

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

Faith Giving Life



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th February 2025

Our service begins on page 476 of A New Zealand Prayer Book - He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa

Opening Hymn:

Where mountains rise to open skies your name, O God, is echoed far, from island beach to kauri's reach, in water's light, in lake and star.

Your people's heart, your people's part be in our caring for this land, for faith to flower, for aroha to let each other's mana stand.

From broken word, from conflict stirred, from lack of vision, set us free to see the line of your design, to feel creation's energy.

Your love be known, compassion shown, that every child have equal scope: in justice done, in trust begun shall be our heritage and hope.

Where mountains rise to open skies your way of peace distill the air, your spirit bind all humankind, one covenant of life to share!

Shirley Erena Murray Tune: DUNEDIN

The Collect:

Almighty and eternal God, it is your will to bring the whole creation into unity in Christ; grant that your Church may faithfully proclaim the Good News until all people are saved and the earth is full of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Readings:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah has a vision of God and is called to the prophetic role

After the reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you O Lord with all my heart: before the gods I will sing your praises.

I will bow down toward your holy temple, and give thanks because of your love and faithfulness: for you have exalted your name and your word above all things.

On the day that I called, you answered me: and put new strength within me.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you O Lord: when they hear the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord: that the glory of the Lord is great.

For though Lord you are high, yet you care for the lowly: as for the proud, you humble them from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble you keep me safe: you stretch out your hand against my enemies rage, and your right hand will save me.

You will fulfil your purpose for me, your love O Lord is everlasting: do not leave unfinished the work of your hands.

A reading from 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul reminds the Corinthians of his basic proclamation concerning the Lord's resurrection.

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Gospel Hymn:

You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea. We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me. And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal, then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."

You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth. We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth. We spread your net of gospel across the water's face, our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.

We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name; we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain. You call us still to gather God's daughters and God's sons, to let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.

We remain standing

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

Jesus preaches from a boat and then the fishermen make a huge catch, after which he calls Simon Peter, James, and John

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

Prayers of the People

During the prayers: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers:

Having commemorated Waitangi Day this week past, we give thanks for our country.

Blessed are you, God of the universe.

You have created us and given us life.

Blessed are you, God of the planet earth. You have set our world like a radiant jewel in the heavens, and filled it with action, beauty, suffering, struggle, and hope.

Blessed are you, God of Aotearoa New Zealand in all the peoples who live here, in all the lessons we have learned, in all that remains for us to do.

Blessed are you because you need us; because you make us worthwhile, because you give us people to love and work to do for your universe, for your world, and for ourselves. Amen.

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*

Ioseph 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.

Final Hymn:

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in depths of sin,
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their spirits bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them,
whom shall I send? Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them, whom shall I send? Refrain

Words and music by Dan Schutte

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