



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

Order of Service for 10th August 2025 The Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Eucharistic Liturgy - Thanksgiving for Creation and Redemption
commencing on page 456 ANZPB/HKMOA*

Opening Hymn: **Church of God, elect and glorious**

Words: James E Seddon © Jubilate Hymns Ltd. - Tune: ODE TO JOY

- 1 **Church of God, elect and glorious,
holy nation, chosen race;
called as God's own special people,
royal priests and heirs of grace:
know the purpose of your calling,
show to all his mighty deeds;
tell of love which knows no limits,
grace which meets all human needs.**
- 2 **God has called you out of darkness
into his most marvellous light;
brought his truth to life within you,
turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
that God's name is glorified;
and all find fresh hope and purpose
in Christ Jesus crucified.**
- 3 **Once you were an alien people,
strangers to God's heart of love;
but he brought you home in mercy,
citizens of heaven above.
Let his love flow out to others,
let them feel a Father's care;
that they too may know his welcome
and his countless blessings share. →**

- 4 Church of God, elect and holy,
be the people he intends;
strong in faith and swift to answer
each command your master sends:
royal priests, fulfil your calling
through your sacrifice and prayer;
give your lives in joyful service
sing his praise, his love declare.

The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing

The Gathering of the Community

Page 456: In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life.
Amen.

Grace to you and peace ...

Page 457: Let us give thanks ...
O give thanks to our God ...

Page 458: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven ...

Page 460: God the Creator brings you new life ...

Sentence: Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day
our Lord is coming. *Matthew 24:42, 44*

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:

Genesis 15: 1-6

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

Psalm 33: 12–21 (ANZPB)

- ¹² How blest are the people whose God is the Lord:
the people you chose as your own possession.
- ¹³ **You Lord look down from heaven upon all people:
from the place where you dwell
you consider all who inhabit the earth.**
- ¹⁴ You fashion the hearts of them all:
and observe all their deeds.
- ¹⁵ **A king is not saved by a mighty army:
nor is a warrior delivered by much strength.**
- ¹⁶ A horse is a vain thing to count on for victory:
nor will it save anyone by its great strength.
- ¹⁷ **But your eye O Lord is on those who fear you:
on those who rely on your steadfast love,**
- ¹⁸ to deliver them from death:
and to keep them alive in famine.
- ¹⁹ **We have waited eagerly for you O Lord:
for you are our help and our shield.**
- ²⁰ Our heart shall rejoice in you:
because we have hoped in your holy name.
- ²¹ **Let your constant love attend us O Lord:
as we put our trust in you.**

Reading:

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

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

Gradual Hymn: **Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure**

Words: Joy Patterson - from Psalm 145: 13-21 - The Presbyterian Hymnal #251

Tune: **WINCHESTER NEW**

- 1 **Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure
in all Your words, Your gracious deeds;
You gently lift all burdened souls
and well provide for all our needs.**
- 2 **The eyes of all are fixed on You;
by You their wants are all supplied;
Your open hand is bountiful
and every soul is satisfied.**
- 3 **Lord, You are just in all Your ways,
and kind in everything You do;
forever near You stand to hear
and help all those who call on You.**
- 4 **My mouth shall speak Your praise, O Lord,
my soul shall bless Your holy name;
let all things living join the song
of praise, from age to age the same.**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 12: 32-40**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke,
chapter twelve, beginning at the thirty-second 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)

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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

Silence

God of peace,
let us your people know,
that at the heart of turbulence
there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you.
**Keep us from being content with things as they are,
that from this central peace
there may come a creative compassion,
a thirst for justice,
and a willingness to give of ourselves
in the spirit of Christ. Amen.**

We stand

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The Peace

Page **466** The peace of God ...

*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: Longing for light (Christ, be our Light)

Words & Music: Bernadette Farrell

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- 1 Longing for light,
 we wait in darkness;
 longing for truth, we turn to you.
 Make us your own, you holy people,
 light for the world to see. →**

*Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

- 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled;
longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us,
make us your living voice.
- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry;
longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
- 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless;
longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
- 5 Many the gifts, many the people;
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your Kingdom come.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Page 467 God of all creation ...

The Great Thanksgiving

Page 467 The Spirit of God ...

The Lord's Prayer

Page 470 Our Father in heaven ...

The Invitation

Page 472 Bread and wine ...

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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Most loving God ...

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus
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: **Faith has set us on a journey**

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- 1 **Faith has set us on a journey
past the landmarks that we know,
taking risks with no insurance
but the Word that tells us “go!”
Friend or job or home or lover
we may need to leave behind,
outworn truths and ways of thinking,
baggage to the past consigned.**
- 2 **Some are swags of easy conscience
who with others hitch a ride,
some are tourist-package Christians,
dollar-safe, with Book and guide.
There are others on this journey --
those who long and pray and search,
heave the stones to free the structures,
love the Christ and leave the Church.**

- 3 **We are this unlikely people
in the Body knit as one,
company of clowns and cripples --
some are wise and some can run.
Prophets are our travel agents,
gospel-makers lay this road:
to the place of peace and promise
faith will take us into God.**

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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