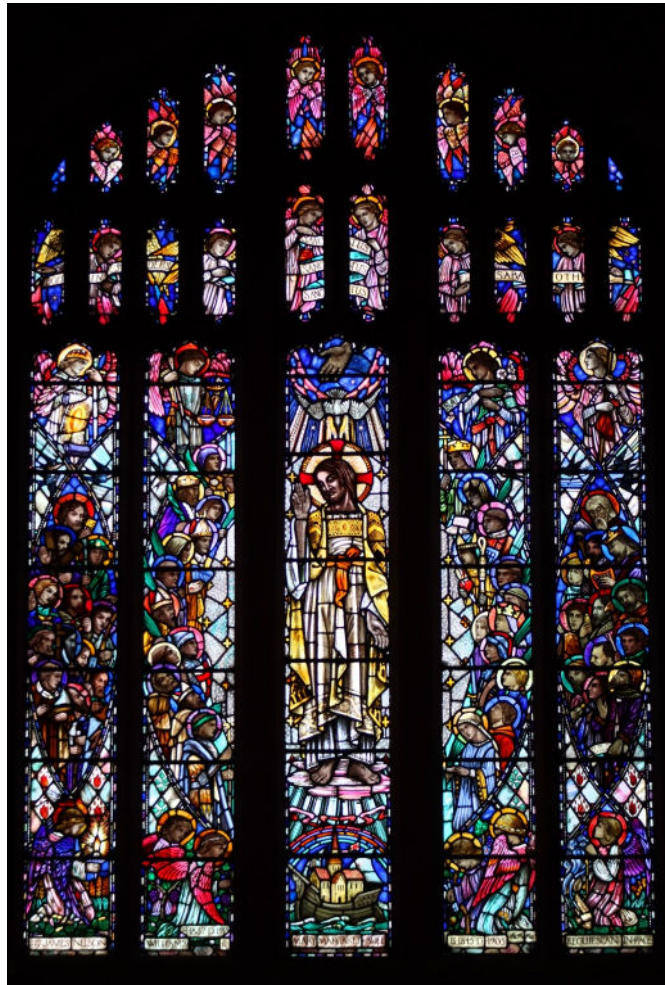




The Anglican Parish
of Greater Hastings



Celebrating the 130th Anniversary of the Hastings Anglican Parish

31st August 2025
10.00am

Eucharistic Liturgy

Thanksgiving of the People of God

**Welcome to St Matthew's Church this morning -
on Anglican Communion Sunday -
as we celebrate the 130th anniversary of the establishment
of the Hastings Anglican Parish.**

Presider: The Reverend David van Oeveren
(Vicar, the Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings)

Preacher: The Reverend Jenny Chalmers

Liturgist: The Reverend Margaret Thompson

Intercessor: The Reverend Dorothy Brooker

Musician: Mary Hannan

Crucifer: Esma Smith

Reader: Jean Hill

Sound-tech: Tim Anderson

**Communion assistants: Stephanie Drew, Janet Heinz,
Mark Sutton, Roy Thompson**

**Welcomers: Jim and Barbi Speers,
Jean Hill, Roy Thompson**

**Morning Tea: Deborah Walsh, Juliette Swensson,
Murray Cushing, Sue van Oeveren**

Wardens: Juliette Swensson & Murray Cushing

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sentence: Open to me the gates of the temple,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
Psalm 118:19

We stand

Opening Hymn: ***We are called to stand together***

Alt. tune: REGENT SQUARE - SG80 /SG607 - Martin E Leckebusch © Kevin Mayhew Ltd

- 1 We are called to stand together
with the saints of ages past,
with the patriarchs and prophets
in the faith they once held fast;
promises and hopes they treasured
now we find fulfilled at last!**
- 2 Those whom Jesus called apostles
journeyed with him side by side,
heard his teaching, felt his power,
saw the way he lived and died;
then the news of resurrection
they delivered far and wide.**
- 3 Through the intervening ages
round the world the gospel spread:
faithful heralds took the message,
guided where the Spirit led;
so the body grew in stature,
serving Christ, its living head.**
- 4 Now in many tongues and cultures
songs of celebration ring;
millions who confess our Saviour
honour him as Lord and King
and, for courage, grace and guidance
every day their prayers they bring.**



- 5 To each coming generation
tell the truth, persuade, explain,
till the time when time is ended,
till the Saviour comes again –
till the saints are all united
under Christ's eternal reign.

The Gathering

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

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

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may truly love you
and worthily praise your holy name;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

Song of Praise: ***The Song of the Church [Te Deum Laudamus]***

- ¹ We praise you O God:
we acclaim you as the Lord.
- ² **All creation worships you:
the Father everlasting.**
- ³ To you all angels, all the powers of heaven:
cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise,

- 4 **‘Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
heaven and earth are full of your glory.’**
- 5 The glorious company of apostles praise you:
the noble fellowship of prophets praise you,
the white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
- 6 **Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,**
- 7 your true and only Son, worthy of all worship:
and the Holy Spirit, our advocate and guide.
- 8 **You Christ are the king of glory:
the eternal Son of the Father.**
- 9 When you became incarnate to set us free:
you humbly accepted the Virgin’s womb.
- 10 **You overcame the sting of death:
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**
- 11 You are seated at God’s right hand in glory:
we believe that you will come to be our judge.
- 12 **Come then Lord and help your people:
bought with the price of your own blood,**
- 13 and bring us with your saints:
to glory everlasting.

We sit or kneel

God calls us to be holy.
In silence, let us call to mind our sins
and our need for God’s forgiveness.

Silence

Lord Jesus, in your love
you invite us to be your friends:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in your joy
you choose us to go out and bear fruit:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in your power
you send us to be your faithful witnesses:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus said:

There is joy among the angels of God
over one sinner who repents.

**May the compassionate God have mercy on us,
forgive us and bring us to fullness of life. Amen.**

The Absolution is declared by the presiding priest.

Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you,
pardon you, and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven
and be at peace.

God strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal. Amen.

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Collect:

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate
the dedication of this house of prayer:
**we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place
may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Reading: **1 Kings 8: 22-30**

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

Psalm 122 (ANZPB)

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me:
‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’
- ² **And now our feet are standing:
within your gates O Jerusalem,**
- ³ Jerusalem that is built as a city:
where people come together in unity.
- ⁴ **There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**
- ⁵ There are set thrones of judgment:
the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
may those who love you prosper.**
- ⁷ Peace be within your walls:
and prosperity within your palaces.
- ⁸ **For the sake of my kinsfolk and companions:
I will pray that peace may be with you.**
- ⁹ Because of the house of the Lord our God:
I will pray for your good.

Reading: **1 Peter 2: 1-10**

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

Gradual Hymn: **Lord, your church on earth is seeking**

Tune: EVERTON [Smart] - SG604 - Words: Hugh Sherlock & Michael Saward

- 1 **Lord, your church on earth is seeking
power and wisdom from above:
teach us all the art of speaking
with the accents of your love.
We will heed your great commission
sending us to every place –
‘Go, baptise, fulfil my mission;
serve with love and share my grace!’**
- 2 **You release us from our bondage,
lift the burdens caused by sin:
give new hope, new strength and courage,
grant release from fears within.
Light for darkness, joy for sorrow,
love for hatred, peace for strife –
these and countless blessings follow
as the Spirit gives new life.**
- 3 **In the streets of every city
where the bruised and lonely live,
we will show the Saviour’s pity
and his longing to forgive.
In the lands and with all races
we will serve, and seek to bring
all the world to render praises
Christ, to you, redeemer king.**

We remain standing for the reading of the Gospel

Gospel Reading: John 2: 13-22

The Holy Gospel according to John,
chapter two, beginning at the thirteenth verse
Praise and glory to God.

After the reading: This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ, the Word.

The Sermon

*Following the Sermon, there may be a time of silence and/or musical reflection;
then we stand to affirm our faith*

The Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

**The risen Christ is Lord of the Church,
and is present here in the midst of us;
so let us pray for the Church and for the world,
giving thanks for God's goodness.**

We sit or kneel

For the Church universal,
of which this building is a visible symbol;
for this congregation,
as we remember your promise
that when two or three are gathered in your name
you are there in the midst of them;
for this place, that we may be still
and know that you are God,
For your love and goodness
We give you thanks, O God.

For the fulfilling of our desires, and our prayers,
as you see best for us;
for your blessings in the past
and for a vision of hope for the future;
For your love and goodness
We give you thanks, O God.

For the gift of the Holy Spirit
and new life in baptism;
for the pardon of our sins
when we fall short of your glory;
For your love and goodness
We give you thanks, O God.

For a foretaste of your eternal kingdom
in the sacrament of the Eucharist;
for the blessing of our vows
and the crowning of our years
with your goodness and mercy;
For your love and goodness
We give you thanks, O God.

For the faith of those who have gone before us
and for grace to persevere like them;
for the benefactors of this place
and all who have died in the peace of Christ
and are at rest;

for a sense of our fellowship with Matthew,
our Patron, and all your saints;

For your love and goodness
We give you thanks, O God.

O God, from living stones you prepare
an everlasting dwelling – a place for your majesty.
Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit
those who serve you here
may always be kept within your presence.
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

And, in a moment of silence,
we pray for ourselves, our own needs,
and our ministries ...

Silence

Lord, you have called us to serve you.
Grant that we may walk in your presence:
your love in our hearts,
your truth in our minds,
your strength in our wills;
until, at the end of our journey,
we know the joy of our homecoming
and the welcome of your embrace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also 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: Your hand, O God, has guided

Tune: THORNBURY - SG649 – Words: Edward Plumptre

- 1 Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
your faithfulness is written
on history's every page.
They knew your perfect goodness,
whose deeds we now record;
and both to this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**
- 2 Your heralds brought the gospel
to greatest as to least;
they summoned us to hasten
and share the great king's feast.
And this was all their teaching
in every deed and word;
to all a like proclaiming;
one church, one faith, one Lord.**
- 3 Through many days of darkness,
through many scenes of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption
sin pardoned, hope restored –
was all in this enfolded,
one church, one faith, one Lord.**
- 4 And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict
and throw away the crown?**

**Not so! In God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

- 5 Your mercy will not fail us
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won.
And then by earth and heaven
your name shall be adored;
and this shall be their anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

*We remain standing for the Preparation of the Gifts and the prayer of
The Great Thanksgiving, but you are welcome to sit if you need to.*

The Preparation of the Gifts

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness,
and the power, and the glory,
and the victory and the majesty.
**All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours,
and of your own we give you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
almighty and eternal God,
enthroned upon the praises of your people.

We thank you for this house of prayer,
in which you bless your family
as we come to you in pilgrimage.

Here you reveal your presence in sacramental signs
and make us one with you
through the unseen bond of grace.
Here you build your temple of living stones
and bring the Church to its full stature
as the body of Christ throughout the world,
to reach its perfection at last in the heavenly places.

After his resurrection, your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord,
sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations
and lead us in the way of truth.
Himself the chief cornerstone,
he founded his Church upon the apostles
firmly to stand for ever
as a sign of your holiness upon earth
and a living witness to all
of the way that leads to heaven.

And so with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we lift our voices
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

To you indeed be glory, almighty God,
because on the night before he died,
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;
when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples,
and said:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood
poured out for you;
do this as often as you drink it
to remember me.

And so in this great sacrament
we celebrate and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, loving God,
recalling now Christ's death and resurrection,
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration,
that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son
and be filled with your life and goodness.
Strengthen us to do your work,
and to be your body in the world.
Unite us in Christ and give us your peace.

Through your Holy Spirit,
burning as a flame, gentle as a dove,
may we who receive these gifts
live lives of justice, love, and prayer,
and be a voice for those who are not heard.

In union with your whole church we worship you, O God,
in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray, saying ...

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The Invitation to Communion

Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua,
tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

Come God's people,
come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

*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.

Post Communion Sentence

Do you not know that you are God's temple
and that God's Spirit dwells in you? *1 Corinthians 3: 16*

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God,
we thank you for your mercy and love:
You feed us with spiritual food for our journey,
and give us hope for our future.
You are our light in darkness,
our strength in weakness,
and our comfort in sorrow.

**We are glad to be in your house of prayer
and in your presence today
as we remember Saint Matthew,
and all who have gone before us,
believing in your promises
and trusting in your mercy.
Help us to follow them,
as they have followed Christ,
and, with all your saints on earth and in heaven,
to give you the glory and the praise that is your due;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;
and the blessing of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you, and remain with you, forever.
Amen.

Closing Hymn: **The Church's One Foundation**

Tune: AURELIA - SG581 – Words: Samuel Stone © Jubilate Hymns

- 1 **The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord:
she is his new creation
by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

- 2 **Elect from every nation
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.**

- 3 **Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

- 4 **Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore,
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

- 5 Yet she on earth has union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give to us the grace
like them, the meek and lowly,
in heaven to seek your face.

The Dismissal

Like living stones, precious in God's sight,
go now in peace to proclaim the mighty acts of God,
and to love and serve the Lord.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

At the conclusion of the service, all are welcome to share morning tea.

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