



# The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

## Order of Service for Sunday

19<sup>th</sup> October 2025

*The Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

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

*We stand*

Opening Hymn: **God who stretched the spangled heavens**

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*Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH*

- 1 God, who stretched the spangled heavens,  
infinite in time and place,  
flung the suns in burning radiance  
through the silent fields of space:  
we, your children, in your likeness,  
share inventive powers with you.  
Great Creator, still creating,  
show us what we yet may do.
- 2 Proudly rise our modern cities,  
stately buildings row on row;  
yet their windows, blank, unfeeling,  
stare on canyoned streets below,  
where the lonely drift unnoticed  
in the city's ebb and flow,  
lost to purpose and to meaning,  
scarcely caring where they go.
- 3 We have conquered worlds undreamed of  
since the childhood of our race;  
known the ecstasy of winging  
through uncharted realms of space;



probed the secrets of the atom,  
yielding unimagined power,  
facing us with life's destruction  
or our most triumphant hour.

- 4 As each far horizon beckons,  
may it challenge us anew,  
children of creative purpose,  
serving others, honouring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise,  
each endeavour well begun.  
Great Creator, give us guidance  
till our goals and yours are one.

*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:** Will not God grant justice to those who cry to him day  
and night? Will he delay long in helping them? *Luke 18: 7–8*

**Collect:** **Mighty God, strong, loving and wise,  
help us to depend upon your goodness  
and to place our trust in your Son;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever.  
Amen.**

Reading:

**Genesis 32: 22-31**

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

**Psalm 121 (ANZPB)**

- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills:  
but where shall I look for help?
- <sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the Lord:  
who has made heaven and earth.**
- <sup>3</sup> The Lord will not let your foot stumble:  
the one who guards you will not sleep.
- <sup>4</sup> **The one who keeps watch over this people:  
shall neither doze nor sleep.**
- <sup>5</sup> The Lord is the one who will guard you:  
the Lord at your right hand will be your defence,
- <sup>6</sup> **so that the sun shall not strike you by day:  
nor yet the moon by night.**
- <sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve you from all evil:  
yes it is the Lord who will keep you safe.
- <sup>8</sup> **The Lord shall take care of your  
going out, and your coming in:  
from this time forth and for ever.**

Reading:

**2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5**

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

Gradual Hymn:

***Eternal Light, shine in my heart***

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*Alt. tune: HERONGATE*

- <sup>1</sup> **Eternal light, shine in my heart,  
eternal hope, lift up my eyes;  
eternal power, be my support,  
eternal wisdom, make me wise.**

- 2    **Eternal life, raise me from death,  
eternal brightness, make me see;  
eternal Spirit, give me breath,  
eternal Saviour, come to me:**
- 3    **Until by your most costly grace,  
invited by your holy word,  
at last I come before your face  
to know you, my eternal God.**

*Gospel Reading:*    **Luke 18: 1-8**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke,  
chapter eighteen, beginning at the first 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***

Let us pray for the Church and for the world,  
giving thanks for God's goodness.

*Page 463-4*            Caring God ...  
... 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: *There's a Spirit in the Air***

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- 1    **There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
      "Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
      living, working in our world!"**
- 2    **Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
tell the world what God has done:  
      God in Christ has come to stay.  
      Live tomorrow's life today!**
- 3    **When believers break the bread,  
when a hungry child is fed,  
      praise the love that Christ revealed,  
      living, working in our world.**
- 4    **Still the Spirit gives us light,  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
      God in Christ has come to stay.  
      Live tomorrow's life today!**
- 5    **When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
      praise the love that Christ revealed,  
      living, working in our world.**
- 6    **May the Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
      God in Christ has come to stay.  
      Live tomorrow's life today!**
- 7    **There's a Spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:  
      Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
      living, working in our world.**

## **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**

Page 472      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:    **Go forth for God**

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- 1    **Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;  
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
in God's good Spirit, daily to increase,  
till in the kingdom we see face to face.**
- 2    **Go forth for God, go to the world in love;  
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;  
help the afflicted; richly from above  
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.**
- 3    **Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;  
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;  
render to no one evil; Christ at length  
shall overcome all darkness with his light.**
- 4    **Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,  
to serve God's people every day and hour,  
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.**

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

*Following the service, Morning Tea will be served in the "Hospitality Corner"  
at the right-hand side towards the front of the church.*

*All are welcome to share a time of fellowship over a cup of tea or coffee.*



*Always pray and never give up.*

The Parable of the Widow and the Judge  
*Luke 18: 1-8*

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