



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings



Eucharistic Liturgy

Thanksgiving for Creation and Redemption

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

28th April 2024

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!
Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness!
Come before God with joyful songs;
give thanks, and praise God's holy name! (from Psalm 100)

We stand

Opening Hymn: **For the Beauty of the Earth**

SG298 - Words: Follitt Pierpoint ~ Tune: **DIX**[SG343]

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| <p>1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
<i>Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.</i></p> <p>2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night;
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light:
<i>Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.</i></p> | <p>3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:
<i>Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.</i></p> <p>4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above;
pleasures pure and undefiled:
<i>Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.</i></p> |
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- 5 For each perfect gift divine
to our world so freely given,
joys bestowed by love's design,
flowers of earth and fruits of heaven:
*Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

The Gathering of the People

The people may be greeted informally before the Presider continues

In the name of God:
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life.
Amen.

Sentence for Harvest Thanksgiving:

The earth has yielded its harvest;
and you, our God, will bless us.

Psalm 67: 6

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning and without end,
in our midst and with us.

**God is with us,
here we find new life.**

Benedicite Aotearoa

- 1 O give thanks to our God who is good:
whose love endures for ever.
- 2 You sun and moon, you stars of the southern sky:
give to our God your thanks and praise.
- 3 Sunrise and sunset, night and day:
give to our God your thanks and praise.
- 4 All mountains and valleys, grassland and scree,
glacier, avalanche, mist and snow:
give to our God your thanks and praise.
- 5 You kauri and pine, rata and kōwhai, mosses and ferns:
give to our God your thanks and praise.
- 6 Dolphins and kahawai, sealion and crab,
coral, anemone, pipi and shrimp:
give to our God your thanks and praise.
- 7 Rabbits and cattle, moths and dogs
kiwi and sparrow and tūī and hawk:
give to our God your thanks and praise.
- 8 You Māori and Pākehā, women and men,
all who inhabit the long white cloud:
give to our God your thanks and praise.
- 9 All you saints and martyrs of the South Pacific:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

We sit or kneel

As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist together,
in a moment of silence, we call to mind our sins.

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:

**We confess that we have often used your gifts carelessly
and acted as though we were not grateful.**

We are truly sorry. Forgive us, heal us.

**Grant us thankful hearts, a loving concern for all people,
and for all your creation;**

through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Amen.

Presider:

God the Creator brings you new life,
forgives and redeems you.

Take hold of this forgiveness

and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.

Amen.

The Sentence of the Day:

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us.
Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we also ought to love one another. *1 John 4: 10–11*

Collect of the Day:

Christ of the new covenant,
**give us the happiness to share,
with full measure, pressed down,
shaken together and running over,
all that you give us.**
Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.

First Reading: **Acts 8: 26-40**

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

Psalm 22: 25-31 (ANZPB)

- ²⁵ You are the theme of my praise in the full assembly:
my vows I will perform
in the sight of those who fear you.
- ²⁶ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied:
those who seek you O Lord shall praise you,
may they be in good heart for ever.**
- ²⁷ 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.

Second Reading: **1 John 4: 7-21**

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

Gospel Hymn: **God whose farm is all creation**

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- ¹ God whose farm is all creation,
take the gratitude we give;
take the finest of our harvest,
crops we grow that all might live.**
- ² Take our ploughing, seeding, reaping,
hopes and fears of sun and rain,
all our thinking, planning, waiting,
ripening into fruit and grain.**
- ³ All our labour, all our watching,
all our calendar of care,
in these crops of your creation,
take, O God: they are our prayer.**

We remain standing

Gospel Reading: **John 15: 1-8**

The Holy Gospel according to John, chapter fifteen,
beginning at the first verse.
Praise and glory to God.

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

The Sermon

There may be a time of silence and/or music for personal reflection

The Prayers of the People

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

(‘Let Us Pray’ - Janet Nelson)

V: God of love, in your mercy:

R: **Hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery;
**yours is the inspiration
that has altered and changed our lives;
yours is the power that has brought us
to new dangers and opportunities.
Set us, your new creation,
to walk through this new world,
watching and learning, loving and trusting,
until your kingdom comes. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The Peace

All standing, the presiding priest says to the people

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

*As we sing the next hymn, the altar is prepared with the bread and wine;
our offerings of money to support ministry and mission are also collected and presented,
along with fruit and vegetables and symbols of the harvest*

Offertory Hymn: Let us Sing the God of Glory

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**Let us sing the God of glory who has set the stars in place,
with the planets in their courses as they cross the heaven's face,
and the constellations shining to the boundaries of space,
our God whose Name is love!
Glory, glory, Alleluia; Glory, glory, Alleluia,
Glory, glory, Alleluia, our God whose Name is love!**

Let us sing the God of beauty in the mountains and the seas,
all the colours of the rainbow and the tracery of trees,
in the thunder of the breakers and the whisper of the breeze,
our God whose Name is love!

Glory, glory, Alleluia . . . our God whose Name is love!

Let us sing the God of bounty for a fruitful earth and fair,
who provides for us in plenty so that all may have a share,
and who loves his human family and has us in his care,
our God whose Name is love!

Glory, glory, Alleluia . . . our God whose Name is love!

Let us sing the God of mercy for the wonders he has done,
how he loved us in our sinfulness and sent to us his Son,
who has died for us, and lives for us, and life and freedom won,
our God whose Name is love!

Glory, glory, Alleluia . . . our God whose Name is love!

Let us sing the Saviour Jesus as he makes the Father known,
let us hear his Spirit's call to us to come and be his own,
and to worship him in glory on his everlasting throne,
our God whose Name is love!

Glory, glory, Alleluia . . . our God whose Name is love!

The Preparation of the Gifts

God of all creation, you bring forth
bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
By your Holy Spirit
this bread and wine will be for us
the body and blood of Christ.
All you have made is good.
Your love endures for ever.

A Litany for Harvest Thanksgiving

God of all Creation, for the harvest of the earth,
we give you thanks O God;
And praise your holy name.

For the fertile soils of the countryside,
and our home gardens;
for good seed,
and for the crops springing out of the earth,
we give you thanks O God,
And praise your holy name.

For the warm sweetness of the gentle rain,
for the hot days of ripening sun,
for the harvest of fruits, vegetables, and grains,
we give you thanks O God,
And praise your holy name.

For the yield of the forests,
the earth, and the sea,
we give you thanks O God,
And praise your holy name.

For all who work on the land,
in the mines, or on the waters,
in all weathers;
for their commitment to care for plants,
animals, and environment;
and for their courage in days of difficulty
and disappointment,
we give you thanks O God,
And praise your holy name.

For those who work in office, shop,
processing factory;
for those in transport, sales,
and distribution to meet our needs,
we give you thanks O God,
And praise your holy name.

For the bounty of the harvest,
and for all your blessings
we give you thanks O God,
And praise your holy name.

Living God, you made heaven and earth
and sea and everything in them,
and have provided for all our needs;
**help us to use the fruits of the earth wisely
and to share them generously;
through the one who sows with good seed,
Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

*It is recommended that the people stand or kneel throughout the following prayer,
however you are welcome to sit if needs be.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Lift your hearts to heaven
where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God,
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
the first born from the dead,
the pioneer of our salvation,
who is with us always,
one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe,
we praise you for your unfailing gift of life.
We thank you that you make us human
and stay with us
even when we turn from you to sin.

**God's love is shown to us:
while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.**

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save,
you came among us in Jesus Christ,
our crucified and living Lord.
You make all things new.
In Christ's suffering and cross
you reveal your glory
and reconcile all peoples to yourself,
their true and living God.

In the power of endless life
Christ is risen from the grave.
His death has broken death
and opened for us the new and living way.
Christ is now our peace,
our freedom and our joy.

In your mercy you are now our God.
Through Christ you gather us,
new-born in your Spirit,
a people after your own heart.

We entrust ourselves to you,
for you alone do justice
to all people, living and departed.

**Now is the acceptable time,
now is the day of salvation.**

Therefore with saints and martyrs,
apostles and prophets,
with all the redeemed,
joyfully we praise you and say:

**Holy, holy, holy:
God of mercy, giver of life;
earth and sea and sky
and all that lives,
declare your presence
and your glory.**

All glory to you, Giver of life
sufficient and full for all creation.

Accept our praises,
living God, for Jesus Christ,
the one perfect offering for the world,
who in the night that he was betrayed,
took bread,
and when he had given thanks,
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 thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you, and for many,
to forgive sin.
Do this as often as you drink it
to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation,
in the suffering and death
of Jesus our redeemer,
we meet you in your glory.
We lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon your name.
Here and now, with this bread and wine,
we celebrate your great acts of liberation,
ever present and living in Jesus Christ,
crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty
be our new and living way,
our access to you, Father,
and source of all new life.
In Christ we offer ourselves
to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit,
feed us with your life,
fire us with your love,
confront us with your justice,
and make us one in the body of Christ
with all who share your gifts of love.

**Through Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Creator God. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As the Risen Christ teaches 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.**

The bread we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

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

The cup of blessing for which we give thanks
is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The Invitation

Bread and wine;
the gifts of God for the people of God.
**May we who share these gifts
be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

*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

Creator and protector of all that lives,
the riches of the earth are yours;
**grant that we who use and enjoy your gifts
may never by folly or greed destroy them.**

Most loving God, creator and redeemer,
we give you thanks
for this foretaste of your glory.
**Through Christ, and with all your saints,
we offer ourselves
and our lives to your service.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
to stand with you in your world.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant,
our friend and brother. Amen.**

The Blessing

May you be a new creation,
Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you;
and the blessing of God our Creator,
Redeemer and Giver of life
be with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

We are many, we are one

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**We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

**All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me,
as the fingers of a hand,
as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon the loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

**We will join creation's song,
make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir,
as the flames within a fire,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow,
as the colours of a bow,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

The Dismissal of the Community

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



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