



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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

Provoking faith in Hastings communities



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
14th July 2024



Our service begins on page 404 of
A New Zealand Prayer Book
- *He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa*

Opening Hymn:

**O bless the God of Israel,
who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us
and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy,
of rescue and release;
God shall fulfil the promise
to bring our people peace.**

**Now from the house of David
a child of grace is given;
A Saviour comes among us
to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald
forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation,
the messenger of Day.**

**Where once were fear and darkness
the sun begins to rise
the dawning of forgiveness
upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims
along the paths of peace:
O bless our God and Saviour,
with songs that never cease!**

Michael Perry, after "The Song of Zechariah". Tune: AURELIA

The Gathering of the Community: page 404

The 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.

The Proclamation: page 409

The Readings

First reading: Amos 7:7-15

Amos is given a vision of a plum line, and he prophesies God's judgement regardless of the personal consequences.

After the reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:8-13

Let me hear what you will say O Lord:

for you will speak peace to your people,
to your servants whose hearts are turned to you.

For deliverance is at hand for those who fear you:

so that your glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met together:

justice and peace have embraced each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground:

and righteousness will look down from heaven.

You Lord will give prosperity:
and our land shall yield its harvest.

Justice shall go before you:
and the path for your feet shall be peace.

A reading from 2 Ephesians 1:3-14

The author praises God for the glorious inheritance that has been given to those who are now the children of God.

After the reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn:

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:

All my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:

God, the well-spring of life

Taizé chant #20 (b)

We remain standing

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 6:1-13

Praise and glory to God.

The arrest and death of John the Baptist by order of King Herod.

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

The Sermon

Prayers of the People

During the prayers:

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
We will sing praises to our God.

The prayers end with the following:

God of peace,
let us your people know,
that at the heart of turbulence
there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you.
**Keep us from being content with things as they are,
that from this central peace
there may come a creative compassion,
a thirst for justice,
and a willingness to give of ourselves
in the spirit of Christ. Amen.**

The Peace: page 419

Offertory Hymn:

**Take our bread, we ask you,
Take our hearts, we love you,
Take our lives, oh Father,
We are yours, we are yours. (Repeat)**

**Yours as we stand at the table you set,
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the signs of your life with us yet;
We are yours, we are yours. Refrain**

**Your holy people stand washed in your blood,
Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food.
Poor though we are, we have brought ourselves to you:
We are yours, we are yours. *Refrain***

Words: Joseph Wise

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:

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
 till all the world adore his glorious name!*

**Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
if we are silent, even stones cry out. *Refrain...***

**Jesus, you wept to see our human strife,
teach us compassion for each human life. *Refrain...***

**Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme,
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream. *Refrain***

**Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God. *Refrain...***

**Worlds to be born and children yet to be
come, take up this song into eternity. *Refrain...***

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

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