

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

Provoking faith in Hastings communities



# 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Te Pouhere Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

Today is designated by General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui to celebrate our life as a three Tikanga Church.

# Our service begins on page 476 of A New Zealand Prayer Book - He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa

## Opening Hymn:

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the prisoners turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, curing every dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand; from this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory. Praise the One who makes us one.

Rusty (Robert L.) Edwards, Tune: NETTLETON

#### The Collect

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honour of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Proclamation (page 480)

# The Readings

First reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

We hear the commandment to keep the sabbath day holy

After the reading:

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

Psalm 81:1-10

Sing out with joy to God our strength: shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.

Raise a song and sound the hand-drum: the tuneful harp with the lute.

Blow the trumpet in the new moon: and at the full moon on our festival.

For this was made a statute for Israel: and a law of the God of Jacob,

which was imposed as a duty on Joseph: when he came out of the land of Egypt.

'I eased your shoulders from the burden: and your hands were freed from the load.

'You called to me in trouble and I saved you: I answered you in the thunder-cloud, but put you to the test at the waters of Meribah.

'Hear O my people, and I will admonish you: O Israel, if only you would listen.

'There shall be no strange god among you: nor shall you worship an alien god.

'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt: open wide your mouth and I shall fill it.

Second reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Paul teaches that although human weakness is all too apparent in those who preach the gospel, what is proclaimed is the glorious light of the revelation of God in Jesus Christ.

After the reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel Hymn:

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; I bring glad tidings of release To all who are oppressed." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, for morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

Horatio Bonar (adapted) Tune: KINGSFOLD

We remain standing

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 2:23 – 3:6 **Praise and glory to God.** 

Jesus proclaims in word and sign that the Son of Man is sovereign over the sabbath law.

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

#### The Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith (page 481)

## Prayers of the People

During the prayers:

Loving God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

#### The prayers end with the following:

God of the southern sea and of these islands,
God of Norfolk Pine and Lofty Totara,
God of spindle and sail,
you brought us to this land of plenty
and bound us here in sacred trust.
Make us worthy of our covenant with you:
create in us a deeper belonging by your grace,
that we may partner your ways together
and serve your purpose in each other.
In the name of Christ our dolphin guide. Amen.

# Offertory Hymn:

Take my life and let it be consecrated, glad, and free; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of your love; take my feet, that I may run bearing news of Christ the Son.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King; take my intellect and use every power as you shall choose.

Take my will – your will be done, may my will and yours be one; take my heart – it is your own, it shall be your royal throne.

Take my love – my Lord, I pour at your feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be yours for all eternity.

## Final Hymn:

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in depths of sin,
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their spirits bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?

Here I am Lora, Is it I Lora?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them, whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Words and music by Dan Schutte Tune: HERE I AM LORD

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

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