



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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St Matthew's, Hastings
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Provoking faith in Hastings communities



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Several of the parish clergy have been attending the Diocesan Synod this weekend, and so this morning we follow Morning Worship, led by Deacon Lynette, with Kevin Watkins offering a special presentation

Opening Hymn

New every morning is the love
our waking and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies, each returning day
surround your people as they pray,
new dangers past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily life our mind
be set to honour all we find,
new treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.

The trivial round, the common task,
will give us all we ought to ask,
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.

Prepare us, Lord, in your dear love,
for perfect rest with you above,
and help us, this and every day
to grow more like you as we pray.

Tune: Melcombe

The Preparation

The deacon greets the people, then says:

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

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

We remain standing

Great & Wonderful

Great and wonderful are your deeds

O Lord God the almighty:

just and true are your ways

O Sovereign of the nations.

Who shall not revere and praise your name O Lord?

for you alone are holy.

All nations shall come and worship in your presence:

for your just dealings have been revealed.

To the One who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb:

be blessing and honour, glory and might

for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 15:3b-4; 5:13

The deacon says

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

let us praise and worship God who has called us together.

Let us celebrate God's majesty,

and delight in the wonder of God's love.

Together we shall confess our sins

and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read,

we can allow God's word to speak to us,

and ponder its meaning for our lives.

In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,

we pray for others as well as for ourselves,

and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

All this we do,

because we believe in the presence among us

of our Saviour Jesus Christ,

and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Love one another,

for love is of God,

and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

The deacon then says

Let us kneel or sit and, in silence,
remember our need for God's forgiveness.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of mercy,
we have sinned against you and against others.
We have sinned in what we have done,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for our sins,
forgive us all that is past
and raise us to newness of life. Amen.**

The deacon says

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent,
forgive our sins, strengthen us by the Holy Spirit,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;
and tell of your salvation from day to day.

We proclaim your glory to the nations,
your praise to the ends of the earth.

Psalm 67

Be gracious to us O God and bless us:
and make the light of your face to shine upon us,
that your ways may be known upon earth:
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you O God:
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad, and sing for joy:
for you judge the peoples righteously,
and guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you O God:
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its harvest:
and you our God will bless us.

Your blessing O God be upon us:
and let all the ends of the world revere you.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen/

We remain seated

A reading from Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

We stand to say together The Song of Zechariah

Blessed are you O Lord our God:
you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets you promised of old:
that you would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

You promised to show mercy to our forbears:
and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship you without fear:
holy and righteous in your sight all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

to give God's people knowledge of salvation:
through the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Reflection – Kevin Watkins

Hymn

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

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The deacon says

The Lord be with you.
The Lord bless you.

We kneel or sit

Make your ways known upon earth, O God,
your saving power among all peoples.

Renew your Church in holiness,
and help us to serve you with joy.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation,
that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Make us instruments of your peace,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

We pray for the church, for all Christians everywhere, for Andrew our bishop, for our Diocese of Waiapu, and for all minister in our parish of Greater Hastings, lay and ordained.

(we pause for silent prayer)

Gracious God, may your Spirit give strength to all your people as they work and witness in your world. Unite us in your truth and love, and help us to show your love to others.

God of love

grant our prayer.

We pray for all people, for places where there is war and conflict.

(we pause for silent prayer)

God our creator, help everyone to share all the good gifts that you have given to us. May those who lead the nations of the world be given wisdom.

God of love

grant our prayer.

We pray for our community and for all who live and work in this area, and for those standing in the local body elections.

(we pause for silent prayer)

God our friend, we pray for our families and friends. May we be able to help each other just as you love and help us.

God of love

grant our prayer.

We pray for those in need, for the sick, and all for whom life is tough.

(we pause for silent prayer)

Compassionate God, give your strength and healing to all those who are sad, lonely, or sick. And bless all those who try and help them.

God of love

grant our prayer.

We remember those who have died.

(we pause for silent prayer)

God of hope, we thank you that not even death can separate us from your love. We pray for all who grieve, that they may know your care for them.

God of love

grant our prayer.

We pray for ourselves – all that we will do this week, and all those we will meet.

(we pause for silent prayer)

Loving God we give this week into your hands. Be with us in all that we will do, may we enjoy this week and learn and grow in it.

God of love

grant our prayer.

Holy and everliving God,

by your power we are created

and by your love we are redeemed;

guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,

that we may give ourselves to your service,

and live each day in love to one another and to you,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In darkness and in light,

in trouble and in joy,

help us, heavenly Father,

to trust your love,

to serve your purpose,

and to praise your name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught 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.**

Offertory Hymn

**You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.**

**God rules in the height, almighty to save;
though hid from our sight, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

**'Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!'
let all cry aloud, and honour the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing - with angels above -
and thanks never ceasing, for infinite love.**

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**The almighty and merciful God bless us
and keep us now and for ever. Amen.**

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.



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