

**The Anglican Parish
of Greater Hastings**



The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Praying for World Peace

11th October 2026

Opening Hymn: ***Here in this place / Gather Us In***

SG4 / TiS474 - Words & Music: Marty Haugen - Catholic hymn: Gather Us In

- 1 **Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.**
**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
- 2 **We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
we are the old, who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.**
**Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**
- 3 **Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**
**Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat, the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**
- 4 **Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away,
here in this space, the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, now is the day.**
**Gather us in, and hold us forever;
gather us in, and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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: The stone which the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous
in our eyes. *Matthew 21:42*

Collect: Living host, call us together:
call us to eat and drink with you.
Grant that by your body and your blood
we may be drawn to each other, and to you.
We make this prayer in the name of
Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Reading: **Isaiah 25: 1-9** - *The feast of victory*

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

Psalm 23 (ANZPB)

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
- ² You Lord make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside the waters of peace.
- ³ You revive my spirit:
and guide me in right pathways
for your names sake.
- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for you are with me,
your rod and your staff are my comfort.
- ⁵ You spread a table for me
in the sight of my enemies:
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is overflowing.
- ⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Reading: **Philippians 4: 1-9** - *Rejoice in the Lord always*

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

Gradual Hymn: ***As we gather at your table***

SG461 - Words: Carl P Daw Jr - Alt. tune: Nettleton

- 1 **As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.**
- 2 **Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.**
- 3 **Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 22: 1-14** - *The parable of the unwelcome guest*

‘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, then we stand to sing:

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.**

The Prayers of the People

We sit or kneel

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: ***Come to the Banquet*** - Words & Music: Fay White

Come to the banquet there's a place for you.
Though you maybe have no money,
though you maybe feel unworthy,
in your strength or in your weakness,
you are welcome, come.

Come to the banquet there's a place for you.
See, you are an honoured guest,
from constant serving you may rest
so sit you down, be fed & blessed for
you are welcome, come.

Come to the banquet there's a place for you.
Woman, wise one, mother, maiden,
see your plate with food is laden
and your place is set and waiting,
you are welcome, come.

Come to the banquet there's a place for you.
Worker, father, little boy,
old man or youth without employ,
come rest your worry, here is joy and
you are welcome, come.

Come to the banquet there's a place for you.
Whether you've been lost or faithful,
whether you've been wise or wasteful,
here's a place of rest and grace and
you are welcome, come.

Come to the banquet there's a place for you.
Here is one who runs to meet you,
loving arms stretched out to greet you,
do not let your fear defeat you,
you are welcome, come.

Come to the banquet there's a place for you.
Willing hands have made this bread
with salt and yeast and labour shared
let all the hungry ones be fed;
it's time for feasting, come.

Come to the banquet there's a place for you.
Abundant wine, enough for all;
our generous loving host has called;
the cup of blessing now is poured,
for sweet communion, come.

Come to the banquet there's a place for you.

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: **Forth in the peace of Christ we go**

SG594 – James Quinn SJ - (CP429)

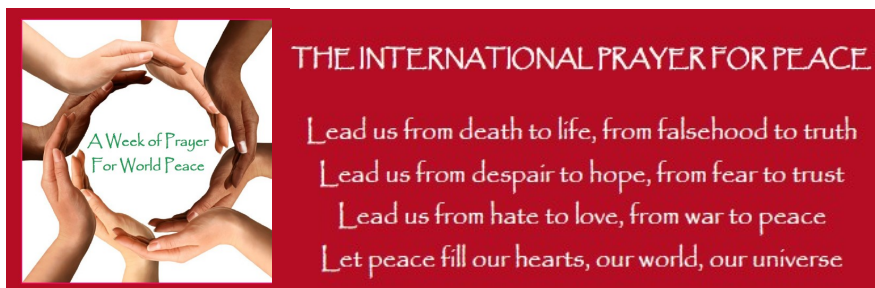
Alt. Tune: **Angels' Song** [SG623]

- 1 **Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring:
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.**
- 2 **King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
kingship with him his servants gain:
with Christ, the Servant – Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve, to share Christ's reign.**

- 3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
the world of time to consecrate,
our world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.
- 4 Prophets of Christ, we hear his word:
he claims our minds, to search his ways,
he claims our lips, to speak his truth,
he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.
- 5 We are his church; he makes us one:
here is one hearth for all to find,
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King,
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

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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