



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings



Fourth Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2024

10.00am

*Eucharistic Liturgy:
Celebrating the Grace of God*

Opening Hymn: **When out of poverty is born**

Words: Kathryn Galloway © Church Hymnary CH4 #291

Tune: **KINGSFOLD**

- 1 When out of poverty is born
a dream that will not die,
and landless, weary folk find strength
to stand with heads held high,
it's then we learn from those who wait
to greet the promised day,
'The Lord is coming; don't lose heart.
Be blest: prepare the way!'**

- 2 When people wander far from God,
forget to share their bread,
they find their wealth an empty thing,
their spirits are not fed.
For only just and tender love
the hungry soul will stay.
And so God's prophets echo still
'Be blest: prepare the way!'**

- 3 When God took flesh and came to earth,
the world turned upside down,
and in the strength of woman's faith
the Word of Life was born.
She knew that God would raise the low,
it pleased her to obey.
Rejoice with Mary in the call,
'Be blest: prepare the way!'**

The Gathering

A Sentence for the Season of Advent:

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isaiah 40: 3

E te whanau a te Karaiti,
during this season of preparation,
we gather together to worship God,
the One who is Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love,
and with whom all are welcome.

Grace and peace to you from God.
God fill you with truth and joy.

Advent Wreath Candle lighting

*Three candles in the Advent Wreath have been lit, representing Hope, Peace, Joy.
Today we light the fourth candle, for Love.*

Hymn:

Light a Candle Bright and Tall -

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**Light a candle bright and tall
for a Love which knows no end.
Love that comes to one and all.
Fear and hatred to upend.
Shine within our hearts today -
Come, O Love, to us, we pray.**

An Advent Song of Praise - The Desert shall Blossom

Isaiah 35: 1, 2, 5, 6, 10

- 1 The desert shall rejoice and blossom;
it shall rejoice with gladness and singing.
- 2 **The glory of the Lord shall be revealed:
and the majesty of our God.**
- 3 Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened:
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- 4 **then shall the lame leap like the hart:
and the tongue of the dumb shall sing for joy.**
- 5 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness:
and streams in the desert.
- 6 **The ransomed of the Lord shall return:
and come with singing,
with everlasting joy upon their heads.**

- 7 They shall obtain joy and gladness:
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

We sit or kneel

As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist together,
in a moment of silence, we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Jesus, you came to call us to repentance.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you come in word and sacrament
to share your abundant life.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Jesus, you will come again in glory
to renew the whole creation.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Silence

God, for whom we wait and watch,
**through this Eucharist we celebrate
cleanse us of our sins
so that we may come to share your eternal banquet;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen**

Presider: God forgives you.
Be at peace.

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Sentence of the Day

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a
fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. *Luke 1: 4*

Collect of the Day

Let us pray that we may seek God
even in the midst of busyness.

**God, faithful and true,
make us eager with expectation,
as we look for the fulfilment of your promise
in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.**

1st Reading: **Micah 5: 2-5a**

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

For the Psalm: ***The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

Magnificat - Luke 1: 46-55 (adapted / ANZPB)

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
- 2 **for you Lord have looked with favour
on your lowly servant:
and from this day all generations will call me blessed.**
- 3 You O Most Mighty have done great things for me:
and holy is your name.
- 4 **You have mercy on those who fear you:
from generation to generation.**
- 5 You have shown the strength of your arm:
you have scattered the proud in their conceit.
- 6 **You have cast down the mighty from their thrones:
and have lifted up the lowly.**
- 7 You have filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich you have sent away empty.
- 8 **You have come to the help of your people:
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,**
- 9 the promise you made to our forbears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: For Ages Women Hoped and Prayed

Words: Jane Parker Huber / Worship & Rejoice #172

Tune: NOEL (Sullivan) [aka: It came upon a midnight clear]

- 1 For ages women hoped and prayed
to bear the Anointed One.
Both Israel's Saviour and the world's
the new day's shining Sun.
Did they not know? Did they not guess
what pain would then be theirs,
if God's anointed graced their home
in answer to their prayers?**
- 2 Young Mary did not think to hope
for miracles of birth;
and God chose her to be the one
to make Christ's home on earth.
So Mary sang her heartfelt praise
of God who sets things straight:
the mighty fall, the weak are raised,
the hungry fill their plate.**
- 3 Our hearts rejoice as Mary's song
becomes our hymn of praise;
for Christ has come, Emmanuel,
to claim our years and days,
both present now and coming still
accomplished fact and dream.
We join the song that Mary sings
an earthly heavenly theme.**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 1: 39-45**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke ,
chapter 1, beginning at the 39th verse
Praise and glory to God.

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

The Sermon

Following the Sermon, we pause for a moment of silent and/or musical reflection

Hymn:

No wind at the window

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Alt. tune: MUELLER*

- ¹ No wind at the window no knock on the door;
no light from the lampstand, no foot on the floor;
no dream born of tiredness, no ghost raised by fear:
an angel, a woman, a voice in her ear.**
- ² ‘O Mary, O Mary, don’t hide from my face.
Be glad that you’re favoured and filled with God’s grace.
The time for redeeming the world has begun;
and you are requested to mother God’s son.**
- ³ ‘This child must be born that the kingdom might come:
salvation for many, destruction for some;
both end and beginning both message and sign;
both victor and victim, both yours and divine.’**
- ⁴ No payment was promised, no promises made;
no wedding was dated, no blueprint displayed.
Yet Mary, consenting to what none could guess,
replied with conviction, ‘Tell God, I say Yes.’**

The Prayers of the People

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

(adapted from 'Let Us Pray' - Janet Nelson)

V: God of heaven, dwelling among us,
in your mercy:

R: **Hear our prayer.**

Those things, good Lord,
that your servants have prayed for,
give us grace to work for;
**and in the purpose of your love
answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes
for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

As we sing the next Hymn, the bread and wine are brought to the altar; our offerings for the Foodbank and money to support ministry and mission are collected and presented also.

Offertory Hymn: O come, O come, Emmanuel

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Tune: **VENI EMMANUEL** (Traditional)

¹ **O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
who mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God draws near:
Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

- 2 O come, true Wisdom from on high,
who orders all to mind and eye:
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in her ways to grow.
Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**
- 3 O come, O come, great Lord of might
who long ago on Sinai's height
gave all your tribes the ancient law,
in cloud and majesty and awe:
Rejoice, rejoice!...**
- 4 O come, true Branch of Jesse, free
your children from this tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save
to rise victorious from the grave:
Rejoice, rejoice!...**
- 5 O come, strong Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
upon our journey give relief,
and close the path to pain and grief.
Rejoice, rejoice!...**
- 6 O come, bright Daystar, come and cheer
our spirits by your advent here;
dispel the long night's lingering gloom
and pierce the shadows of the tomb:
Rejoice, rejoice!...**
- 7 King of the Nations, come, embrace
and unify the human race;
command our sad division cease
and be for us the Prince of Peace.
Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

The Preparation of the Gifts

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, and the power,
and the glory, and the victory and the majesty.

**All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours,
and of your own we give you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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;
you gave your promises to Abraham and Sarah
and bestowed your favour on the Virgin Mary.

Above all we give you thanks and praise
for your grace in sending Jesus Christ,
when we had turned away from you.

In your Son you suffered with us and for us,
calling us to freedom and holiness.

In his coming among us, the day of our deliverance
has dawned, and through him you will make all things new
when he comes in power and majesty to judge the world.

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.

As we eat this bread and drink this wine,
through the power of your Holy Spirit
feed us with your heavenly food,
renew us in your service, unite us in Christ,
as we offer you our songs of everlastings praise.

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

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray, saying ...

**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.**

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.**

The Invitation to Communion

Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour
Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us.
Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Communion will be served at standing stations at the Sanctuary steps - all are welcome to receive the bread and wine at communion, (however please note that intinction, ie dipping the wafer into the wine chalice, is **NOT** permitted); although you are welcome to receive the bread only if you prefer, or to come forward for a blessing only.*

If you need communion served to you in your seat, please indicate to the servers.

Prayer after Communion

God of new beginnings,
You draw near to us in word and sacrament
to strengthen and renew us;
**kindle in us the fire of your Spirit,
may your light so shine through us
that all may welcome your Son at his coming.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Emmanuel.
Amen.**

The Blessing

May Christ be our new beginning,
the hope and salvation of the world;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you, and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

We share any notices and news

Closing Hymn: **Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

Voices United: The Hymn and Worship Book of The United Church of Canada #30

Tune: ELLACOMBE

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
God's reign on earth begun!
Christ comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.
- 2 Christ comes with justice surely
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in his sight.
- 3 Christ shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.
- 4 To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove.
His name shall stand for ever:
that name to us is Love.

The Dismissal

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



You're invited and
all are welcome -
so come and join us as we
Celebrate the Season

Christmas and New Year Services

St Matthew's Church

200 King Street South, Hastings

Tuesday 24 December: Christmas Eve

- 5.30pm: Christingle Service for the young and young-at-heart,
with the Blessing of the Nativity Crib
- 11.00pm: The First Service of Christmas - Festive Eucharist with Carols

Wednesday 25 December: Christmas Day – The Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ

- 8.00am No 8am service today
- 10.00am Festive Christmas Day Eucharist with Carols

Sunday 29 December: Christmas 1

- 10.00am Combined Worship - at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church,
300 Market Street South, Hastings

Sunday 5 January 2025: The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

- 10.00am Eucharist with Carols - a whole-of-parish service, combined
with St Andrew's and St John Presbyterian Churches



Note: NO 8.00am Eucharist at St Matthew's during January;
and NO Thursday Eucharist at St Matthew's during January -
these services will resume on Thursday 13th February 2025



St Peter's Church

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

Wednesday 25 December: Christmas Day – The Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ

- 10.00am Festive Christmas Day Eucharist with Carols

Sundays 12th & 19th January : whole-of-Parish Eucharist at St Matthew's



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