



# The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings



**The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
***Social Services Sunday***

**28<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Opening 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 Presider may greet the people informally before continuing

## **The Gathering**

I runga i te Ingoa o te Atua,  
te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu.

**Āmine.**

*(In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen)*

Grace and peace to you from God.

**God fill you with truth and joy.**

*Sentence for Social Services Sunday:*

Let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

*Amos 5: 24*

*Song of Praise:* **The Love of God**

- 1 E te whānau, let us love one another:  
**for love is from God.**
- 2 Those who love are born of God and know God:  
**but those who do not love know nothing of God;  
for God is love.**
- 3 Those who dwell in love:  
**are dwelling in God and God in them.**
- 4 There is no room for fear in love:  
**love which is perfected banishes fear.**
- 5 We love because God first loved us:  
**if anyone who hates another says, 'I love God,'  
that person is a liar.**
- 6 If we do not love those whom we have seen:  
**it cannot be that we love God whom we have not seen.**
- 7 This commandment we have from God:  
**that those who love God must also love their neighbour.**

*1 John 4:7, 8, 16, 18–21*

*We sit or kneel*

Hear the teaching of Christ:  
a new commandment I give to you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.  
**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

Jesus, you were hungry and we gave you no food,  
thirsty and we gave you nothing to drink.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you were a stranger and we did not welcome you,  
naked and we did not give you clothes.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Jesus, you were sick and in prison  
and we did not visit you.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

God has promised forgiveness  
to all who truly repent,  
turn to Christ in faith  
and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

*Silence*

Let us confess our sins.  
**Merciful God,  
we have sinned  
in what we have thought and said,  
in the wrong we have done  
and in the good we have not done.  
We have sinned in ignorance:  
we have sinned in weakness:  
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry.**

**We repent and turn to you.  
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,  
and renew our lives to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

*The Absolution is declared by the presiding priest.*

Through the cross of Christ,  
God have mercy on you,  
pardon you  
and set you free.  
Know that you are forgiven  
and be at peace.  
God strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in life eternal.  
**Amen.**

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

*Sentence of the Day:*

'I am the living bread that came down from heaven,'  
says the Lord.  
'Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I will give for the life of the world  
is my flesh.' *John 6:51*

*Collect of the Day:*

All-seeing God,  
**teach us to be open with you about our needs,  
to seek your support in our trials,  
to admit before you our sins,  
and to thank you for all your goodness;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.  
Amen.**

*Reading:*           **2 Kings 4: 42-44**

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

**Psalm 145: 10-18 (ANZPB)**

- <sup>10</sup> All your creation shall praise you O Lord:  
**and your servants will bless your name.**
- <sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom:  
**and their talk shall be of your power,**
- <sup>12</sup> so that all may know of your mighty deeds:  
**and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.**
- <sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:  
**and your dominion endures from age to age.**
- <sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds those who stumble:  
**and raises up those who are down.**
- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you O Lord:  
**and you give them their food in due season.**
- <sup>16</sup> You open wide your hand:  
**and give what they desire to all things living.**
- <sup>17</sup> You Lord are righteous in all your ways:  
**and loving in all your deeds.**
- <sup>18</sup> You Lord are near to all who call to you:  
**who call to you in singleness of heart.**

*Reading:*           **Ephesians 3: 14–21**

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

Gradual Hymn: **Christ you call us all to service**

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Tune: NETTLETON

- 1 **Christ, you call us all to service,  
call us all who follow you;  
plant in us a deep commitment  
all your work and will to do.  
Fire a passion for your justice,  
in us kindle love of peace;  
help us heal the broken-hearted,  
to the captive bring release.**
  
- 2 **Teach us how to work together,  
brothers, sisters, side by side,  
equal partners in the struggle,  
in the cause of truth allied.  
To each one some gift is given,  
man or woman, young or old -  
help us use each skill and talent  
your great purpose to unfold.**
  
- 3 **Let us be a servant people,  
reconciling, ending strife,  
seeking ways more just of sharing  
and of ord'ring human life.  
Fill us with a glowing vision  
of this world as it should be;  
send us forth to change that vision  
into blest reality.**

*Gospel Reading:* **John 6: 1–21**

The Holy Gospel according to John,  
chapter 6, 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**

*Interviews and discussion with staff members of various social services within the community.*

*A brief period of silence and/or a musical reflection may follow*

## **The Prayers of the People**

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

*We sit or kneel*

For the hungry and the overfed  
**May we have enough.**

For the mourners and the mockers  
**May we laugh together.**

For the victims and the oppressors  
**May we share power wisely.**

For the peacemakers and the warmongers  
**May clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony.**

For the silenced and the propagandists  
**May we speak our own words in truth.**

For the unemployed and the overworked  
**May our impress on the earth be kindly and creative.**

For the troubled and the sleek  
**May we live together as wounded healers.**

For the homeless and the cosseted  
**May our homes be simple, warm and welcoming.**

For the vibrant and the dying  
**May we all die to live.**

In a moment of silence, we pray for our own needs.



Lord, you have called us to serve you.  
**Grant that we may walk in your presence:**  
**your love in our hearts,**  
**your truth in our minds,**  
**your strength in our wills;**  
**until, at the end of our journey,**  
**we know the joy of our homecoming**  
**and the welcome of your embrace,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## ***The Ministry of the Sacrament***

We stand

### ***The Peace***

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

*As we sing the next Hymn, the bread and wine are brought to the altar; our offerings for the Foodbank and money to support ministry and mission are collected and presented also.*

### **Offertory Hymn: Come to the Banquet**

*Words & Music: Fay White*

**1 Come to the banquet**  
**there's a place for you.**

**Though you maybe have no money,**  
**though you maybe feel unworthy**  
**in your strength or in your weakness**  
**you are welcome, come.**

**2 Come to the banquet**  
**there's a place for you.**

**See, you are an honoured guest,**  
**from constant serving you may rest**  
**so sit you down, be fed and blessed**  
**for you are welcome, come.**

**3 Come to the banquet**  
**there's a place for you.**

**Woman, wise one, mother, maiden,**  
**see your plate with food is laden**  
**and your place is set and waiting,**  
**you are welcome, come.**

**4 Come to the banquet**  
**there's a place for you.**

**Worker, father, little boy,**  
**old man or youth without employ**  
**come rest your worry, here is joy**  
**and you are welcome, come.**



5 *Come to the banquet  
there's a place for you.*

Whether you've been lost or faithful,  
whether you've been wise or wasteful  
here's a place of rest and grace and  
you are welcome, come.

6 *Come to the banquet  
there's a place for you.*

Here is one who runs to meet you,  
loving arms stretched out to greet you  
do not let your fear defeat you,  
you are welcome, come.

7 *Come to the banquet  
there's a place for you.*

Willing hands have made this bread  
with salt and yeast and labour shared  
let all the hungry ones be fed;  
it's time for feasting, come.

8 *Come to the banquet  
there's a place for you.*

Abundant wine, enough for all;  
our generous loving host has called  
the cup of blessing now is poured  
for sweet communion, come.

*Come to the banquet  
there's a place for you.*

## ***The Preparation of the Gifts***

Blessed are you, God of all creation;  
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## ***The Great Thanksgiving***

The Lord is here.  
**God's Spirit is with us.**

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.**

Honour and worship are indeed your due,  
our Lord and our God, through Jesus Christ,  
for you created all things;  
by your will they were created,  
and for your glory they have their being.

In your loving purpose you chose us  
before the foundation of the world to be your people;  
you gave your promises to Abraham and Sarah  
and bestowed your favour on the Virgin Mary.

Above all we give you thanks and praise  
for your grace in sending Jesus Christ,  
not for any merit of our own  
but when we had turned away from you.

We were bound in sin,  
but in your compassion you redeemed us,  
reconciling us to yourself with the precious blood of Christ.

In your Son you suffered with us and for us,  
offering us the healing riches of salvation  
and calling us to freedom and holiness.

Therefore with people of every nation,  
tribe and language,  
with the whole Church on earth and in heaven,  
joyfully we give you thanks and 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.**

All glory and honour to you, God of grace,  
for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ  
once for all on the cross  
to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

The night before he died,  
he took bread, and 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,  
and 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.

Therefore heavenly Father,  
in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son,  
we now celebrate the wonder of your grace  
and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

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

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness,  
we were far off until you brought us near  
and our hands are empty until you fill them.  
As we eat this bread and drink this wine,  
through the power of your Holy Spirit  
feed us with your heavenly food,  
renew us in your service, unite us in Christ,  
and bring us to your everlasting kingdom.  
O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God;  
how unsearchable are your judgments  
and untraceable your ways.

**From you, and through you, and for you are all things.  
To you be the glory for ever. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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.**

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.**

## The Invitation to Communion

Draw near and receive the body and blood  
of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance  
that he died for us.

Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith  
with thanksgiving.

*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.*

## Post-Communion Sentence

Jesus said, “I have set you an example,  
that you also should do as I have done to you.”

*John 13: 15*

## Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,  
we thank you for your mercy and your grace:  
you are our light in darkness,  
our strength in weakness,  
and our comfort in sorrow.

You heal our bodies and our minds;  
you ease our pain, you lift our anxieties  
and give us hope.

**So fill us with your Spirit’s power  
that we may take your healing love  
to a world in need,  
and bring glory to your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## The Blessing

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace  
in believing;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be with you, and remain with you for ever.  
**Amen.**

*We share any notices and news*

Closing Hymn: **Help us accept each other**

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- 1 Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe  
We are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.**
- 2 Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.**
- 3 Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
in living situations to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.**
- 4 Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance, for justice, and for bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;  
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!**

**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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