



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 Fifth Sunday of Easter 18th May 2025

*Eucharistic Liturgy - Thanksgiving of the People of God
commencing on page 404 ANZPB/HKMOA*

Presider: This is the day which the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Hymn: Love Divine, all loves excelling

Words: Charles Wesley (in this version Jubilate Hymns)

Tune: HYFRYDOL

1
Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us your humble dwelling,
all your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion,
pure, unbounded love impart;
visit us with your salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2
Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit
into every troubled breast.
Let us all in you inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3
Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all your grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more your temples leave.
We would always give you blessing,
serve you as your hosts above,
pray, and praise you without ceasing,
glory in your perfect love.

4
Finish, then, your new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see your great salvation
perfect in eternity:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
there to sing salvation's story,
lost in wonder, love and praise!

The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing

Page 405: *Almighty God ...*
Glory to God in the highest ...

Page 406: *A New Commandment*

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

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

Sentence: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
As I have love you, you should also love one another.
John 13: 34

Collect: Make us glad we pray you, gentle God,
to give each other your loving care;
make us happy to receive it, and
may there daily grow within us
a generous, trusting spirit.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading: **Acts 11: 1-18**

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

Psalm 148 (ANZPB)

- ¹ Praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord from the heavens:
O praise God in the heights above.
- ² **Praise the Lord all you angels:**
O praise God all you heavenly host.

- ³ Praise the Lord sun and moon:
praise God all you shining stars.
- ⁴ **Praise the Lord you highest heavens:
and you waters above the heavens.**
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord:
who commanded, and they were created.
- ⁶ **The Lord fixed them in their places for ever:
by a law which shall never be broken.**
- ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth:
you sea-monsters and ocean depths,
- ⁸ **fire and hail, snow and ice:
stormy wind obeying Gods word,**
- ⁹ all mountains and hills:
all fruit-bearing trees and cedars,
- ¹⁰ **wild beasts and cattle:
reptiles and birds on the wing,**
- ¹¹ kings of the earth and all peoples:
princes and all rulers of the world,
- ¹² **young men and maidens:
old people and children together.**
- ¹³ Let them praise your name O Lord:
for your name alone is exalted,
and your glory is above heaven and earth.
- ¹⁴ **You have lifted up your peoples head,
with praise from all your servants:
from the people close to your heart.
O praise the Lord.**

Reading:

Revelation 21: 1-6

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

Gospel Hymn: **Sing praise to God you heavens!**

Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal (2013) #17

Words: Herman G Stuempfle Jr © 2006 GIA Pub. - from **Psalm 148**

Alt. Tune: **WEBB** [Stand up, stand up for Jesus]

1

Sing praise to God, you heavens!
Sing praise, each shining light!
Sing, planets in your orbits;
sing, stars all burning bright!
Sing praise, you winds and tempests,
you driving rain and snow!
Sing, clouds that race and billow
and shadow earth below!

2

Sing praise, O earth, sing praises!
Sing praises, hill and plain,
You mountains thrusting skyward,
you valleys ripe with grain!
Sing praise, each fragrant flower;
your fairest hues display.
Sing praise, you trees of autumn
in glowing, glad array!

3

Sing praises, all you creatures
in whom God takes delight:
you whales that roam the oceans,
you eagles in your flight!
Sing praise, you sheep on hill-sides,
you cattle in the stall!
Though wordless, sing your praises
to God who made you all!

4

Sing praises now, God's people;
your gift of speech employ
to praise the Lord, your Maker,
with thankfulness and joy!
Sing with the whole creation;
a cosmic chorus raise:
"To God alone be glory
and everlasting praise!"

Gospel Reading: **John 13: 31-35**

The Holy Gospel according to John,
chapter thirteen, beginning at the thirty-first 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

Prayers of the People

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

In your love and mercy:
Hear our prayer.

We stand

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: **O for a thousand tongues to sing**

SG #55ii - Words: Charles Wesley

Tune: LYNHAM

- 1 **O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise, [x2]
the glories of my God and king,
the triumphs of God's grace. [x3]**
- 2 **Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease; [x2]
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace. [x3]**
- 3 **He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive, [x2]
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe. [x3]**
- 4 **Hear him, you deaf, you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ; [x2]
you blind, now see your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy! [x3]**

- 5 **My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim, [x2]
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name. [x3]**
- 6 **To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given [x2]
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven. [x3]**

The Preparation of the Gifts

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The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord's Prayer

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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

**Thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia. 1 Corinthians 15: 57**

Christ, you are risen from the dead.

We are risen with you.

**May our life never deny this eternal life,
this peace and hope and joy.**

**Praise and glory to the God of life
who is stronger than all kinds of death.**

Alleluia. Amen.

The Blessing

May you be a new creation,
Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you -
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: *Sing a new world into being*

Words: Mary Louise Bringle © 2006 GIA Publications

Tune: ODE TO JOY [Beethoven]

- 1 Sing a new world into being.
 sound a bold and hopeful theme.
 Find a tune for silent yearnings,
 lend your voice and dare to dream:
 dream a church where all who worship
 find their lives and loves belong.
 Sing a new world into being.
 Sing as Christ inspires your song!**
- 2 Sing a new world into being
 where each gender, class and race
 brings its rainbow gifts and colours
 to God's limitless embrace:
 where the lines that once divided
 form instead the ties that bind.
 Sing a new world into being:
 risk transforming heart and mind.**

- 3 Sing a new world into being
where the homeless find a home,
where no children ever hunger
but are filled in God's Shalom:
where all people work for justice,
where all hate and vengeance cease.
Sing a new world into being:
raise the harmonies of peace.
- 4 Sing a new world into being,
join the ancient prophets' cry
for a time of health and plenty,
when all tears have been wiped dry:
when compassion flows like waters,
pouring balm for all who grieve.
Sing a new world into being:
live the promise you believe!

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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