



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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

Faith Giving Life



***2nd Sunday of the Epiphany
19th January 2025***



**Our service begins on page 404 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 dark 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,
all are yours who live in love;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to your joy above.

Henry Van Dyke, alt. Tune: ODE TO JOY

The Collect:

We pray you, Jesus, take the old water,
our busy, conscientious lives,
and turn them into gospel wine,
that everyone may see your life and thirst.
Hear this prayer for your name's sake. Amen.

The Readings:

A reading from Isaiah 62:1-5

The approaching return of the Exiles to their homeland marks a new status as God's people.

After the reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36:5-10

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens:

your faithfulness up to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,

your judgments are like the great deep:

you Lord save both people and beasts.

How precious is your steadfast love O God:

mortals take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the rich abundance of your house:

you give them drink from the stream of your delights.

For with you is the well of life:

and in your light we see light.

Continue your loving kindness to those who know you:

and your justice to the true of heart.

A reading from 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Paul says the gifts of the Spirit all contribute to the common good of the congregation.

After the reading:

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn:

**Jesus, come! for we invite you,
Guest and Master, Friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana's wedding,
speak, and let us hear your word:
lead us through our need or doubting,
hope be born and joy restored.**

**Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,
guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your servants,
let us trust in you alone:
though your hand may work in secret,
all shall see what you have done.**

**Jesus, come in new creation,
heaven brought near in power divine;
give your unexpected glory
changing water into wine:
rouse the faith of your disciples
come, our first and greatest sign!**

**Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,
make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine,
all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches,
taste your love, believe, and live!**

Christopher Idle (from John 2) Tune: MANNHEIM

We remain standing

The Holy Gospel according to John 2:1-11
Praise and glory to God.

Jesus changes water into wine at a wedding feast.

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

Prayers of the People

During the prayers:

Ever-bountiful God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Offertory Hymn:

Refrain:

**Take our bread, we ask you,
Take our hearts, we love you,
Take our lives, oh Father,
We are yours, we are yours. (Repeat)**

**Yours as we stand at the table you set,
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the signs of your life with us yet;
We are yours, we are yours. Refrain**

**Your holy people stand washed in your blood,
Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food.
Poor though we are, we have brought ourselves to you:
We are yours, we are yours. Refrain**

(Joseph Wise)

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. This makes it safer for us all.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, lover of all,
by this sacrament

you make us one family in Christ your Son,
one in the sharing of his body and blood,
one in the communion of his Spirit.

**Help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.
We ask this in his name. Amen.**

Final Hymn:

**Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices;
such wonders he has done!
in him the world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**So may this generous God
through all our life be near us;
to fill our hearts with joy,
And with his peace to cheer us
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
to free us from all ills
of this world and the next.**

All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
this one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
is he who was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

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

