



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

Order of Service for 17th August 2025

The 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Religious Vocation Sunday

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

Opening Hymn: **Lord, as the day begins**

CP4 – Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith - Alt.tune: HAREWOOD

- 1 Lord, as the day begins,
lift up our hearts in praise;
take from us all our sins;
guard us in all our ways.
Our ev'ry step direct and guide,
that Christ in all be glorified.
- 2 Christ be in work and skill,
serving each other's need;
Christ be in thought and will,
Christ be in word and deed.
Our minds be set on things above
in joy and peace, in faith and love.
- 3 Grant us the Spirit's strength;
teach us to walk his way;
so bring us all at length
safe to the close of day.
From hour to hour sustain and bless,
and let our song be thankfulness.
- 4 Now as the day begins,
make it the best of days;
take from us all our sins;
guard us in all our ways.
Our ev'ry step direct and guide,
that Christ in all be glorified.

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 ...

Sentence: 'Is not my word like fire,' says the Lord,
'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?'
Jeremiah 23:29

Collect: Come Holy Spirit, to all baptised in your name,
that we may turn to good whatever lies ahead.
**Give us passion, give us fire;
make us transform the world from what it is,
to what you have created it to be.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Reading: **Jeremiah 23: 23-29**
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82 (ANZPB)

- ¹ God stands in the council of heaven:
in the midst of the gods the Lord gives judgment.
- ² 'How long will you judge unjustly:
and favour the cause of the wicked?

- 3 'Defend the weak and the orphaned:
maintain the cause of the afflicted and destitute.
- 4 'Rescue the weak and the needy:
and save them from the hands of the wicked.
- 5 'You neither know nor understand,
but go about in darkness:
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 'I say then to you, Gods you may be:
and all of you offspring of the Most High,
- 7 "but you shall die like mortals:
and fall like any of the princes."
- 8 Arise O God and judge the earth:
for you shall take all nations as your possession.

Reading: **Hebrews 11: 29 - 12: 2**

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

Gradual Hymn: ***Christ, you call us all to service***

W & R #571 - Words: Joy F Patterson © 1994 Hope Publishing Company

Alt. tune: BLAENWERN

- 1 **Christ, You call us all to service,
call us all who follow You;
plant in us a deep commitment
all Your work and will to do.
Fire a passion for Your justice,
in us kindle love of peace;
help us heal the brokenhearted,
to the captive bring release.**
- 2 **Teach us how to work together,
brothers, sisters, side by side;
equal partners in the struggle,
in the cause of truth allied.**



To each one some gift is given,
man or woman, young or old;
help us use each skill and talent
Your great purpose to unfold.

- 3 Let us be a servant people,
reconciling, ending strife;
seeking ways more just of sharing
and of ordering human life.
Fill us with a glowing vision
of this world as it should be;
send us forth to change that vision
into blest reality.

Gospel Reading: **Luke 12: 49-56**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke,
chapter twelve, beginning at the forty-ninth 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 461 **The Apostles' Creed**

Prayers of the People

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

God, of mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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

Silence

God, you shape our dreams.
**As we put our trust in you
may your hopes and desires be ours,
and we your expectant people.
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: *The Love of God comes close*

*SG186 – Words: John Bell & Graham Maule © WCRG Iona Community
Alt. tune: LOVE UNKNOWN*

- 1 The love of God comes close
 where stands an open door,
 to let the stranger in,
 to mingle rich and poor.
 The love of God is here to stay,
 embracing those who walk the Way.**
- 2 The peace of God comes close
 to those caught in the storm,
 forgoing lives of ease
 to ease the lives forlorn.
 The peace of God is here to stay,
 embracing those who walk the Way.**
- 3 The joy of God comes close
 where faith encounters fears,
 where heights and depths of life
 are found through smiles and tears. →**

The joy of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way.

4 The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised and bent.
The grace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way.

5 The Son of God comes close
where people praise his name,
where bread and wine are blest
and shared as when he came.
The Son of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way.

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:

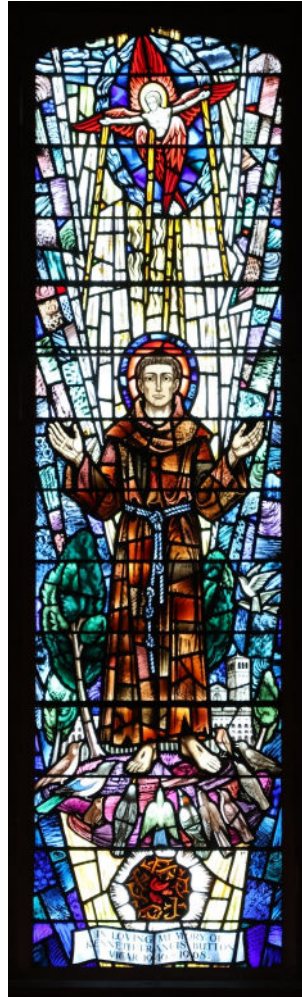
God of freedom, God of justice

CP447 - Words: Shirley Murray © Hope Publishing - Tune: RHUDDLAN

- 1 **God of freedom, God of justice,
You whose love is strong as death,
You who saw the dark of prison,
You who knew the price of faith -
touch our world of sad oppression
with Your Spirit's healing breath.**
- 2 **Rid the earth of torture's terror,
You whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest,
You who shed the tears and blood -
move in us the power of pity
restless for the common good.**
- 3 **Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers
of whatever race or creed -
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's need.**

The Dismissal

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



*Saint Francis
the West window of St Matthew's Church, Hastings*

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