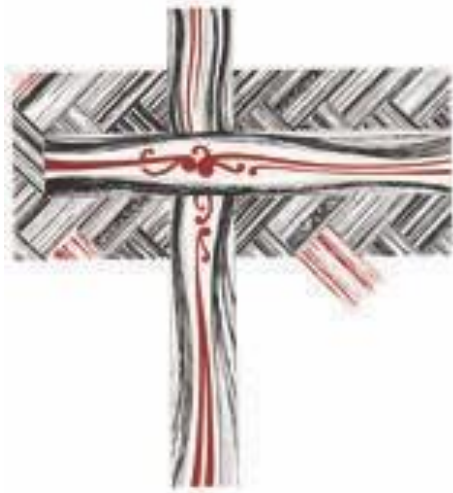




The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

**encompassing
St Matthew's, Hastings
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Provoking faith in Hastings communities



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***Celebrating Eucharist and the Baptism of
Carter James Murfitt Nes***

15th September 2024

The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn

**Great God, your love has called us here as
we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear, though
marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.**

**We come, with all our heart and mind your
call to hear, your love to find.**

**We come with self-inflicted pains of
broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains, by
social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined, yet
seeking hope for humankind.**

**Great God, in Christ you call our name and
then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right or claim, but
by your gracious love alone.**

**We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and
find you kneeling at our feet.**

**Then take the towel, and break the bread, and
humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends to
work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.**

**Great God, in Christ you set us free your life
to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair and
offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.**

Brian Wren. Tune: MELITA

Grace and peace to you from God.

God fill you with truth and joy.

The priest introduces the liturgy

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth. Lord
God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord
God, Lamb of God,**

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive
our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord,**

you alone are the Most High,

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

We sit or kneel

God our Creator, you have made all things good, but
we do not love you with all our heart,
and with all our soul, and with all our mind, and
with all our strength.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus our friend, you forgive our sins,
but we do not forgive and befriend each other. Christ,
have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, you love us and live in us,
but we often find it difficult to love ourselves. Lord,
have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

In silence before God
we confess our sins.

Silence

God forgives you. Be
at peace.

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

**Holy and eternal God,
give us such trust in your sure purpose, that
we measure our lives
not by what we have done or failed to do, but
by our faithfulness to you.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Proclamation

The Readings

A reading from Isaiah 50:4-9a

*The servant who speaks for the Lord and suffers persecution, but still
trusts in God's help and vindication.*

At the end of the reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-9

I love you O Lord because you heard my voice:

when I made my supplication,

because you turned your ear to me:

when I called upon your name.

The cords of death entangled me,
and the grip of Sheol laid hold on me:
distress and anguish descended upon me.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:

'Deliver me O Lord I beseech you.'

Gracious is the Lord and righteous:
truly our God is a God of compassion.

The Lord preserves the simple-hearted:
when I was brought low the Lord saved me.

Be at rest once more O my soul:
for the Lord has treated you kindly.

The Lord has saved me from death:
**and kept my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling, so
that I may walk in the presence of the Lord:
in the land of the living.**

A reading from James 3:1-12
Our habits of speech.

At the end of the reading:
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel 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

We remain standing

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 8:27-38

Peter recognises that Jesus is the Christ, in Jesus thin describes the true nature of the ministry of the Son of Man and what it means to follow in his way.

At the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

The Sermon

The Baptism

E te whānau a te Karaiti,
God is love, God gives us life.
We love because God first loves us. In
baptism God declares that love; in
Christ God calls us to respond.

The candidate for baptism is presented by his parents:

We present Carter James to be baptised
and made a member of the Body of Christ, the Church.

The priest says

From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism. Believers' children have also been baptised so that with help and encouragement they should grow up in Christ and by the grace of God serve Christ all the days of their life.

On the day when the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ's resurrection, Peter urged his hearers

'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus the Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God may call.'

To the parents and godparents:

How do you respond to this promise?

Parents and godparents reply together

We hear God's call and ask for baptism.

Do you renounce all evil influences and powers that rebel against God?

Parents and godparents reply together

I renounce all evil.

Do you trust in Christ's victory
which brings forgiveness, freedom and life?

Parents and godparents reply together

In faith I turn to Christ, my way, my truth, my life.

We reply

May God keep you in the way you have chosen.

The priest stands by the font

Praise God who made heaven and earth

whose promise endures for ever.

We thank you God for your love in all creation, especially
for your gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

We thank you for your covenant with your people Israel, through the
Red Sea waters
you led them to freedom in the promised land.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptised by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Through the deep waters of death Jesus fulfilled his baptism. He died to set us free and was raised to be exalted Lord of all. It is Christ who baptises with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

We thank you that through the waters of baptism you cleanse us, renew us by your Spirit and raise us to new life.

In the new covenant we are made members of your Church and share in your eternal kingdom.

Through your Holy Spirit fulfil once more your promises in this water of rebirth, set apart in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!

The priest baptises the child, saying

Carter James, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. God receives you by baptism into the Church. Child of God, blessed in the Spirit, welcome to the family of Christ.

The priest makes the sign of the cross with holy oil on the baptised, saying

We sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ.

A lighted candle is given, with the words

Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen. Shine with the light of Christ.

Praise to God who has given us life.

Blessed be God for the gift of love.

Praise to God who forgives our sin.

Blessed be God who sets us free.

Praise to God who kindles our faith.

Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.

Let us, the baptised, affirm that we renounce evil and
commit our lives to Christ.

Blessed be God. JESUS IS LORD!

The priest then asks the parents and godparents of the newly baptised

What is your faith?

Parents and godparents reply together

I believe and trust in God the Father, maker
and sustainer of all things,
and in God the Son, my Saviour Jesus Christ,
and in God the Holy Spirit, giver of life and truth. This is
my faith.

The priest speaks to the parents and godparents

How then will you care for this child?

The parents and godparents reply together

I will love this child and share my faith with him.

The priest says to everyone

As the community of faith,
we rejoice at this baptism and will share with Carter
what we ourselves have received:
a delight in prayer, a love for the word of God, a
desire to follow the way of Christ,
and food for the journey.

God bless you with wisdom and love, may
Carter find in you,
your homes and families,
Christ's love and understanding. **Amen.**

The priest, with the people, pray

God of love,
**we thank you for our calling to
be disciples of Christ.**
Help us to nurture this child in the faith we share. May
he grow to love, worship, and serve you,
and bring life to the world. Amen.

The Celebration of Faith

We stand and the priest says

Let us rejoice with those who have committed themselves to Christ and
celebrate the faith of our baptism.

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

All **I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All **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.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All **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.**

The Prayers of the People

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

We kneel or sit

During the prayers:

God of love,
grant our prayer.

The Peace

We stand

E te whānau, we are the body of Christ.

By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Preparation of the Gifts

As the gifts of the people are placed on the altar-table we sing

Offertory Hymn:

**He came singing Love and
he lived singing love; he
died, singing love
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on
we must make it our song; you
and I be the singers.**

**He came singing faith
and he lived singing faith; he
died, singing faith.
He arose in silence.**

**For the faith to go on
we must make it our song; you
and I be the singers.**

**He came singing hope
and he lived singing hope; he
died, singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on
we must make it our song; you
and I be the singers.**

**He came singing peace
and he lived singing peace; he
died, singing peace.
He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on
we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.**

Colin Gibson. Tune: SINGING LOVE

The Great Thanksgiving

We remain standing, though if needs be, feel free to sit.

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.

Above all we give you thanks and praise for you 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.

Through the waters of baptism, in which we die to sin and rise to new life, you have made us members of Christ, the children of God, and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven.

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.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration that
this bread we eat and this wine we drink
may be to us the body and blood of Christ.

Renew us in your service, unite us in Christ,
as we offer you our songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here
and everywhere,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Communion

As Christ teaches us we pray

**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.**

The priest breaks the bread in silence

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.**

Come God's people,
come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

*Everyone who is baptised is welcome to receive 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.

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, lover of all, by
this sacrament
you make us one family in Christ your Son, one
in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the
communion of his Spirit.

**Help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ. We ask
this in his name. Amen.**

The Dismissal of the Community

The priest blesses us.

Final Hymn:

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end - be
now and ever near me, my master and my friend: I shall
not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

**O let me feel you near me, the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes
are ever near me, around me and within;
but Jesus draw you nearer and shield my soul from sin!**

**O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still; above
the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will: O speak to
reassure me, to hasten or control;
and speak to make me listen, O guardian of my soul.**

**O let me see your footmarks and in them plant my own; my
hope to follow truly is in your strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me, my saviour and my friend.**

J. E. Bode. Tune: WOLVERCOTE

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



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