



**The Anglican Parish
of Greater Hastings**



The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Praying for World Peace

12th October 2025

Opening Hymn: **Our Cities Cry to You O God**

SG251 - Words: Margaret Clarkson

Alt. Tune: **KINGSFOLD** [CP469]

- 1 **Our cities cry to you, O God,
from out their pain and strife;
you made us for yourself alone,
but we choose alien life.
Our goals are pleasure, gold and power;
injustice stalks our earth;
in vain we seek for rest, for joy,
for sense of human worth.**
- 2 **Yet still you walk our streets, O Christ!
We know your presence here
where humble Christians love and serve
in godly grace and fear.
O Word made flesh, be seen in us!
May all we say and do
affirm you God Incarnate still
and turn sad hearts to you!**
- 3 **Your people are your hands and feet
to serve your world today,
our lives the book our cities read
to help them find your way.
O pour your sovereign Spirit out
on heart and will and brain:
inspire your church with love and power
to ease our cities' pain!**
- 4 **O healing Saviour, Prince of Peace,
salvation's source and sum,
for you our broken cities cry:
Oh come, Lord Jesus, come!
With truth your royal diadem,
with righteousness your rod,
oh come, Lord Jesus, bring to earth
the city of our God!**

The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing

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)

Grace and peace to you from God.

God fill you with truth and joy.

Sentence: How good and pleasant a thing it is
when God's people live together in unity. *Psalm 133:1*

Song of Praise: **Peace for the Nations** *Isaiah 2: 2-5*

- 1 In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house:
will be established as the highest of the mountains.
- 2 **It will be raised above the hills:
and all the nations will flock to it.**
- 3 Many peoples will come and they will say:
'Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
- 4 **'that we may be taught the ways of the Lord:
and may walk in the right paths.'**
- 5 From the mountain of the Lord shall go forth the law:
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
- 6 **The Lord will judge between the nations:
and settle disputes for many peoples.**
- 7 They shall beat their swords into ploughshares:
and their spears into pruning hooks.
- 8 **Nation shall not lift up sword against nation:
nor ever again prepare for war.**
- 9 Come O house of Jacob:
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

We sit or kneel

A New Commandment

Hear the teaching of Christ:
a new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Invitation to Confession

Let us confess to God the sins
and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil distortions and hatreds.

**Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for all God's children.**

Lord Jesus, you wept over the sins of your city.
On our communities and our nation:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division,
jealousy and bitterness.
On us and each other:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner.
Grant us, and all nations, peace:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

God has promised forgiveness
to all who truly repent,
turn to Christ in faith
and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.

**Merciful God,
we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The Absolution is declared by the presiding priest.

Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you,
pardon you
and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven
and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal.
Amen.

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

Sentence: What does the Lord who has shown you what is good
require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and
to walk humbly with your God. *Micah 6:8*

Collect: Almighty and eternal God,
**govern the hearts and minds of those in authority
and mercifully grant that all peoples of the world,
though divided and torn apart by sin,
may be brought together
to live in peace and harmony
under Christ's most gentle rule,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Reading: **Micah 4: 1-5** - *Peace and security through obedience*

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

Psalm 85: 8-13 (ANZPB)

- ⁸ Let me hear what you will say O Lord:
**for you will speak peace to your people,
to your servants whose hearts are turned to you.**
- ⁹ For deliverance is at hand for those who fear you:
so that your glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Mercy and faithfulness have met together:
justice and peace have embraced each other.
- ¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground:
and righteousness will look down from heaven.
- ¹² You Lord will give prosperity:
and our land shall yield its harvest.
- ¹³ Justice shall go before you:
and the path for your feet shall be peace.

Reading: **James 3: 13-18 - Two kinds of Wisdom**

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: ***O day of peace***

SG259 - Words: Carl P Daw Jr - Alt. tune: JERUSALEM [CP353]

- 1 O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.**
- 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beast and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.**

Gospel Reading: **John 15: 9-17 - Love one another**

'Blessed are the peacemakers,' says the Lord,
'for they will be called children of God.' *Matthew 5.9*

The Holy Gospel according to John
chapter fifteen, beginning at the ninth verse
Praise and glory to God.

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

The Sermon

A brief period of silence and/or a musical reflection may follow

Hymn:

We bring you, Lord, our prayer and praise

CP611 - Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith - Tune: **WILTSHIRE**

- 1 We bring you, Lord, our prayer and praise
that every child of earth
should live and grow in freedom's ways,
in dignity and worth.**
- 2 We praise for such a task begun
to serve each other's need,
for every cause of justice won,
for every fetter freed.**
- 3 Our prayers are for a world in pain
where force and fear prevail,
the plough becomes the sword again,
and hope and harvests fail.**
- 4 Alike our prayer and praise express
the wants of humankind,
that those in bondage and distress
their larger freedoms find.**
- 5 So may we still maintain the fight
till earth's oppressions cease
before the universal right
to liberty and peace.**
- 6 In Christ we learn to love and care
and spread his truth abroad;
and in his Name we lift our prayer:
'Your kingdom come, O Lord.'**

We sit or kneel

The Prayers of the People

In peace, let us pray for the world.

We pray for the leaders of the nations of the world,
that you will guide them in your ways of freedom,
justice and truth.

Loving God, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation,
that they may have discipline and discernment,
courage and compassion.

Loving God, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm,
that you will turn the hearts of all
to kindness and friendship.

Loving God, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

We pray for the wounded and the captive,
the grieving and the homeless,
that in all their trials they may know your love and support.

Loving God, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

Most holy God, our heavenly Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.

**Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand

The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid'. *John 14: 27*

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: **Put peace into each other's hands**

SG479 - Words: Fred Kaan - Tune: **ST COLUMBA** [trad. Irish melody]

- 1 Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.**
- 2 Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.**
- 3 Put peace into each other's hands,
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.**
- 4 As at communion, shape your hands
into a waiting cradle;
the gift of Christ receive, revere,
united round the table.**

- 5 Put Christ into each other's hands,
he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance
and share it like a treasure.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.

Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

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.

So now we give you thanks,
because you have anointed your Son as the Messiah,
the light of the nations,
and revealed him as the hope of all who thirst
for righteousness and peace.

Living God, Father of light,
hope of nations, friend of sinners,
builder of the city that is to come:

your love is made visible in Jesus Christ,
you bring home the lost,
restore the sinner,
and give dignity to the despised.

In the face of Jesus Christ
your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth,
gathering into one
a divided and broken humanity.

With people from every race and nation,
with the Church of all the ages,
with apostles, evangelists and martyrs,
we join the angels of heaven in their unending song:

**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,
and bring us to your everlasting kingdom.

O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God;
how unsearchable are your judgments
and untraceable your ways.

**From you, and through you,
and for you are all things.
To you be the glory for ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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 our heavenly Father,
your Son is our peace
and his cross the sign of reconciliation:
**help us, who share the broken bread,
to bring together what is scattered
and to bind up what is wounded,
that Christ may bring in the everlasting kingdom
of his peace;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus;
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: **Where cross the crowded ways of life**

Words: Frank Mason North - Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal #343

Tune: GERMANY (Gardiner) [Fulda]

- 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.**
- 2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.**

- 3 From tender childhood's helplessness,
from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.
- 4 The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the sweet compassion of your face.
- 5 O Master, from the mountainside,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above
shall come the city of our God.

The Dismissal

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

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