



# The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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

*Provoking faith in Hastings communities*



***22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1<sup>st</sup> September 2024***



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

*Opening Hymn:*

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird:  
praise for the singing, praise for the morning,  
praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass:  
praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play:  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!

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***The Gathering of the Community: page 456***

***The Collect***

Gentle Father,  
show us our sins as they really are  
so that we may truly renounce them  
and know the depth and richness of your mercy.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***The Proclamation (page 460)***

***The Readings***

*First reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9*

*Moses urges the people to keep the Lord's commandments in order that they and their children may live well in the promised land.*

*After the reading:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 15*

Lord, who may be a guest in your house:  
or who may dwell on your holy mountain?

**One who leads a blameless life:  
who does what is right,  
and speaks truthfully from the heart,**

whose tongue is free from malice,  
who never wrongs a friend:  
and utters no reproach against a neighbour,

**who does not honour the unworthy:  
but makes much of those who fear the Lord.**

Such a one stands by a promise given:  
though it be at personal disadvantage,

**and will not take interest on a loan:  
nor accept a bribe  
to testify against the innocent.**

Whoever does all this:  
shall never be overthrown.

A reading from James 1:17-27

*A series of teachings on the meaning of true religion: doing God's word.*

*After the reading:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Hymn:*

**In the quiet of this day,  
in the safety of this place,  
Holy Presence, hear me pray,  
soothe my spirit with your peace.**

**Take the tangle of my thought,  
take the tension from my frame,  
free within me what is fraught,  
still the waves I cannot tame.**

**I am tired and out of tune:  
it is you who gives new song.  
I am fearful and alone:  
bring me home where I belong.**

**What I am, you truly know,  
more than lover, more than friend,  
you the light to whom I grow,  
you my meaning and my end.**

*Alleluia, allelu,  
Alleluia, allelu,  
Alleluia, allelu,  
Alleluia, allelu.*

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*We remain standing*

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

**Praise and glory to God.**

*Jesus denounces those who find ways to ignore the genuine commandments of God, and he calls people to the awareness that the only evil which can corrupt a person comes from within.*

*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:*

Giver of every perfect gift, for your love and goodness,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

*The prayers end with the following:*

Blessed are you,  
God of growth and discovery;  
yours is the inspiration  
that has altered and changed our lives;  
yours is the power that has brought us  
to new dangers and opportunities.

**Set us, your new creation,  
to walk through this new world,  
watching and learning,  
loving and trusting,  
until your kingdom comes. Amen.**

***The Peace*** (page 466)

*Offertory Hymn:*

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
Christ our God, to you we raise  
this our grateful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light,  
Christ our God, to you we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
pleasures pure and undefiled,  
Christ our God, to you we raise  
this our grateful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift divine  
to our race so freely given,  
joys bestowed by love's design,  
flowers of earth and fruits of heaven,  
Christ our God, to you we raise  
this our grateful hymn of praise.

*F. S. Pierpont. Tune: DIX*

## **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:*

**Forth in your name, O Lord, I go  
my daily labour to pursue;  
you, Lord, alone I long to know  
in all I think or speak or do.**

**The task your wisdom has assigned  
here let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my work your presence find  
and prove your good and perfect will.**

**You I would set at my right hand  
whose eyes my inmost secrets view;  
and labour on at your command  
and offer all my work to you.**

**Help me to bear your easy yoke  
and every moment watch and pray;  
and still to things eternal look  
and hasten to that glorious day.**

**Gladly for you may I employ  
all that your generous grace has given;  
and run my earthly course with joy,  
and closely walk with you to heaven.**

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

