



# The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

## Order of Service for the Seventh Sunday of Easter 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025

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

*We stand*

Opening Hymn: **A Hymn for Ascension**

*HiOS14 - Words: Marnie Barrell*

*Tune: **LAUDA ANIMA** [Praise, my soul]*

- 1 Christ ascends to God! Behold him  
here, where earth and heaven meet.  
Unimagined powers enfold him,  
mortals worship at his feet.  
**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
all his mission now complete.
- 2 God receives him into mystery –  
clouds of glory veil the sight;  
no more bound to human history,  
strong as love and free as light.  
**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
now to reign in his own right.
- 3 He is with us. Do not seek him  
throned in splendour far above:  
meet him here where truth and freedom  
now reveal his work of love.  
**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
countless signs his presence prove.

- 4    **Universal Lord, now reigning  
deep in nature's smallest part,  
all things live by your sustaining,  
time and space your work of art.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
praise to Christ, creation's heart.**

*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 477:*            Christ is the living water ...

*We sit or kneel*

### **Forgiveness**

*Page 478-479*        We come seeking forgiveness ...

*Sentence:*            Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.  
*Acts 16:31*

*Collect:*              Holy God, you feed us with earthly and spiritual food.  
**Deathless, unalterable, you have chosen us,  
sinful as we are, to hear your word  
and to proclaim your truth. Alleluia!**  
**Make us salt of the earth; make us yeast in the loaf.**  
**Praise to you our God; you answer prayer.**  
**Amen.**

Reading:

**Acts 16: 16-34**

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

**Psalm 97 (ANZPB)**

- <sup>1</sup> You are king O Lord, let the earth be glad:  
let the many islets and coastlands rejoice.
- <sup>2</sup> **Clouds and darkness are round about you:  
righteousness and justice are  
the foundation of your throne.**
- <sup>3</sup> Fire goes before you:  
and burns up your enemies on every side.
- <sup>4</sup> **The world is lit up by your lightnings:  
and earth trembles at the sight.**
- <sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax before you:  
before the Lord of all the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> **The heavens proclaim your righteousness:  
and all the peoples see your glory.**
- <sup>7</sup> Shame on all who worship images,  
and glory in their worthless idols:  
bow down before the Lord all you gods.
- <sup>8</sup> **Jerusalem hears and is glad:  
the cities of Judah rejoice O Lord at your judgments.**
- <sup>9</sup> For you Lord are most high over all the earth:  
you are exalted far above all the gods.
- <sup>10</sup> **You love those who hate evil:  
you preserve the lives of your servants,  
and deliver them from the hand of the wicked.**
- <sup>11</sup> Light has dawned for the righteous:  
and joy for the upright in heart.
- <sup>12</sup> **Rejoice in the Lord you righteous:  
and give thanks to God's holy name.**

Reading:

**Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

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

Gospel Hymn:

**O Sovereign God! With joyful sound**

*Psalm 97, after the paraphrase by David G. Preston*

*Tune: DUNEDIN (Where mountains rise to open skies)*

- 1 **O sovereign God! With joyful sound  
let all the earth in you delight,  
whom cloud and deepest dark surround,  
whose throne is justice, truth and right.**
- 2 **Before you fires of justice go,  
your lightnings blaze your advent forth,  
the mountains melt like wax, and flow  
before the Ruler of the earth.**
- 3 **Your righteousness the heavens proclaim,  
with glory all the peoples see;  
the pagan world is put to shame:  
to you all gods must bow the knee.**
- 4 **Your people hear; with joy they cry  
to see the judgments you ordain -  
for you alone are God Most High,  
and far above all gods you reign.**
- 5 **Let everyone who loves your word  
hate evil, as your law commands;  
your faithful people you will guard,  
deliv'ring them from wicked hands.**
- 6 **So light will shine upon the just,  
and joy on hearts kept clear of blame,  
who gladly place in you their trust,  
and ever praise your holy Name.**

**Gospel Reading: John 17: 20-26**

The Holy Gospel according to John,  
chapter seventeen, beginning at the twentieth 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**

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

... and, in your mercy -

**Hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence, we pray for our own needs ...

Thanksgiving, blessing and praise be yours,  
God of the incarnation, because you care for us  
and for our prayer. May our love for you and our likeness  
to you be strengthened every time we pray. **Amen.**

## **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 an 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: **Alleluia, Sing to Jesus**

SG458 – Words: William Dix / Jubilate Hymns

Tune: HYFRYDOL

1 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!  
his the sceptre, his the throne:  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hear the songs of holy Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
‘Jesus out of every nation  
has redeemed us by his blood!’

2 Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now:  
Alleluia! he is near us;  
faith believes, but knows not how.  
Though the cloud from sight  
received him  
whom the angels now adore,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
‘I am with you evermore’.

3 Alleluia! bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food, our stay:  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
come to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth’s redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
you, the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth your footstool,  
heaven your throne:  
you, within the veil have entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
yours the blood and yours the body,  
in our eucharistic feast.

*We remain standing for The Great Thanksgiving Prayer, but sit if needed.*

### **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**

All you who have been baptised have been clothed with Christ. Alleluia. *Galatians 3:27*

Christ, you are risen with the sun;  
you are light in our darkness,  
warmth in our cold.

**You are peace and hope and joy,  
for you went willingly to death.  
You turned defeat and failure to victory for all.  
You live eternally, and with you live the millions,  
living and dead, who trust in you. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

May Christ who out of defeat  
brings new hope and new alternatives,  
bring you new life;  
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, news, or celebrations*

## **Closing Hymn: Crown Him with many Crowns**

*SG321 / CP166 / TiS228 - Words: Matthew Bridges  
Tune: DIADEMATA*

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for me,  
and hail him as your chosen king  
through all eternity.**

2 Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified;  
no angel there on high  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downwards bends a burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

3 Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save:  
his glories now we sing  
who died, and rose on high;  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

4 Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole,  
that wars may cease  
absorbed in prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

5 Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
majestic and sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for you have died for me;  
your praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

### ***The Dismissal***

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.  
**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

*Following the service, all are welcome to share morning tea which will be served  
in the 'Hospitality Corner' on the southern side of the church.*

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