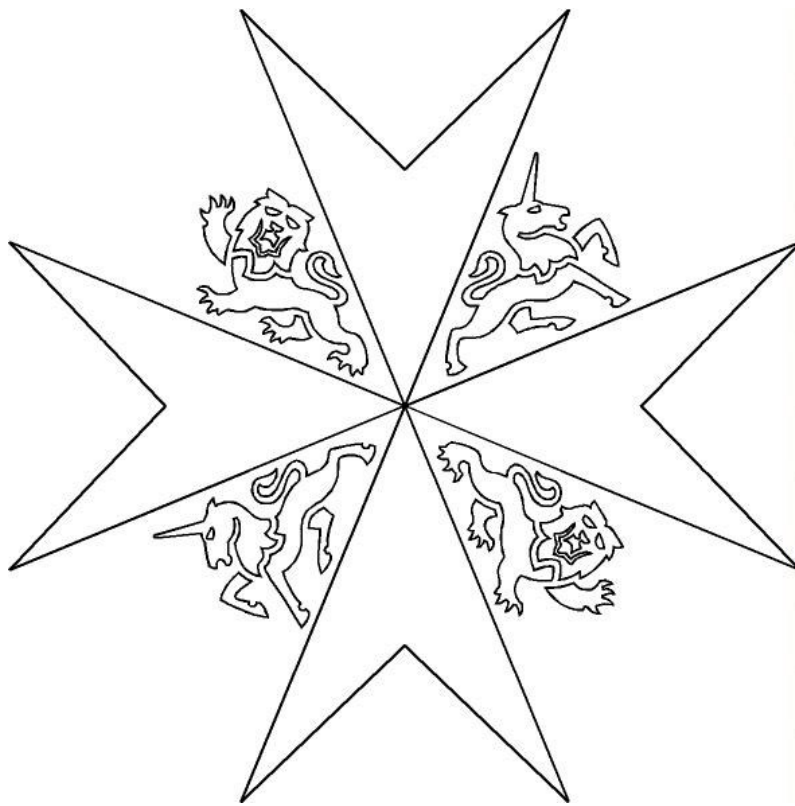




The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings



**A Service of Morning Prayer
with Hato Hone St John**

23rd June 2024 - St John the Baptist

Haere Mai - Welcome to St Matthew's Anglican Church

*Today we especially welcome members of Hato Hone St John,
The Order of St John Cadets and Leaders, with their families and friends,
as we gather to celebrate the Feast of St John the Baptist*

Presider and Preacher:

The Venerable David van Oeveren

*Vicar of Greater Hastings Parish / Archdeacon of HB Cities
Order of St John Hawke's Bay Area Chaplain and Area Committee Chair*

Assisting Priests:

The Reverend Margaret Thompson

Priest-Associate, St Matthew's

and

The Reverend Pelly Pirikahu

Chaplain, Order of St John

with Members of the Venerable Order of St John

Order of Procession:

Crucifer

Liturgical Assistants

Senior Members of Hato Hone St John

Assisting Clergy

Presider

followed by

the Procession of the Colour Party

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sentence: The righteous will be remembered for ever:
the memory of the righteous is a blessing.

Psalm 112: 6; Proverbs 10: 7

We stand

Processional Hymn: Hymn for the Order of St John

Words: Colin Gibson - alt. tune: FOREST GREEN

- 1 From ancient pilgrim hospital
where love met human plight,
to modern service to the sick,
restoring health and sight,**

*Refrain: Beneath the banner of the Cross,
the white cross of St John,
the healing work of Christ the Lord,
through time and change, goes on.*

- 2 Bless those we serve: the young, the aged,
the injured and distressed;
our charge, to be swift messengers
Of love made manifest.**

*Beneath the banner of the Cross
the white cross of St John,
the healing work of Christ the Lord,
must in his name go on.*

- 3 Bless us who serve you day and night;
keep us within your care,
who go to help a wounded world
in trauma, pain and fear.**

*Beneath the banner of the Cross
the white cross of St John,
the healing work of Christ the Lord,
shall in his name go on.*

continued ...

- 4 **We vow to you the skills we bring:
our hands your hands must be;
our hearts your living heart of love
for all humanity.**

*Beneath the banner of the Cross
the white cross of St John,
the healing work of Jesus Christ
we proudly carry on.*

The Preparation:

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.
**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

Song of Praise: Great and Wonderful

- 1 **Great and wonderful are your deeds
O Lord God the almighty:
just and true are your ways
O Sovereign of the nations.**
- 2 **Who shall not revere and praise your name O Lord?:
for you alone are holy.**
- 3 **All nations shall come and worship in your presence:
for your just dealings have been revealed.**
- 4 **To the One who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb:
be blessing and honour, glory and might
for ever and ever. Amen.** *Revelation 15:3b-4; 5:13*

E te whānau a te Karaiti / Brothers and sisters in Christ,
let us praise and worship God who has called us together.
Let us celebrate God's majesty,
and delight in the wonder of God's love.
Together we shall confess our sins
and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read,
we can allow God's word to speak to us,
and ponder its meaning for our lives.
In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,
we pray for others as well as for ourselves,
and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

All this we do,
because we believe in the presence among us
of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear these words of scripture.

As God who called you is holy,
be holy yourselves in all your conduct.
Spirit of God, search our hearts.

We sit or kneel

In silence, let us remember our need for God's forgiveness.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to God.
**God of mercy,
we have sinned against you and against others.
We have sinned in what we have done,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for our sins,
forgive us all that is past
and raise us to newness of life. Amen.**

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent,
forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;
and tell of your salvation from day to day.

We proclaim your glory to the nations,
your praise to the ends of the earth.

Sentence: There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
He came to bear witness to the light. *John 1: 6,7*

Collect: God our strength and our hope,
grant us the courage of John the Baptist,
constantly to speak the truth,
boldly to rebuke vice,
and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Reading from the Old Testament - Malachi 3: 1-6

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

Psalm 149

- 1 Whakamoemititia a Ihowā. / Praise the Lord.
O sing to the Lord a new song:
give praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- 2 Let the people of God rejoice in their maker:
and let the servants of the Most High exult in their king.
- 3 Let them praise God's name in the dance:
let them sing God's praise with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For you O Lord take delight in your people:
and crown your humble folk with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful exult in their triumph:
let them shout for joy as they feast.

- 6 Let the praises of God be on their lips:
and a two-edged sword in their hand.
Whakamoemititia a Ihowā. / O praise the Lord.

We stand

Hymn:

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's cry

*SG#339 - Words: after Charles Coffin, John Chandler
and in this version Word & Music / © Jubilate Hymns*

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW

- 1 **On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh:
awake and listen, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.**
- 2 **Let every heart be cleansed from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
and so prepare to be the home
where such a mighty guest may come.**
- 3 **For you are our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.**
- 4 **To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
and make the fallen sinner stand;
shine out, and let your light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.**
- 5 **To you, O Christ, all praises be,
whose advent sets your people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore!**

A Reading from the New Testament - Luke 3: 1-17

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

The Beatitudes

- 1 Blessed are the poor in spirit:
for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
- 2 Blessed are the sorrowful:
for they shall find consolation.
- 3 Blessed are those of a gentle spirit:
for they shall have the earth for their possession.
- 4 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
to see right prevail:
for they shall be satisfied.
- 5 Blessed are those who show mercy:
for mercy shall be shown to them.
- 6 Blessed are those whose hearts are pure:
for they shall see God.
- 7 Blessed are the peacemakers:
for they shall be called God's children.
- 8 Blessed are those who have suffered persecution
for the cause of right:
for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Matthew 5:3-10

The Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

We stand

**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.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

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.**

Make your ways known upon earth, O God,
your saving power among all peoples.

Renew your Church in holiness,
and help us to serve you with joy.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation,
that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Make us instruments of your peace,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

Additional Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession may be added here.

As we sing the next hymn, our Offerings of money to support the ministry and mission of the Parish and the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital, are collected and offered

Offertory Hymn: *Called as partners in Christ's service*

Words: Jane Parker Huber - Presbyterian Hymnal #343

Tune: **BLAENWERN**

- 1 Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace,
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfil God's chosen end.**

- 2 Christ's example Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth,
Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.**

- 3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge said with care,
bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues, free and fair.**

- 4 So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.**

The Collect of the Day:

Let us pray ...

God our strength and our hope,
grant us the courage of John the Baptist
who prepared the way for the coming of Jesus
and gave testimony in the face of great evil;
we praise you for his faithfulness in your service;
and we seek your grace this day
to live our lives in the service of mercy, truth and justice.

Amen

Holy and everliving God,
by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed;
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live each day in love to one another and to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love, to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

The Act of Re-Dedication

Holy and Eternal God in your beloved Son,
you have given us an example of true service.
We thank you for all members of Hato Hone St John
who serve communities across our nation.
By your Holy Spirit bless and strengthen them
in all that they do, and keep us thankful
for their spirit of sacrificial service,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Members of the St John family are now invited to dedicate themselves afresh to the service of God and of humanity as they express the responsibilities of their membership.

Guide and bless us, O God, in all that we do -
as teachers, instructors, first aid attendants,
ambulance officers, managers,
leaders and support staff.

Give us grace to uphold the honour of our organisation,
to be caring and compassionate in helping the vulnerable,
to be honest in our work and relationships,
and to work together for the benefit of the community.
Look upon our lives, O Lord, transform us
by the power of your Spirit:
that we may walk in your way.

Keep us faithful in following your commandments,
and may we lovingly serve you through our work.
We pledge to you our loyalty and love
as members of Hato Hone St John,
in the strength of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All members of the Order of St John pray together the Pro Fide:

Preserve us, O Lord, in the number of the faithful.
Grant us the means and opportunity to do good,
resolution to persevere,
and grace to attain to fullness of life;
so that, as we have been united in Christ's service on earth,
we may also be united in His eternal presence;
through Jesus Christ the Servant,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

We stand to sing the National Anthem, followed by the Recessional Hymn during which the Crucifer will lead the Colour Party, followed by Order members and clergy, to the entrance of the church for the Dismissal.

New Zealand National Anthem:

**E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā
Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa.**

**God of Nations at Thy feet,
in the bonds of love we meet,
hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.**

**Guard Pacific's triple star
from the shafts of strife and war,
make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.**

Blessing:

God give you grace to follow the saints
in faith and hope and love;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Order of Recession:

Crucifer

Liturgical Assistant

followed by the Procession of the Colour Party

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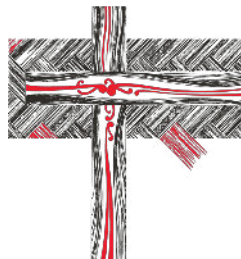
Presider

Recessional Hymn: Give thanks for life

Words: © Shirley Erena Murray, AA45 – tune: **SINE NOMINE**

- 1 Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Give thanks for those who made their life a light
caught from the Christ flame, bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 And for our own, our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time or death or dread,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain
that lies in darkness does its life retain
in resurrection to grow green again,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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John the Baptist was from a priestly family and advocated a return to the strict observance of the laws of Moses in ethical and religious standards, and baptised people as a token of their acceptance of this. John's message was popular with many, but it brought him into conflict with Herod and the rulers of Israel, many of whom followed Gentile customs. John was executed on Herod's orders. Jesus ministry began with his baptism by John, and many of his followers were former disciples of John.

In today's service we recognize the heritage of the **Order of St John** which dates back to about 1080 C.E. and the Abbey of St Mary in Jerusalem which was attached to a little church dedicated to St John the Baptist. It was from this church that a small hospital was set up to care for sick pilgrims.

Over 900 years later the Order of St John continues to provide care for the sick, training in First Aid, and support for the community in many different ways including St John Youth, the largest youth organization in New Zealand.

The Italian republic of Amalfi was the principal European city trading with Palestine in the 11th century. Amalfi's symbol, a white eight-pointed cross, and the name 'St John' together represent the full history and heritage of St John – more than 900 years of volunteer commitment to serve humanity. The Cross also directly links the New Zealand organisation to St John worldwide.

Meanings of the Cross: The four arms of the modern white cross that represents the Order of St John symbolise the cardinal virtues: Prudence, Justice, Temperance, Fortitude.

The eight points, which stem from the four arms, represent the qualities of a good first-aider: Humility, Sympathy, Gentleness, Truth, Compassion, Unselfishness, Peace, and Endurance.

The lions and unicorns are the supporters of the Royal Coat of Arms granted by the British Crown, and indicate that St John is a Royal Order. The Order of St John itself is an Order of Chivalry of the British Crown. Her Majesty the Queen, the Sovereign Head of the Order, honours individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the work of St John, by awarding membership, at different grades, in the Order.

The Order is a Christian Order, founded on Christian principles and all we do is inspired by Christian ideals, however people of any faith or no faith, who are motivated to share in our mission, are also welcomed.

St John is a major international charity that provides first aid, health care and support services in more than 40 countries around the world. Together they make up the Order of St John, which is accredited to the United Nations.

The Order's charitable work is carried out by the St John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem and 41 national St John organisations worldwide – with volunteers and staff of over 360,000.

For more information, visit the St John website: [St John New Zealand - Here for Life](#)

ADVANCE NOTICE OF DIARY DATES TO NOTE

Sunday 6 October 2024: Feast of St Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226

The Blessing of the Animals: All Creatures Great and Small
4.00pm at St Matthew's Anglican Church, Hastings.
This annual service occurs on the Sunday closest to 4 October,
when the church honours St Francis of Assisi,
the patron saint of animals and creation.
We partner with SPCA and Hato Hone St John Therapy Pets
for this occasion.

Sunday 22 June 2025

10.00am at St Matthew's Anglican Church, Hastings.
Hato Hone St John Church Parade 2025.
Matariki / Mid-Winter Day / St John the Baptist.

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(encompassing St Matthew's, Hastings, St Peter's, Riverslea, & St Martin's, Mayfair)

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