



# The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

(encompassing St Matthew's, Hastings, St Peter's, Riverslea, & St Martin's, Mayfair)

Christian communities in the heart of Hastings



## The Day of Pentecost

### 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Eucharistic Liturgy - Thanksgiving and Praise

*Presider:* Alleluia! This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!**

*We stand*

Processional Hymn: ***Give Thanks for Holy Wind and Fire***

*Words: David Mowbray © Jubilate - Tune: **EASTER SONG***

- 1 Give thanks for Holy wind and fire!  
Rejoice with heaven's hidden choir.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
See how the Pentecostal flame  
blazes afar God's threefold name.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2 Sing praises to our God Most High  
whose Holy Spirit prompts the cry  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Truly the Lord is present where  
faithful disciples meet for prayer.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 3 Give thanks that we, God's church, can know  
the Spirit's power, as long ago  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
To hold, to heal and to uplift,  
to hallow every natural gift.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 4 Join, then, this Pentecost, in praise  
for blessings poured in countless ways.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
And, to a world which suffers so  
let peace and gladness overflow.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **The Gathering**

I runga i te Ingoa o te Atua,  
te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu.  
**Āmine.**

*(In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen)*

*The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing*

### *A Sentence for the Day of Pentecost:*

The wind blows where it wills and you hear its sound,  
but do not know where it comes from or where it is going;  
so it is with everyone born of the Spirit. *John 3: 8*

### ***A Song of Praise for Pentecost***

- 1 In Christ the life-giving law of the Spirit:  
**has set us free from the law of sin and death.**
- 2 All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God:  
**it is the Spirit that enables us to cry, Abba, Father.**
- 3 The Spirit confirms that we are God's children:  
**and if children then we are heirs.**
- 4 We are heirs of God, and fellow-heirs with Christ:  
**if we share his suffering now,  
in order to share his splendour hereafter.**
- 5 The sufferings we now endure:  
**bear no comparison with the splendour  
to be shown to us.**
- 6 The created universe itself waits with eager longing:  
**for the children of God to be revealed.**

*based on Romans 8: 2, 14–19*

*We sit or kneel*

We come seeking forgiveness  
for all we have failed to be and do  
as members of Christ's body.

*Silence*

Lord have mercy.  
E te Ariki kia aroha mai.  
Kyrie eleison.

**Christ have mercy.  
E te Karaiti kia aroha mai.  
Christe eleison.**

Lord have mercy.  
E te Ariki kia aroha mai.  
Kyrie eleison.

*Silence*

Loving God, on the Day of Pentecost,  
you came upon the disciples as though in wind and flame,  
filling them with your power and authority.

**We confess that, at times, our lives show little evidence  
of your power at work in us,  
and our witness little sign of your authority.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and fill us anew  
with the power of your Spirit,  
that our words may declare your glory  
and our lives reveal your love,  
for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

*Presider:* Mā te Atua e muru ō koutou hara;  
kia mau te rongo.  
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*

God's love has been poured into our hearts through  
the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. *Romans 5: 5*

*Collect of the Day*

Living God, eternal Holy Spirit,  
**let your bright intoxicating energy  
which fired those first disciples  
fall on us  
to turn the world again.  
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.  
Amen.**

Reading:

Genesis 11: 1-9

After the reading:

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

**Song to the Holy Spirit** by James K. Baxter

Lord, Holy Spirit,  
You blow like the wind in a thousand paddocks,  
**Inside and outside the fences,**  
**You blow where you wish to blow.**

Lord, Holy Spirit,  
You are the sun who shines on the little plant,  
**You warm him gently, you give him life,**  
**You raise him up to become a tree with many leaves.**

Lord, Holy Spirit,  
You are as the mother eagle with her young,  
Holding them in peace under your feathers.  
**On the highest mountain you have built your nest,**  
**above the valley, above the storms of the world,**  
**where no hunter ever comes.**

Lord, Holy Spirit,  
You are the bright cloud in whom we hide,  
in whom we know already that the battle has been won.  
**You bring us to our Brother Jesus**  
**to rest our heads upon his shoulder.**

Lord, Holy Spirit,  
You are the kind fire who does not cease to burn,  
**consuming us with flames of love and peace,**  
**driving us out like sparks to set the world on fire.**

Lord, Holy Spirit,  
in the love of friends you are building a new house,  
Heaven is with us when you are with us.  
**You are singing your song in the hearts of the poor.**  
**Guide us, wound us, heal us. Bring us to the Father.**

**Reading: Acts 2: 1-21**

**After the reading:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn: Blow through the Valleys**

*FFS6 – Words & Music: Bill Bennett - Tune: RUAHINE*

**Blow through the valleys and sing in the rimu;  
O Spirit of God fill the earth:  
guide us to truth that you give in your power,  
O Spirit of God our new birth.**

- 1 The world sets its heart on the value of money,  
and thinks it can buy all the treasures we need;  
but God measures worth by a new kind of poverty,  
founded on Jesus, the servant we heed.**
- 2 Let mercy enfold us and justice be real,  
our races in partnership live in this land.  
The God of the whenua binds us together,  
by leading us on to hold each other's hand.**
- 3 O Spirit of God take our love, take our aroha,  
stir us to faith and to courage for you;  
that Jesus the prophet will guide us in leadership,  
bringing the Spirit of hope to renew.**

**Gospel Reading: John 14: 8-17, 25-27**

The Holy Gospel according to John,  
chapter fourteen, beginning at the eighth verse.  
**Praise and glory to God.**

*Selected verses of the Gospel reading for today may be read in a variety of languages - the English version from the New Revised Standard Version Bible is below ...*

<sup>15</sup> 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>25</sup> 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

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

## **The Sermon**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*(adapted from 'Let Us Pray' - Janel Nelson)*

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

We sit or kneel

V: Come, and, in your mercy:

R: **Hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence, we pray for ourselves,  
and our ministries.

*Silence*

God of power,  
**may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,**  
**may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,**  
**may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal**  
**and our strength now and always.**  
**Amen.**

## **The Ministry of the Sacrament**

We stand

## **The Peace**

The disciples were meeting behind locked doors when suddenly Jesus was standing amongst them. "Peace be with you" he said. "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit." *John 20: 19-22 adapted*

The peace of the Risen 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:

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

TiS422 – Words: Michael Forster (b. 1946) © Kevin Mayhew Ltd

Tune: **DIADEMATA**

**1 Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
in flame our souls with love,  
transforming every heart and home  
with wisdom from above.**

**O let us not despise  
the humble path Christ trod,  
but choose, to shame the  
worldly-wise,  
the foolishness of God.**

**2 Come with the gift to heal,  
the wounds of guilt and fear,  
and to oppression's face reveal  
the kingdom drawing near.  
Where chaos longs to reign,  
descend, O holy Dove,  
and free us all to work again  
the miracles of love.**

**3 Spirit of truth, arise;  
inspire the prophets voice:  
expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,  
and bid the poor rejoice.**

**O Spirit, clear our sight,  
all prejudice remove,  
and help us to discern the right,  
and covet only love.**

**4 Give us the tongues to speak  
in every time and place,  
to rich and poor,  
to strong and weak,  
the word of love and grace.  
Enable us to hear  
the words that others bring,  
interpreting with open ear  
the special song they sing.**

**5 Come, Holy Spirit, dance  
within our hearts today,  
our earthbound spirits to entrance,  
our mortal fears allay.  
And teach us to desire  
all other things above,  
that self-consuming holy fire,  
the perfect gift of love!**

***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**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Lift your hearts to heaven.

**Where Christ in glory reigns.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe,  
to give you thanks through Jesus Christ.

You said, 'Let there be light';  
there was light.

Your light shines on in our darkness.

For you the earth has brought forth life  
in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word,  
to do your will  
and to be fulfilled in your love.

It is right to thank you.

You sent your Son to be for us  
the way we need to follow  
and the truth we need to know.

You sent your Son to give his life  
to release us from our sin.

His cross has taken our guilt away.

Through the Holy Spirit nations, races, and languages  
are called to welcome the great things you have done.  
Through the Holy Spirit you have brought the good news  
to our land.

Day by day you call us to be one people,  
to be your people.

Day by day you call us to feed the hungry,  
heal the sick, deliver the oppressed,  
and to wait and watch for your kingdom.

You send your Holy Spirit  
to strengthen and to guide,  
to warn and to revive your Church.

Therefore, with all your witnesses  
who surround us on every side,  
countless as heaven's stars,  
we praise you for our creation and our calling,  
with loving and with joyful hearts:

**Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and just,  
glory and goodness come from you.  
Glory to you most high and gracious God.**

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son,  
who washed his disciples' feet.  
'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'

On that night before he died  
he took bread and gave 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 gave you thanks.  
He gave it to them and said:  
Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant,  
shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin;  
do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine  
we recall your goodness to us.

**God of the past and present,  
we your people remember your Son.  
We thank you for his cross and rising again,  
we take courage from his ascension;  
we look for his coming in glory  
and in him we give ourselves to you.**

Send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who receive Christ's body  
may indeed be the body of Christ,  
and we who share his cup  
draw strength from the one true vine.

**Called to follow Christ,  
help us to reconcile and unite.**

**Called to suffer,  
give us hope in our calling.**

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new;  
you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

**Praise, glory and love be yours,  
this and every day,  
from us and all people,  
here and everywhere. Amen.**

### **Te Īnoi a te Ariki**

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,  
ka ĭnoi tātou

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi**

**Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.**

**Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.**

**Kia meatia tāu e pai ai**

**ki runga ki te whenua,**

**kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.**

**Hōmai ki a mātou āiane**

**he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.**

**Murua ō mātou hara,**

**Me mātou hoki e muru nei**

**i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.**

**Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;**

**Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:**

**Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,**

**me te korōria,**

**Āke ake ake. Āmine.**

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.

**Christ is the bread of life.**

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.

**Christ is risen from the dead.**

### **The Invitation**

Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua,  
tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.  
*Come God's people,  
come to receive Christ's heavenly food.*

*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.*

*The Paschal candle, which was lit on Easter Day, will be extinguished at the end of this service to acknowledge the end of the Easter season.*

*During Communion, all are invited to light a votive candle from the Paschal candle to symbolise our ministry to "carry the light of Christ into all the world".*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Praise and glory to you creator Spirit of God.

**You make our bread Christ's body to heal and reconcile  
and to make us the body of Christ.**

**You make our wine Christ's living sacrificial blood  
to redeem the world.**

You are truth.

You come like the wind of heaven, unseen, unbidden.

**Like the dawn, you illuminate the world around us;  
you grant us a new beginning every day.**

You warm and comfort us.

You give us courage and fire  
and strength beyond our everyday resources.

**Be with us Holy Spirit in all we say or think,  
in all we do this and every day. Amen.**

## **Liturgy of Light**

*The Presider stands by the Easter/Paschal Candle and says:*

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love;  
You fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending upon us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race, tribe, and nation  
the way of life eternal.

Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.

Empowered by the Spirit  
open our lips that we may tell of your glory,  
proclaim your reign,  
and your way of light and love is made known.  
Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord  
Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death.

We have proclaimed God's mighty acts  
and we have prayed that the power that was at work when  
Jesus was raised from the dead might be at work in us.  
Now we are called upon to live out what we proclaim.

Will you dare to face the future,  
trusting God to be your guide?

**Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ,  
to live and love as Christ commanded?

**Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we will.**

*The Easter/Paschal candle is extinguished.*

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power  
on the first disciples, and empowered by that same Spirit,  
we take the light of Christ to our dark and needy world.

**Send us out in your power to live, love, and work  
to your praise and glory;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Reflection Hymn: **Spirit of Love, You Move within Creation**

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Tune: **WEAVER** – Colin Gibson

- 1 Spirit of love, you move within creation  
drawing the threads to colour and design:  
life into life, you knit our true salvation,  
come, work with us, and weave us into one.**
- 2 Though we have frayed the fabric of your making,  
tearing away from all that you intend,  
yet, to be whole, humanity is aching,  
come, work with us, and weave us into one.**
- 3 Great loom of God, where history is woven,  
you are the frame that holds us to the truth,  
Christ is the theme, the pattern you have given,  
come, work with us, and weave us into one**

## **The Blessing**

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit  
be with you every step of the way,  
and be your guide as your road changes and turns;  
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, news , and celebration*



*For safety reasons, our votive candles lit from the Paschal candle are placed into the sand tray - this picture represents the candle flame you lit - you are invited to take it with you to symbolise the dispersal of the Paschal flame, and our ministries carried out into the world, as the Paschal candle is carried out to the main door of the Church when we sing the Recessional Hymn.*

Recessional Hymn: **God of tempest, God of whirlwind**

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Tune: **CWM RHONDDA** (87.87D)

- 1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind,  
as on Pentecost descend!  
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;  
past these walls your people send!  
Sweep us into costly service,  
there with Christ to bear the cross,  
there with Christ to bear the cross!**
- 2 God of blazing, God of burning,  
all that blocks your purpose, purge!  
Through your church, Christ's living Body,  
let your flaming Spirit surge!  
Where deceit conceals injustice,  
kindle us to speak your truth,  
kindle us to speak your truth!**
- 3 God of earthquake, God of thunder,  
shake us loose from lethargy!  
Break the chains of sin asunder,  
for earth's healing set us free!  
Crumble walls that still divide us;  
make us one in Christ our Lord,  
make us one in Christ our Lord!**
- 4 God of passion, God unsleeping,  
stir in us love's restlessness!  
Where the people cry in anguish,  
may we share your heart's distress.  
Rouse us from content with evil;  
claim us for your kingdom's work,  
claim us for your kingdom's work!**

**The Dismissal**

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



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