

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

Faith Giving Life



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th November 2024

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

Opening Hymn:

Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God. he whose word cannot be broken formed you for his own abode: on the rock of ages founded, what can shake your sure repose? with salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply your sons and daughters and all fear of want remove: who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage? grace, which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near: thus they march, the pillar leading, light by night and shade by day, daily on the manna feeding which God gives them when they pray.

Saviour, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name:
fading are the world's best pleasures,
all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

The Collect:

God, our ruler and guide, when we come to the place where the road divides, keep us true to the way of Christ, alive to the present opportunities, and confident of eternal life, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Readings:

A reading from Daniel 12:1-3

Daniel is given a vision of the end of human history: after a period of great distress, some will be brought to their salvation and others to eternal disgrace.

After the reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

Preserve me O God: for in you I have taken refuge.

I have said to the Lord, 'You are my God: from you alone comes all my prosperity.'

All my delight is in the faithful who dwell in the land: and in those who excel in virtue.

But as for those who run after other gods: their troubles shall be multiplied.

Libations of blood I will not offer to those gods: nor will I take their names upon my lips.

You Lord are my allotted portion and my cup: you yourself have cast my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land: indeed I have a noble heritage.

I will thank you O Lord for giving me counsel: at night also you teach my heart.

I keep you always before me: you are on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

So my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices: my body also shall rest in safety.

For you will not give me up to the power of death: nor suffer your beloved to see the Abyss.

You will show me the path of life, in your presence is the fulness of joy: and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

A reading from Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

The writer urges Christians to persevere in hope because of Christ's sacrifice.

After the reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn:

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy, be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labours, and give us, we pray, Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day!

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1951, tune: SLANE

We remain standing

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 13:1-8 **Praise and glory to God.**

Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple, something which happened in 70 AD.

After the reading:
This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ the Word.

Prayers of the People

During the prayers:

In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Offertory Hymn:

Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other; Born in our darkness, he became our brother. If we have seen him we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high! Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other; No one can serve him and despise another. Who else unites us one in God the Father? Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other; Sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother. He who redeems us reigns with God the Father. Glory to God on high!

Give God the glory, God and none other; Give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father. Give God the glory, God with us our brother; Glory to God on high!

Words: G.W. Briggs Tune: RINKART or NUN DANKET

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:

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us through this world's tempestuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, now and to eternity: here possessing every blessing, if our God our Father be.

Saviour, by your grace restore us – all our weakness are plain; you have lived on earth before us; you have felt our grief and pain; tempted, taunted, yet undaunted, from the depths you rose again.

Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with holy peace; love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cease: thus provided, pardoned, guided, ever shall our joys increase.

Words: J. Edmestor. Tune: MANNHEIM

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