



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

Order of Service for the Third Sunday of Easter 4th May 2025

*Eucharistic Liturgy - Thanksgiving of the People of God
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Presider: Grace and peace to you from God.
God fill you with truth and joy.

Opening Hymn: *From all that dwell below the skies*

Words: Isaac Watts - Tune: DUKE STREET

- 1 From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise;
let the Redeemer's name be sung,
through every land by every tongue.**
- 2 Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.**
- 3 Your lofty themes, you mortals, bring,
in songs of praise divinely sing;
the great salvation loud proclaim,
and shout for joy the Saviour's name.**
- 4 In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sound all voices raise
and fill the world with joyful praise.**

The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing

Page 405: *Almighty God ...*

Glory to God in the highest ...

Page 406: *Hear the teaching of Christ ...*

Page 407: *Hear God's word to all ...*

Page 408: *The peace of Christ ...*

Sentence: To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might
for ever and ever. *Revelation 5: 13*

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 Lord.
Amen.

Reading: **Acts 9: 1-6 (7-20)**

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

Psalm 30 (ANZPB)

¹ I will extol you O Lord for you have lifted me up:
you have not let my enemies triumph over me.

² **O Lord my God I cried to you for help:**
and you have restored my health.

³ Lord you have brought me back from the dead:
you have saved my life
from among those going down to the Abyss.

⁴ **Let all your servants sing praises to you O Lord:**
and give thanks to your holy name.

- 5 For your anger is but for a moment,
and in your kindness is life:
tears may linger at nightfall,
but joy comes with the dawn.
- 6 **In my prosperity I said, ‘I shall never be shaken:
your favour O Lord has made me
as firm as any strong mountain.’**
- 7 You turned your face away from me:
and I was greatly dismayed.
- 8 **I called to you O God:
to the Lord I made my appeal.**
- 9 ‘What profit is there in my death:
in my going down to the grave?
- 10 **‘Will the dust give you praise:
or will it proclaim your faithfulness?**
- 11 ‘Hear O Lord, and be gracious to me:
O Lord be my helper’.
- 12 **You have turned my mourning into dancing:
you have stripped off my
sackcloth and clothed me with joy,**
- 13 so that my heart shall sing your praise without ceasing:
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

Reading:

Revelation 5: 11-14

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

Gospel Hymn:

Come let us join our cheerful songs

SG33 / TiS204 - Words: Isaac Watts - Tune: NATIVITY

- 1 **Come let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.**

- 2 **'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
 'to be exalted thus';
 'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
 'for he was slain for us.'**
- 3 **Jesus is worthy to receive
 all praise and power divine;
 and all the blessings we can give,
 with songs of heaven combine.**
- 4 **Let all who live beyond the sky,
 the air and earth and seas
 unite to lift his glory high
 and sing his endless praise!**
- 5 **Let all creation join in one
 to bless the sacred name
 of him that reigns upon the throne,
 and to adore the Lamb.**

Gospel Reading: **John 21: 1-19**

The Holy Gospel according to John,
chapter 21, beginning at the 1st 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

Page 410 **The Nicene Creed**

Prayers of the People

(adapted from 'Let Us Pray' - Janet Nelson)

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

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The peace of 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: **Christ is the one who calls**

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith © Hope Publishing - Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN

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| <p>1 Christ is the one who calls,
the one who loved and came,
to whom by right it falls
to bear the highest Name:
and still today
our hearts are stirred
to hear his word
and walk his way.</p> <p>2 Christ is the one who seeks,
to whom our souls are known.
The word of love he speaks
can wake a heart of stone;
for at that sound
the blind can see,
the slave is free,
the lost are found.</p> | <p>3 Christ is the one who died,
forsaken and betrayed;
who, mocked and crucified,
the price of pardon paid.
Our dying Lord,
what grief and loss,
what bitter cross,
our souls restored!</p> <p>4 Christ is the one who rose
in glory from the grave,
to share his life with those
whom once he died to save.
He drew death's sting
and broke its chains,
who lives and reigns,
our risen King.</p> |
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- 5 Christ is the one who sends,
his story to declare;
who calls his servants friends
and gives them news to share.
His truth proclaim
in all the earth,
his matchless worth
and saving Name.

The Preparation of the Gifts

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The Great Thanksgiving

Page 420 The Lord is here ...

The Lord's Prayer

Page 424 Our Father in heaven ...

The Invitation

Page 427 Draw near and receive ...

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

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Come and eat';
and he took bread, and gave it to them.

Alleluia. John 21: 12, 13

Father,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands
the bread of life.

**Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;
through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen.**

The Blessing

We share any notices and news

Closing Hymn: *Go to the world*

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Tune: **SINE NOMINE** - Ralph Vaughan Williams

- 1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia, Alleluia.**
- 2 Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia, Alleluia.**
- 3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia, Alleluia.**
- 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen".
Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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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