



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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

Provoking faith in Hastings communities



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
21st July 2024



Our service begins on page 456 of
A New Zealand Prayer Book
- *He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa*

Opening Hymn:

God is love, with adoration
let the heavens and earth rejoice;
lift the song of exultation,
praises sounding as one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
and who spread the heavens above,
still rejoicing in creation -
God is love, eternal love.

God is love; and love enfolds us,
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp God holds us,
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is love; and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain:
God is love, so love forever
in the universe must reign.

Bryn Rees, adapted. Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH

The Gathering of the Community: page 456

The Collect

**Father,
imprint upon our hearts
that because we belong to you
no one can pluck us from your hand,
and because we fear you
we need fear no other.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Proclamation (page 460)

The Readings

First reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

The Lord denounces the rulers who have so poorly shepherded the people of Israel. God will gather the flock together and give them new shepherds, especially a just ruler in the line of David.

After the reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.

You Lord make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside the waters of peace.

You revive my spirit:
and guide me in right pathways for your names sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
**for you are with me,
your rod and your staff are my comfort.**

You spread a table for me in the sight of my enemies:
**you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is overflowing.**

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
**all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

A reading from Ephesians 2:11-22

*The celebration of the new community of unified humanity which
God has formed and built up through Christ Jesus.*

After the reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn:

**Loving Shepherd of your sheep,
keep us all, in safety keep;
nothing can your power withstand,
none can pluck us from your hand.**

**Loving Lord, you chose to give
your own life that we might live,
and your hands outstretched to bless,
bear the cruel nails' impress.**

**Help me praise you every day,
gladly serve you and obey,
like your glorious ones above
happy in your precious love.**

**Loving Shepherd, ever near,
teach us all your voice to hear,
let my footsteps never stray
from the true and narrow way.**

**Where you lead me I will go,
walking in your steps below,
till, before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.**

Jane Leeson. Tune: BUCKLAND

We remain standing

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Praise and glory to God.

The apostles return from their first mission and are summoned away by Jesus to a place of solitude and restoration.

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

The Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith (page 461)

Prayers of the People

During the prayers:

... in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers end with the following:

God, you shape our dreams.

**As we put our trust in you
may your hopes and desires be ours,
and we your expectant people. Amen.**

The Peace (page 466)

Offertory Hymn:

Jesus, where'er your people meet,
there they behold your mercy seat;
where'er they seek you, you are found,
and every place is hallowed ground.

For you, within no walls confined,
are present in the humble mind;
such ever bring you where they come,
and going, take you to their home.

Dear Shepherd of your chosen few,
your former mercies here renew;
here to our waiting hearts proclaim
the sweetness of your saving name.

Here may we prove the power of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

Though we are few, your help is near;
nor short your arm, nor deaf your ear;
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts your own.

William Cowper (adapted) Tune: WAREHAM

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.

Final Hymn:

**Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
through this world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
now and to eternity:
here possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.**

**Saviour, by your grace restore us –
all our weakness are plain;
you have lived on earth before us;
you have felt our grief and pain;
tempted, taunted, yet undaunted,
from the depths you rose again.**

**Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with holy peace;
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cease:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
ever shall our joys increase.**

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



