

**The Anglican Parish
of Greater Hastings**



**Mānawatia
a Matariki**

**Celebrating Matariki
*The Maori New Year***

Sunday 12th July 2026

Eucharistic Liturgy - Thanksgiving and Praise

ORDER OF SERVICE

Presider: Good morning / Ata mārie - Welcome / Haere mai.

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Ko te rā tēnei i hangā e Ihowā.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Kia hari, kia koa tātou.

We stand

Opening Hymn: **God of wonder, God of thunder**

Words: Shirley Murray - Alt. tune: **AUSTRIA**

- 1 **God of wonder, God of thunder,
God who heaved our land to birth,
thrust us up from fire and water,
favoured islands of the earth –
You it is we praise and honour,
our Creator, Spirit, Sun:
Alleluia, Aotearoa!
Sing it out, and sing as one!**
- 2 **God of glacier and mountain,
we are silent at your power,
moved to marvel at your making
bush and river, bird and flower;
God forever new-creating,
through your people you are known –
love that answers to your Spirit,
faith that rolls away the stone.**
- 3 **Long white cloud of hope and haven,
ours in trust, our home our land,
place of peace and awesome beauty,
blood has flowed here, from our hand:
not by law alone, or treaty
spring the freedoms once declared –
but as partners in a promise,
aroaha alive and shared.**

- 4 **God of Jesus, God of justice,
take our past, forgive the pain!
Let compassion fill our country,
in our giving, find our gain –
many faces, many races
knit a nation finely spun,
Alleluia, Aotearoa!
Sing it out and sing as one!**

The Gathering of the Community

The presiding priest may greet the people informally, then continues

E te whānau a te Karaiti,
welcome to this holy table;
welcome to you,
for we are Christ's body,
Christ's work in the world.
Welcome to you whose baptism makes you
salt of the earth and light to the world.
Rejoice and be glad.
Praise God who gives us forgiveness and hope.

Amen.

**Christ is our light,
the joy of our salvation.**

Praise and glory to Christ,
God's new beginning for humanity
making ritual water gospel wine,
cleansing all our worship.

**Love and loyalty to Christ,
who gives us the gospel.
Praise to Christ who calls us to holiness.**

Song of Praise

Christ is the living water
cleansing, refreshing, making all things new.

Christ is the living bread;
food for the hungry,
strength for the pilgrim and the labourer.

**So now we offer our thanks
for the beauty of these islands;
for the wild places and the bush,
for the mountains, the coast and the sea.
We offer thanks and praise to God
for this good land;
for its trees and pastures,
for its plentiful crops
and the skills we have learned to grow them.
Our thanks for marae and the cities we have built;
for science and discoveries,
for our life together,
for Aotearoa, New Zealand.**

Forgiveness

We sit or kneel

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

Silence

In God there is forgiveness.

**Loving and all-seeing God,
forgive us where we have failed to support one another
and to be what we claim to be.**

**Forgive us where we have failed to serve you;
and where our thoughts and actions have been
contrary to yours we ask your pardon.**

The presiding priest says

Mā te Atua e muru ō koutou hara; kia mau te rongo.
God forgives us; be at peace.

Silence

Rejoice and be glad,
for Christ is resurrection,
reconciliation for all the human race.

**We shall all be one in Christ,
one in our life together.**

**Praise to God who has created us,
praise to God who has accepted us,
praise to God who sends us into the world.**

Sentence: The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord;
you have the words of eternal life. *John 6: 63, 68*

Collect: Praise to you, God, for all your work among us.
**Yours is the vigour in creation,
yours is the impulse in our new discoveries.
Make us adventurous,
yet reverent and hopeful in all we do.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Reading: **Isaiah 55: 10-13** - *God's word goes forth*

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

Psalm 65: 9-13 (ANZPB)

- ⁹ You visit the earth and water it:
you make it very fruitful.
- ¹⁰ The waters of heaven brim over their channel:
providing us with grain, for so you have prepared the land,
- ¹¹ drenching its furrows, levelling its ridges:
softening it with showers and blessing its growth.
- ¹² You crown the year with your goodness:
and your paths over flow with plenty.
- ¹³ The pastures of the wilderness abound with grass:
and the hills are girded with joy.

Reading: **Romans 8: 1-11** - *Living according to the Spirit*

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

We stand

Gradual Hymn: ***O God in whom all life begins***

Words: Carl P. Daw Jr © 1990 Hope Publishing

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

- 1 O God in whom all life begins,
who births the seed to fruit,
bestow your blessing on our lives;
here let your love find root.
Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts
of patience, joy, and peace;
deliver us from numbing fear,
and grant our faith increase.**
- 2 Unite in mutual ministry
our minds and hands and hearts
that we may have the grace to seek
the power your peace imparts.
So let our varied gifts combine
to glorify your Name
that in all things by word and deed
we may your love proclaim.**
- 3 Through tears and laughter, grief and joy,
enlarge our trust and care;
so bind us in community
that we may risk and dare.
Be with us when we gather here
to worship, sing, and pray;
then send us forth in power and faith
to live the words we say.**

We remain standing

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23** - *The Parable of the Sower and the Seed*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
chapter thirteen, beginning at the first verse.

Praise and glory to God.

After the Gospel: This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People

Nine candles represent the nine stars of the Matariki cluster.

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| 1 - Pohutukawa - ancestors | 6 - Waipuna-ā-rangi - rain, mist |
| 2 - Tupuānuku - food grown in the earth | 7 - Ururangi - wind |
| 3 - Tupuārangi - birds, fruit trees | 8 - Hiwa-i-te-rangi - wishes, dreams, hopes |
| 4 - Waitī - fresh water, lakes, rivers | 9 - Matariki - environment, well-being, |
| 5 - Waitā - salt water, oceans | and gathering of people |

Our prayers today are based on the themes of Matariki, which are:

- ♦ **Remembrance** - honouring our ancestors; remembering those who have gone before us, and especially those who have died in the past year; a time of mindfulness and reflection.
- ♦ **Celebrating the present** - gathering together with friends and family to celebrate the present, with feasting on the harvested crops, and with games and joyful activities; an opportunity to be guided by and respond to the environment around us.
- ♦ **Looking to the future** - planning for the year ahead; reading the signs in the stars to prepare for planting of new crops; our hopes and dreams for the future

E te Atua kaha rawa / Almighty God, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

The Prayers conclude with the following Collect:

God of the southern sea and of these islands,
of Maori, Pakeha, and of all who dwell in our land;
**we give you thanks and praise for our country,
and for what we have achieved together.**
**Increase our trust in one another;
strengthen our quest for justice,
and bring us to unity and a common purpose.**
**You have made us of one blood;
make us also of one mind.**
Hear our prayers for your love's sake. Amen.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The Peace

All standing, the presiding priest says to the people

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace
who breaks down the walls that divide.

Kia tau te rangimārie o te Atua ki a koutou.
The peace of God be always with you.
Praise to Christ who unites us in peace.

*As we sing the next hymn, the altar is prepared with the bread and wine;
our offerings of money to support ministry and mission are also collected and presented.*

Offertory Hymn: ***These hills where the hawk flies lonely***

Words & Music: Colin Gibson © 1998 Hope Publishing Co. - Tune: KAIKOURA

- 1 These hills where the hawk flies lonely,
beaches where the long surf rolls,
mountain where the snows meet heaven,
these are our care.**
**Pastures where the sheep graze calmly,
orchards where the apples grow,
gardens where the roses cluster,
these are our prayer.**

- 2 Forests where the tree ferns tower,
 rivers running strong and clear,
 oceans where the great whales wander,
 these are our care,
 Race meeting race equals,
 justice for age-old wrong,
 worth for ev'ry man and woman,
 these are our prayer.
- 3 Cities where young roam restless,
 lives brought to deep despair,
 homeless and powerless people,
 these are our care,
 Places where the Word is spoken,
 hands held in serving love,
 faiths of our many cultures,
 these are our prayer.
- 4 All that the old world gave us,
 all that the new world brings,
 language, ideas and customs,
 these are our care,
 Life finding joy and value,
 faith seeking truth and light,
 God heard and seen in all things,
 this be our prayer.

The Preparation of the Gifts

God of all creation, you bring forth
bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
By your Holy Spirit
this bread and wine will be for us
the body and blood of Christ.
All you have made is good.
Your love endures for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

*It is recommended that the people stand or kneel throughout the following prayer,
however you are welcome to sit*

The presiding priest says

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed.

Lift your hearts to heaven
where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Ko te hari mō tō mātou whakaoranga,
e te Atua o Tua-whakarere,
ki te tuku whakawhetai ki a koe
i roto i a Īhu Karaiti.

Pāoho ana tāu kupu,
‘Kia tīaho te mārama’;
nā, ka mārama.
E tīaho tonu nei tōu māramatanga
i roto i tō mātou pōuri.
Nāu i pou te mauri-ora mō
ngā mea katoa.

Nāu hoki mātou i waihanga,
ki te whakarongo ki tāu kupu,
ki te mahi i tāu i pai ai,
kia eke ai ki te taumata o tōu aroha.
He mea tika kia whakapaingia koe.

Nāu i tonono mai tāu Tama
hei ara whainga mā mātou,
hei pono e manakohia ana e mātou.

I tukua mai e koe tāu Tama
kia whakamatea hei toha i te ora,
hei wewete i ō mātou hara.
Kua unuhia ō mātou hē e tōna rīpeka.

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.

I tonoa mai tōu Wairua Tapu
hei whakakaha, hei arataki,
hei whakatūpato, hei whakahou
i tōu Hāhi.

Waihoki, i tēnei rōpū whakaatu
e karapoti nei i a mātou,
ko tōna rite ki ngā whetū,
tē taea te tatau,
ka whakamoemiti mātou i runga
i te ngākau aroha, i te ngākau hari,
mōu i waihanga, i karanga i a mātou,

**E te Atua tapu rawa, mahi tohu,
tino tapu, tino tika,
nōu te korōria, nōu te purotu.
Korōria ki a koe, e te Atua,
te Runga rawa, te Atua māhaki.**

E te tino Tapu, ka whakapaingia koe,
i roto i tōu Tama
i tuohu nei ki te horoi i ngā wae
o āna ākonga,
te tohu o te kaimahi tūturu.

I te pō i mua i tōna matenga
ka tango ia i te taro ka tuku
whakawhetai ki a koe.
Ka whawhati, ka hoatu ki āna ākonga,
ā ka mea:
Tangohia, kainga, ko tōku tinana tēnei
ka hoatu nei mō koutou
meinga tēnei hei whakamahara
ki ahau.

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.

Ka mutu te hapa, ka mau ia i te kapu,
ka tuku whakawhetai ki a koe,
ka hoatu ki a rātou, ā, ka mea:
Inumia tēnei, ko ōku toto
o te Kawenata hou
i whakahekea mōu, mō te katoa,
hei murunga hara,
meinga tēnei hei whakamahara
ki ahau.

Nō reira mā tēnei taro me tēnei wāina
ka maumahara mātou
ki āu painga ki a mātou.

**Te Atua o ngā wā katoa,
e maumahara ana mātou ki tāu Tama.
Ka whakawhetai mātou,
mō tōna rīpekatanga,
me tōna aranga mai.
Ka whakamanamana mātou
mō tōna whakareanga.
Ka tūmanako ki tōna haerenga mai
i runga i te korōria,
I roto i a ia, ka mau tonu mātou
ki a koe.**

Whakahāngia iho tōu Wairua Tapu,
Meatia tēnei taro, ko te tinana tonu,
tēnei waina, ko ngā toto tonu
o te Karaiti.
Kia tūhono ki tōna tinana,
Kia ū ai mātou ki roto i te aka pono.

**Ka aru mātou i a te Karaiti,
Tui, tui, tuituia mātou.
Tuia ki te mamae.
Tuia ki te tūmanako,
Tui, tui, tuia ki te ora.**

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.**

Kei a koe, e te tapu o te rangi,
te orokohanga rā anō o te ao,
te tīmatanga, te otinga,
te ārepa me te ōmeka.

**Kei a koe, te whakapai, te korōria,
te aroha,
I tēnei rā, i tēnā rā,
Mai i a mātou, mai i te katoa,
I konei, i ngā wāhi katoa. Āmine.**

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,
ka inoi tatou

**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.**

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.**

As Christ teaches 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.**

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.

Prayer After Communion - A Thanksgiving 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.**

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.

Closing Hymn: **Hymn to Celebrate Aotearoa / New Zealand**

Words: Bill Wallace - Tune: ODE TO JOY [SG95]

- 1 Land of shining primal forests,
 sculptured ribbon framed by sea;
 land of mystic snow-clad markers
 charged with raw vitality;
 valleys wreathed in mists of mourning,
 earth caressed by sparkling light,
 gift of God, our awesome homeland,
 signed with nature's cross at night.

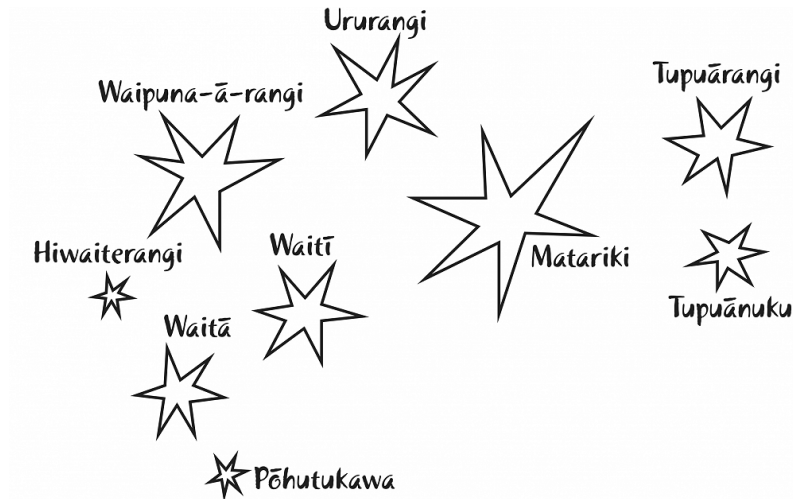
- 2 Sing two races' different stories,
 sing their hopes and sing their needs.
 Let the Treaty write our story,
 frame our vows and shape our deeds.
 Bid the people sit at table,
 share their joy and share their pain;
 join in covenant and banquet,
 break the bread and break the chains.

- 3 To the Nation's patterned weaving
 we have brought our vibrant threads
 gifts of language, gifts of custom,
 precious gifts of heart and head.
 Let us name our river, mountain,
 make this soil our spirits' earth
 find the Christ in land and people,
 bring God's tender dream to birth.

- 4 Dream our country's future pathway,
 shape that journey day by day;
 use the Treaty's founding wisdom,
 share the power and share the praise.
 Then beyond the present struggles,
 festive joys and lurking fears,
 nation-building based on justice
 shall empower the people's prayers.

The Dismissal of the Community

Haere i runga i te aroha. Haere i runga i te rangimārie.
Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.



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