



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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

Provoking faith in Hastings communities



***7th Sunday of Easter –
Sunday after Ascension
12th May 2024***

The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn

Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light, in lake and star.

Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other's mana stand.

From broken word, from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.

Your love be known, compassion shown,
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.

Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distil the air,
your spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

Shirley Erena Murray. Tune: DUNEDIN

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,

Jesus prayed, 'Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have
given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.' *John 17:11*

As we rejoice in the gift of Christ's 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

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, your word is a light to our path:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd,
leading us into everlasting life:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

In silence before God, we confess our sins.

Silence

God forgives you.
Be at peace.

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

Almighty God,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
ever lives to make intercession for us;
**have pity on our weakness,
and in your mercy give us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask,
except through his merits,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation

The Readings

A reading from Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

The selection of Matthias to take Judas' place as one of the twelve disciples.

After the reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

Blessèd are those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked:
**or linger in the way of sinners,
or sit down among those who mock.**

But their delight is in the law of the Lord:
and on that law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted beside a watercourse:
which yield their fruit in due season.

Their leaves also do not wither:
and look, whatever they do it shall prosper.

As for the wicked, it is not so with them:
**but they are like the chaff,
which is driven away by the wind.**

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand
when judgment comes:
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous:
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

A reading from 1 John 5:9-13

For the writer eternal life is the quality of one's spiritual relationship with Christ.

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Gospel Hymn

**Eternal light, shine in my heart,
eternal hope, lift up my eyes;
eternal power, be my support,
eternal wisdom, make me wise.**

**Eternal life, raise me from death,
eternal brightness, make me see;
eternal Spirit, give me breath,
eternal Saviour, come to me:**

**Until by your most costly grace,
invited by your holy word,
at last I come before your face
to know you, my eternal God.**

Christopher Idle (from a prayer of Alcuin) Tune: O WALY WALY (LM)

We remain standing

The Holy Gospel according to John 17:6-19

Praise and glory to God.

Jesus prays for his disciples shortly before his death, asking for their unity and sanctification in truth.

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

The Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

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

Son of God, risen and ascended, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The Peace

Jesus says: Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace,
such as the world cannot give. 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

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
glorious first-born from the dead,
you alone our strong defender,
lifting up your people's head:**

**Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesus, true and living bread!**

**Prince of life, for us now living,
by your body we are healed;
Prince of peace, your pardon giving,
by your blood our peace is sealed.**

**Alleluia, alleluia,
Word of God in flesh revealed.**

**Paschal Lamb! Your offering finished,
once for all, when you were slain;
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain**

**Alleluia, alleluia,
Cleansing us from every stain.**

**Great High Priest of our profession,
through the veil you entered in,
by your mighty intercession
grace and mercy there to win.**

**Alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing us from every stain.**

**Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken rock, with streaming side,
heaven and earth, with loud hosanna
worship you, the Lamb who died:**

**Alleluia, alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified!**

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.

The Lord is here.
He is risen indeed.

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.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord,
almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in places
to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness;
through your eternal Word
you have created all things from the beginning
and formed us in your own image;
male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away
you called us back to yourself
and gave your Son to share our human nature.
You raised him to life triumphant over death;
you exalted him in glory,
and gave him the name which is above every name:
at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow
and every tongue confess that he is Lord.

In him you have made us a holy people
by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him,
with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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 thanksgiving to you, holy Father;
on the night before he died
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;
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;
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.

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

Therefore loving God,
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life
and this cup of salvation.

Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive
may be to us the body and blood of Christ,
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

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

The Communion

As Christ teaches us 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

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.**

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 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

King of kings, Lord of lords,
you have ascended your royal throne
carrying the crossbar for your crucifixion.

Now you are lifted high,
exalted to draw us all to your love.

You are the captive saviour,
who has led us in triumph from the sin, the anxiety,
and the doom which held us captive.

**May we whom you have redeemed
and called to be guests at your table
receive and put to use the gifts you offer us.**

Praise and glory to you, humble saviour, king of love. Alleluia!

The Dismissal of the Community

Christ, who is human and divine, who is of heaven and also of earth,
lift up your hearts, lift up your lives to God,
and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth.**

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

**I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -
they came with me and the Dance went on. *Dance then...***

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
and they left me there on a cross to die. *Dance then...***

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black -
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the Dance, and I still go on. *Dance then...***

**They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *Dance then...***

Words and music by Sydney Carter Tune: LORD OF THE DANCE

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

