



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 Sixth Sunday of Easter 25th May 2025

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

Presider: Grace and peace to you from God.
God fill you with truth and joy.

Opening Hymn: Christ is alive, with joy we sing

TiS393 – Words: Pamela Stotter

Tune: VULPIUS

1
Christ is alive, with joy we sing;
we celebrate our risen Lord,
praising the glory of His name.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2
He is the grain of wheat that died;
sown in distress and reaped in joy,
yielding a harvest of new life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

3
He is the sun which brings the dawn:
He is the light of all the world,
setting us free from death and sin.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4
He is the vine set in the earth,
sharing our life, from birth to death,
that we might share in God's own life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

5
He is the bread that comes from God,
broken to feed us in our need,
given to bring eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

6
Christ is alive, with joy we sing;
we celebrate our risen Lord,
praising the glory of His name.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing

The Gathering of the Community

Page 404: *The Lord be with you ...*

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: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you,'
says the Lord. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.' *John 14:27*

Collect: Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples,
filling them with joy and boldness
to preach the gospel;
**send us out in the power of the same Spirit
to witness to your redeeming love
and draw all people to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever. Amen.**

Reading: **Acts 16: 9-15**

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

Psalm 67 (ANZPB)

¹ Be gracious to us O God and bless us:
and make the light of your face to shine upon us,

- ² that your ways may be known upon earth:
your saving power among all nations.
- ³ Let the peoples praise you O God:
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ Let the nations be glad, and sing for joy:
**for you judge the peoples righteously,
and guide the nations on earth.**
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you O God:
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ The earth has yielded its harvest:
and you our God will bless us.
- ⁷ Your blessing O God be upon us:
and let all the ends of the world revere you.

Reading:

Revelation 21: 10,22 - 22: 5

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

Gospel Hymn:

God of mercy, God of grace

SG5 – Words: Henry Lyte [From Psalm 67]

Alt. tune: DIX

- 1 God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of Your face.
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;
fill Your church with light divine;
all Your saving health extend
unto the earth's remotest end.**
- 2 Let the people praise You, Lord;
be by all who live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing
glory to their saviour King;
at Your feet their tribute pay,
and Your holy will obey.**

- 3 **Let the people crown you king!
then shall earth her harvest bring,
God, to us, your blessing give.
we, to God, devoted live;
all below and all above,
one in joy and light and love.**

Gospel Reading: **John 14: 23-29**

The Holy Gospel according to John,
chapter fourteen, beginning at the twenty-third 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)

God of promise,
Hear our prayer.

We stand

The Ministry of the Sacrament

Page 419 **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: **Put peace into each other's hands**

SG479 - Words: Fred Kaan

Tune: **ST COLUMBA** [trad. Irish melody]

- 1 Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.
- 2 Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.
- 3 Put peace into each other's hands,
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.
- 4 As at communion, shape your hands
into a waiting cradle;
the gift of Christ receive, revere,
united round the table.
- 5 Put Christ into each other's hands,
he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance
and share it like a treasure.

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

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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

‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you,’
says the Lord. ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.’ *John 14:27*

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

The God of peace who brought again from the dead
our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will...
...and the blessing of God our Creator,
Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

Amen.

We share any notices and news

Closing Hymn: ***When all is ended***

Words: Brian Wren © Hope Publishing

Alt. tune: **SINE NOMINE**

- 1 **When all is ended, time and troubles past,
shall all be mended, sin and death out-cast?
In hope we sing, and hope to sing at last:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2 **As in the night, when lightning flickers free,
and gives a glimpse of distant hill and tree,
each flash of good discloses what will be:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 3 **Against all hope, our weary times have known
wars ended, peace declared, compassion shown,
great days of freedom, tyrants overthrown:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 4 **Then do not cheat the poor, who long for bread,
with dream-worlds in the sky or in the head,
but sing of slaves set free, and children fed:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 5 **With earthy faith we sing a song of heaven:
all life fulfilled, all loved, all wrong forgiven.
Christ is our sign of hope, for Christ is risen:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 6 **With all creation, pain and anger past,
evil exhausted, love supreme at last,
alive in God, we'll sing an unsurpassed
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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