, and remain with you for ever.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: 'Take up your cross' the Saviour said**

Tune: **BRESLAU** [CP582] - SG645 – Words: Charles Everest

- 1 **'Take up your cross', the Saviour said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
deny yourself, forsake the world,  
and humbly follow after me.**
- 2 **Take up your cross; let not its weight  
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;  
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up  
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.**
- 3 **Take up your cross, nor heed the shame  
nor let your foolish pride rebel;  
the Lord for you endured the cross  
to save your soul from death and hell.**
- 4 **Take up your cross, then, in his strength,  
and calmly every danger brave:  
He guides us to a better home  
and leads to victory o'er the grave.**
- 5 **Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only they who bear the cross  
may hope to win the glorious crown.**

**The Dismissal**

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



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