



# The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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

*Provoking faith in Hastings communities*



**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**11<sup>th</sup> August 2024**



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

*Opening Hymn:*

**Praise and thanksgiving, gladly we offer,  
for all things living you have made good;  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**Bless now the labour we bring to serve you,  
that with our neighbour we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you;  
harvesting, milling, for daily bread.**

**Ever providing food for your children,  
your wisdom guiding teaches us share  
one with another, so that, rejoicing  
sister and brother may know your care.**

**Then will your blessing reach every people;  
each one confessing your gracious hand.  
When you are reigning no one will hunger:  
your love sustaining fruitful the land.**

*Words: Albert F. Bayley (adapted). Tune: BUNESSAN*

***The Gathering of the Community: page 404***

***The Collect***

**Merciful God,  
you gave your only Son  
to be a sacrifice for sin  
and an example of godly life;  
help us gladly to receive  
all that he has done for us  
and follow in his footsteps;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

**The Proclamation:** page 409

## **The Readings**

*First reading: 1 Kings 19:4–8*

*Elijah seeks to escape the wrath of Jezebel and his successful contest with the priests of Baal.*

*After the reading:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 34:1-8*

I will give thanks to the Lord at all times:  
**God's praise will always be on my lips.**

My soul will glory in the Lord:  
**the humble will hear and be glad.**

O praise the Lord with me:  
**let us exalt God's name together.**

I sought your help O Lord and you answered me:  
**and freed me from all my fears.**

Look towards the Most High, and be radiant with light:  
**and your faces will not be ashamed.**

In my affliction I cried out, and the Lord heard me:  
**and saved me from all my troubles.**

Your angel O Lord keeps guard around those who fear you:  
**to rescue them in time of danger.**

Taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
**happy are those who find refuge in the Most High.**

A reading from Ephesians 4:25–5:2

*Christians are urged to conform to a new way of life which is pleasing to the Holy Spirit. They are to love like the love of Christ.*

*After the reading:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Hymn:*

**Living charity, and steadfast love,  
Living charity shows the heart of God.** *Taize chant*

*We remain standing*

The Holy Gospel according to John 6:35, 41-51

**Praise and glory to God.**

*Jesus continues to teach that he is the true bread who will bring all who have faith in him eternal life.*

*After the reading:*

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ the Word.**

***The Sermon***

***The Affirmation of Faith: page 410***

***Prayers of the People***

*During the prayers:*

Loving God, broken for us, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

***The Peace: page 419***

*Offertory Hymn:*

What feast of love is offered here,  
what banquet comes from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life,  
what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
the Bread came down from heaven.  
O taste, and see, and sing:  
how sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here,  
what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life,  
what joyful message given?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
the Sun come down from heaven!  
O see, and hear, and sing:  
the Word of God is given!

What pledge of love is offered here,  
what token blessed by heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life,  
what finest wine is given?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
the one True Vine of heaven.  
O taste and see, and sing:  
the Son of God is given.

*Delores Dufner (adapted) Tune: GREENSLEEVES*

***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:*

**What is our mission in this place,  
our vision for these days?  
Our homes alive with love for God  
our cities filled with praise!  
The church a true community  
to serve our neighbourhood;  
friends gathered round by Jesus Christ  
at work for all, for good.**

**To welcome everyone in need  
with free, affirming care;  
to hear God's word, to teach the truth,  
find justice we can share:  
to send, and to be sent ourselves  
and look for opening doors  
along the street, or nationwide,  
or far beyond our shores.**

**To build in partnership with Christ,  
to pray 'Your Kingdom come',  
that One who changed us at the Cross  
will heal this place, our home.  
O Holy Spirit, move our hearts;  
mend us and make us one,  
in beautiful variety  
our heaven on earth begun!**

*Christopher Idle (adapted). Tune: KINGSFOLD*

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





