



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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

Provoking faith in Hastings communities



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8th September 2024



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

Opening Hymn:

Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, God of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
singing bird and flowing fountain
call to praise you joyfully.

You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest,
Our Creator, Christ our brother,
Let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine q.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.

Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Henry Van Dyke. Tune: ODE TO JOY

The Gathering of the Community: page 456

The Collect

God the strength of all who believe in you
increase our faith and trust
in your Son Jesus Christ,
that in him we may live victoriously
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Proclamation (page 460)

The Readings

First reading: Isaiah 35:4–7a

God comes in judgement to save the exiled people, and the prophet foresees a time of healing.

After the reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord O my soul:
as long as I live I will praise the Lord.

Yes, as long as I have life:
I will sing praises to my God.

Put no trust in princes, nor in any human power:
for in them there is no help.

When they breathe their last, they return to dust:
then all their plans come to nothing.

Happy are those whose helper is the God of Jacob:
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth,
the sea and all that is in them:
who keeps a promise for ever,

who defends the cause of the oppressed:
and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets free the prisoner,
and gives sight to the blind:
**the Lord raises up those bowed down,
and loves those who are just.**

The Lord cares for the stranger in the land,
and sustains the widows and orphans:
but turns the way of the wicked to ruin.

The Lord shall reign for ever:
**your God O Jerusalem shall reign for all generations.
O praise the Lord.**

A reading from James 2:1–10, 14–17

*Practical matters of ethical behaviour among Christians are
inextricable from any expression of faith*

After the reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn:

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, the Son.**

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give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, the Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong",
let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us."**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us."**

**Give thanks.
Give thanks.**

Don Moen. Tune: GIVE THANKS

We remain standing

**The Holy Gospel according to Mark 7:24-37
Praise and glory to God.**

*Jesus, travelling in Gentile territory, heals the daughter of a
Gentile woman and then a death man with a speech impediment.*

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:

Praise to you, abundant God,
for when we ask, you give;
when we seek, you show the way.
When we knock, you answer.
Praise to you for your unfailing grace.
Make us now your faithful people.
Amen.

The Peace (page 466)

Offertory Hymn:

**When I needed a neighbour
were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter,
were you there?**

**I was hungry and thirsty
Were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter
were you there?**

I was cold, I was naked
Were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter
were you there?

When I needed a shelter
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter were you there?
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter
were you there?

When I needed a healer
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there?
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter
were you there?

Wherever you travel
I'll be there, I'll be there,
wherever you travel, I'll be there
and the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter
I'll be there.

Words and music by Sydney B. Carter

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:

**We give God thanks for those who knew
the touch of Jesus' healing love;
they trusted him to make them whole,
to give them peace, their guilt remove.**

**We offer prayer for all who go
relying on God's grace and power,
to help the anxious and the ill,
to heal their wounds, their lives restore.**

**We dedicate our skills and time
to those who suffer where we live,
to bring such comfort as we can
to meet their need, their pain relieve.**

**So Jesus' touch of healing grace
lives on within our willing care;
by thought and prayer and gifts we prove
his mercy still, his love we share.**

*Michael Perry (1942 - 1996) © Mrs B Perry/Jubilate Hymns
Tune MELCOMBE*

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