



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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

Provoking faith in Hastings communities

Love one
♥ ANOTHER ♥
as I have
LOVED
you
-JOHN 15:12

6th Sunday of Easter – 5th May 2024

The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn

All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound every voice in earth and sky:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendour bright,
sing, sister moon and stars of night: Alleluia...

Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, flowing clear,
make music for our God to hear: Alleluia...

Sing, brother fire, so warm and strong;
drive far the shadows, join the throng:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colours bright and rare: Alleluia...

All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears: Alleluia...

O sisters, brothers, take your part,
come worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Trinity,
Three, joined in One and One-In-Three! Alleluia...

After St. Francis of Assisi; Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the day which the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it,

As we rejoice in the gift of Christ's risen presence we say:

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

We kneel or sit

God our Creator, you have made all things good,
but we do not love you with all our heart,
and with all our soul, and with all our mind,
and with all our strength.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus our friend, you forgive our sins,
but we do not forgive and befriend each other.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, you love us and live in us,
but we often find it difficult to love ourselves.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

In silence before God, we confess our sins.

Silence

God forgives you.
Forgive others;
forgive yourself.

Silence

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

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Gracious God,
you teach us in your word that love is the fulfilling of the law:
**grant that we may love you with all our heart
and our neighbour as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Proclamation

The Readings

A reading from Acts 10:44-48
Gentile Christians receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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

Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song:
for the Lord has done marvellous things.

With your own right hand O Lord, and with your holy arm:
you have gained for yourself the victory.

You have made known your victory:
you have displayed your saving power to all the nations.

You have remembered your faithfulness,
and your love for the house of Israel:
and all the ends of the earth have seen your victory.

Shout with joy to the Lord all the earth:
sing and rejoice with the sound of melody.

Sing to the Lord with the harp:
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets also and horns:
shout with joy before the Lord our king.

Let the sea roar and all that is in it:
the world and those who inhabit it.

Let the rivers clap their hands:
and let the hills rejoice together before the Lord.

For you O Lord are coming to judge the earth:
**with righteousness you will judge the world,
and the peoples with equity.**

A reading from 1 John 5:1-6

The writer affirms that faith in Jesus Christ conquers the world.

After the reading

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

**The new commandment that I give to you
is to love one another as I have loved you,
is to love one another, as I have loved you.
By this, all people will know you're my disciples:
if you have love one for another.
By this, all people will know you're my disciples:
if you have love one for another."**

Words: John 13:33-35; Tune: THE NEW COMMANDMENT

We remain standing

The Holy Gospel according to John 15:9-17

Praise and glory to God.

The mutual love and self-sacrifice of Christians for one another mirrors the love between God and Christ.

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word. Alleluia.

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People

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

Ever-loving God, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
Peace be with you!

Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you. Alleluia!

The Preparation of the Gifts

The altar is prepared and the offerings of the people are presented as we sing the Offertory Hymn

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us your humble dwelling,
all your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion,
pure, unbounded love impart;
visit us with your salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all your grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more your temples leave.
We would always live to bless you,
serving as your hosts above,
pray, and praise you without ceasing,
glory in your perfect love.**

**Finish then your new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see your great salvation,
perfect in eternity:
Changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
there to sing love's greatest story
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Charles Wesley (adapted) Tune: BLAENWERN

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

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

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed.

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 the joy of our salvation, God of the universe,
to give you thanks through Jesus Christ.

You said, 'Let there be light';
there was light.
Your light shines on in our darkness.
For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word,
to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love.

You sent your Son to be for us
the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.
Christ is risen from the dead.
Love is come again: Christ is sovereign over space and time.

You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide,
to warn and to revive your Church.
Therefore, with all your witnesses
who surround us on every side,
countless as heaven's stars,
we praise you for our creation and our calling,
with loving and with joyful hearts as we 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.**

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son.
On that night before he died
he took bread and gave 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 gave you thanks.
He gave it to them and said:
Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin;
do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine
we recall your goodness to us.

God of the past and present,
we your people remember your Son.
We thank you for his cross and rising again,
we take courage from his ascension;
we look for his coming in glory
and in him we give ourselves to you.
And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

Send your Holy Spirit,
that we who receive Christ's body
may indeed be the body of Christ,
and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.
Called to follow Christ,
help us to reconcile and unite.
Called to suffer,
give us hope in our calling.
For you, the heavenly one, make all things new;
you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first,
to whom we bring our songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere
now and forever. Amen.**

The Communion

The risen Christ is in our midst, and so we pray.

**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 priest breaks the bread in silence

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.

Christ is the bread of life.

The priest lifts the cup

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.

Christ is risen from the dead.

Come God's people;

come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

The priest and people receive communion

All who are baptised are welcome to receive communion.

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.

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God,

we have seen with our eyes

and touched with our hands

the bread of life.

Strengthen our faith

that we may grow in love for you and for each other;

through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Alleluia!

The Dismissal of the Community

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.**

**O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.
Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire.
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.**

**Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all those of every race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move,
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.**

John Peacey; Tune: WOODLANDS

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



