



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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

Provoking faith in our Communities

Order of Service for the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th August 2024 Anglican Communion Sunday

*Eucharistic Liturgy - Thanksgiving and Praise
commencing on page 476 ANZPB/HKMOA*

We stand

Opening Hymn: **Deep in the shadows of the past**

The Presbyterian Hymnal #330 - Words: Brian Wren © Hope Publishing

Tune: KINGSFOLD

- 1 **Deep in the shadows of the past,
far out from settled lands,
some nomads travelled with their God
across the desert sands.
The dawn of hope of humankind
was glimpsed by them alone:
a promise calling them ahead,
a future yet unknown.**

- 2 **While others bowed to changeless gods,
they met a mystery:
God with an uncompleted name,
'I am what I will be';
and by their tents, around their fires,
in story, song and law,
they praised, remembered, handed on
a past that promised more.**

- 3 From Abraham to Nazareth
the promise changed and grew,
while some, remembering the past,
recorded what they knew.
And some, in letters or laments,
in prophecy and praise,
recovered, held, and re-expressed
new hope for changing days.
- 4 For all the writings that survived,
for leaders, long ago,
who sifted, chose, and then preserved
the Bible that we know,
give thanks, and find its promise yet
our comfort, strength, and call,
the working model for our faith,
alive with hope for all.

Presider: 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

The Gathering

Page 476: E te whānau a te Karaiti ...

Page 477: Praise and glory ...

Song of Praise

Page 478: Christ is the Good Shepherd ...

We sit or kneel

Forgiveness

Page 478-479 We come seeking forgiveness ...

Sentence: Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.'
John 6:63

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God,
by your Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified;
**hear the prayers we offer
for all your faithful people,
that in the ministry to which you have called us
we may serve you in holiness and truth;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Reading: **Joshua 24: 1–2a, 14–18**
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34: 15–22 (ANZPB)

- ¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous:
Gods ears are open to their cry.
- ¹⁶ The Lord opposes those who do evil:
to blot out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- ¹⁷ The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them:
and rescues them from all their troubles.
- ¹⁸ The Lord is near to those who are broken-hearted:
the Lord saves those who are crushed in spirit.
- ¹⁹ The troubles of the righteous are many:
but the Lord sets them free from them all.
- ²⁰ The Lord guards every bone in the body of the righteous:
and so not one of them is broken.
- ²¹ Evil brings death to the wicked:
and those who hate the righteous are brought to ruin.
- ²² You O Lord ransom the lives of your servants:
and none who take refuge in you shall perish.

Reading: **Ephesians 6: 10–20**

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

Gospel Hymn: **God gives us a future**

Together in Song #687 - Words: © Elizabeth J. Smith

Tune: CAMBERWELL

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| <p>1 God gives us a future,
daring us to go
into dreams and dangers
on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow
in the Spirit’s power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.</p> | <p>2 We must leave behind us
sins of yesterday,
for God’s new beginning
is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit
must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight,
and the strength we lack.</p> |
| <p>3 Holy Spirit, teach us
how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge
of our troubled times.
Love us into action,
stir us into prayer,
till we choose God’s life, and
find our future there.</p> | |

We stand

Gospel Reading: **John 6: 56–69**

The Holy Gospel according to John,
chapter six, beginning at the fifty-sixth verse.
Praise and glory to God.

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

The Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith

We stand

Page 481: **You, O God, are supreme and holy ...**

The Prayers of the People

(from 'Let Us Pray' - Janet Nelson)

We sit or kneel

V: Living God, in your mercy:

R: **Hear our prayer.**

The Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand

The Peace

Page 485 Blessed be Christ ...

We may share a sign of Christ's peace with those around us by shaking hands (or appropriate alternative) and/or by saying "Peace be 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: **Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour**

SG52 – Words: George Bourne

Tune: **ST HELEN** [CP311] George C. Martin

- 1 **Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour,
glorious first-born from the dead,
you alone our strong defender
lifting up your people's head;
Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesus, true and living bread!**

- 2 **Prince of life, for us now living,
by your body souls are healed;
Prince of peace, your pardon giving,
by your blood our peace is sealed:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Word of God in flesh revealed.**

- 3 Paschal Lamb! Your offering finished,
once for all, when you were slain;
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain:
Alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.
- 4 Great High Priest of our profession,
through the veil you entered in,
by your mighty intercession
grace and mercy there to win;
Alleluia, alleluia,
only sacrifice for sin.
- 5 Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken rock, with streaming side;
heaven and earth, with loud hosanna,
worship you, the Lamb who died:
Alleluia, alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified!

The Great Thanksgiving

We stand

Page 485 Christ is risen! ...

The Lord's Prayer

Page 488 Our Father in heaven ...

The Invitation

Page 489 Haere mai ... / Come God's people ...

*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

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Blessed be God ...

The Blessing

We share any notices and news

Closing Hymn: **God of grace, whose love eternal**

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Tune: ODE TO JOY

- 1 **God of grace, whose love eternal
brings us life in Christ your Son,
help us listen, give us vision,
in your body make us one.
May we grow in true believing,
showing faith by words and deeds,
every day fresh grace receiving -
Lord, through us your will be done.**

- 2 **God of mercy, grant forgiveness
when our inward-looking mind,
joyless living, costless giving,
stifle love for humankind.
In his image, Lord, remake us,
who for our sake gave his life;
by your Spirit onward take us,
filled, refreshed and re-aligned.**

- 3 **God of power which knows no limit,
may the gospel's changeless sound
now transform us and our mission
to the changing world around.
Come and forge our timid coldness
in the furnace of your love,
into humble, holy boldness -
lives where power and praise abound.**

4 **God of grace and power and mercy,
holy, blessed Trinity,
in the love of Christ refresh us
as we listen, as we see;
then we'll share salvation's story
in our life together here -
yours the kingdom, power and glory
now and for eternity.**

The Dismissal

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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