

**The Anglican Parish  
of Greater Hastings**



**The Baptism of our Lord**  
*The First Sunday of the Epiphany*

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**10.00am**

*Eucharistic Liturgy  
with  
Liturgy of Baptism*

Presider: This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We stand

**Opening Hymn: Sing Glory to the Name of God**

Words: from **Psalm 29** – © David Gambrell 2011 / admin Presbyterian Pub.

Tune: **LASST UNS ERFREUEN / Easter Song CP250**

**1**  
Sing glory to the name of God,  
whose holy splendour shines abroad:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Enthroned above the crashing waves,  
the God of grace and glory saves.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**2**  
The name of God is full of might –  
resounding thunder, flashing light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
The wilderness cannot contain  
the echoes of the great refrain:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**3**  
The name of God is wild and free,  
a -whirl in holy mystery.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
A secret wrapped in smoke and fire,  
still chanted by the temple choir:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**4**  
May God forever be our peace;  
may hymns of glory never cease:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let all the faithful people come;  
sing praise to God, the Three-in-One.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***The Gathering***

*The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing*

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)*

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,  
the love at our beginning and without end,  
in our midst and with us.  
**God is with us, here we find new life.**

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign  
of justice and love.

**Jesus Christ is good news for the poor,  
release for the captives,  
recovery of sight for the blind  
and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

*Song of Praise:   **The Song of our Adoption**        Ephesians 1: 3-6*

- <sup>1</sup>    Blessed are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
     **you have blessed us in Christ with every  
     spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.**
- <sup>2</sup>    Even before the world was made  
     you chose us to be yours in Christ:  
     **that we should be holy and blameless in your sight.**
- <sup>3</sup>    In love you destined us for adoption  
     as your children through Christ Jesus:  
     **such was your pleasure and your purpose,**
- <sup>4</sup>    to the praise of your glorious grace:  
     **which you have freely given us in your beloved Son.**

*We sit or kneel*

God calls us to be holy.

In silence, let us remember God's love for us  
and our need for God's forgiveness.

*Silence*

Jesus, Word of God and Saviour of all:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd and Lamb of God:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Jesus, true vine and bread of life:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**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.*

God the Creator brings you new life,  
forgives and redeems you.  
Take hold of this forgiveness  
and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.  
**The word of Christ dwell in us richly.**

*Sentence:* A voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is my Son,  
the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' *Matthew 3:17*

*Collect:* Open the heavens, Holy Spirit,  
for us to see Jesus intercede for us;  
**may we be strengthened to share his cup  
and ready to serve him for ever.**  
**This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

*Reading:* **Isaiah 42: 1-9** *The servant of God brings justice*  
*After the Reading:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29** (ANZPB) *The voice of God upon the waters*

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord you heavenly powers:  
ascribe to the Lord all glory and might.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe due honour to God's holy name:  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:  
it is the glorious God  
who makes the thunder upon the great waters.
- 4 **The voice of the Lord is power:  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:  
the Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 **The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf:  
and Sirion like a young wild bull.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord divides the lightning:  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness,  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 **The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to writhe,  
and strips the forests bare:  
while in God's temple all cry, 'Glory'.**
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the waters:  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.
- 10 **You Lord will give strength to your people:  
you will give your people the blessing of peace.**

*Reading:* **Acts 10: 34-43** *Jesus' ministry after his baptism*

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

*Gradual Hymn:* **God who created light**

*SG288 – Words: © Michael Saward/Jubilate Hymns*

*Tune: **Moscow** (Felice de Giardini)*

**1 God who created light  
from his commanding height,  
his voice was heard.  
Through sky and sea and earth,  
labouring, came to birth,  
sign of eternal worth,  
life through God's word.**

**2 Christ who was born to save,  
standing at Lazarus' grave,  
his voice was heard.  
He who had healed the lame,  
called to the dead by name,  
and from the tomb there came  
life through God's word. →**

**3 Spirit whose mighty power  
surges through every hour,  
his voice is heard.  
Strong as the wind he blows,  
swift as a torrent flows,  
and to the church bestows  
life through God's word.**

**4 He who is three-in-one,  
God Father, Spirit, Son  
his voice is heard.  
To him our hearts we raise,  
singing our hymns of praise,  
sharing, in all our ways,  
life through God's word.**

*We remain standing for the reading of the Gospel*

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17** *Christ revealed as God's servant*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter three,  
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**

*The Sermon is followed by a moment of silence and/or musical reflection; then we stand to sing as the baptismal family, godparents, and supporters gather around the Font.*

**Baptism Hymn: Lord Jesus, once a child**

*TiS490 - Words: Fred Pratt Green - Tune: FRANCONIA (CP391)*

**1 Lord Jesus, once a child,  
Saviour of young and old,  
receive this little child of ours  
into your flock and fold.**

**2 You drank the cup of life,  
its bitterness and bliss,  
and loved us to the uttermost  
for such a child as this.**

**3 So help us, Lord, to trust,  
through this baptismal rite,  
not in our own imperfect love,  
but in your saving might.**

*The congregation sit*

# **The Liturgy of Baptism**

## God's Call

*The priest says:*

E te whānau a te Karaiti / Dear friends in Christ,  
God is love, God gives us life.  
We love because God first loves us.  
In baptism God declares that love;  
in Christ God calls us to respond.

## The Presentation for Baptism

*The priest says to the parents and godparents:*

Who do you bring to be baptised?

*The candidate for baptism is presented by parents and godparents, who together say:*

I present *Will Michael* to be baptised  
and made a member of the Body of Christ, the Church.

*The priest says:*

From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism.  
Believers' children have also been baptised so that with help and  
encouragement they should grow up in Christ and by the grace of  
God serve Christ all the days of their life.

On the day when the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ's  
resurrection, Peter urged his hearers

‘Repent and be baptised, every one of you,  
in the name of Jesus the Christ  
for the forgiveness of your sins,  
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
For the promise is to you and to your children,  
and to all who are far away, everyone whom  
the Lord our God may call.’

*To the parents and godparents:*

*Greg and Amanda, Oliver and Hanna -*  
How do you respond to this promise?

*The parents and godparents reply together:*

We hear God's call and ask for baptism.

*The priest says to the parents and godparents:*

Do you renounce all evil influences and powers  
that rebel against God?

*The parents and godparents reply:*

I renounce all evil.

*The priest says to the parents and godparents:*

Do you trust in Christ's victory which brings forgiveness,  
freedom, and life?

*The parents and godparents reply:*

In faith I turn to Christ  
my way, my truth, my life, as I care for this child.

**All: May God keep you in the way you have chosen.**

*The priest stands by the water for baptism, and says:*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

**All: whose promise endures for ever.**

*The priest prays:*

We thank you God for your love in all creation, especially for your  
gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

We thank you for your covenant with your people Israel;  
through the Red Sea waters you led them to freedom  
in the promised land.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptised by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Through the deep waters of death Jesus fulfilled his baptism.  
He died to set us free and was raised to be exalted Lord of all.  
It is Christ who baptises with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**Amen. Come Holy Spirit.**



We thank you that through the waters of baptism you cleanse us,  
renew us by your Spirit and raise us to new life.  
In the new covenant we are made members of your Church  
and share in your eternal kingdom.

Through your Holy Spirit, fulfil once more your promises in this  
water of rebirth, set apart in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,  
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,  
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!**

*Will Michael,*  
I baptise you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen. God receives you by baptism into the Church.  
Child of God, blessed in the Spirit,  
welcome to the family of Christ.**

*The priest makes the sign of the cross (with Holy Oil) on the baptised, and says:*

We sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ.

*A lighted candle may be presented by a member of the congregation, who says:*

Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen.  
Shine with the light of Christ.

### The Affirmation

*All who are able, stand to respond in these affirmations.*

Praise to God who has given us life.  
**Blessed be God for the gift of love.**  
Praise to God who forgives our sin.  
**Blessed be God who sets us free.**  
Praise to God who kindles our faith.  
**Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.**

*The priest says to all those present who are baptised Christians:*

Let us, the baptised, affirm that we renounce evil  
and commit our lives to Christ.

**All: Blessed be God, JESUS IS LORD!**

*The congregation sit*

*The priest then says to the parents and godparents of the newly baptised:*

What is your faith?

*The parents and godparents respond together, saying:*

I believe and trust in God the Father,  
maker and sustainer of all things;  
and in God the Son, my Saviour Jesus Christ;  
and in God the Holy Spirit, giver of life and truth.  
This is my faith.

*The priest speaks to the parents and godparents:*

How then will you care for this child?

*The parents and godparents reply together:*

I will love this child and share my faith with him.

*The priest says to the congregation:*

As the community of faith, we rejoice at this baptism  
and will share with *Will* what we ourselves have received:  
a delight in prayer, a love for the word of God,  
a desire to follow the way of Christ, and food for the journey.

*The priest then says to the child:*

*Will*, you are now a pilgrim with us.  
As a member of Christ's body, the Church,  
you will be challenged to affirm your faith in God  
and receive the laying on of hands in confirmation.  
May you grow in the Holy Spirit,  
fulfil your ministry  
and follow Christ your whole life long.

*The priest then blesses the family:*

God bless you with wisdom and love,  
may this child find in you, your homes and families,  
Christ's love and understanding.

**Amen.**

*The priest, with the people, prays:*

God of love,  
**we thank you for our calling  
to be disciples of Christ.  
Help us to nurture *Harvey* in the faith we share.  
May he grow to love, worship and serve you,  
and bring life to the world. Amen.**

*The parents and godparents return to their seats with their children.*

### *The Celebration of Faith*

*All standing, the priest says to the congregation:*

Let us rejoice with those who have committed themselves  
to Christ, and celebrate the faith of our baptism.

*Priest:* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Priest:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*All:* **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.**

*Priest:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*All:* **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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

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

We sit or kneel

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

V: God, in your mercy:

R: **Hear our prayer.**

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

*Silence*

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**

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: **Come down, O love divine**

CP175(i) - Words: Richard F Littledale / © Jubilate Hymns - Tune: **DOWN AMPNEY**

- 1 Come down, O Love divine!**  
**seek out this soul of mine**  
**and visit it with your own ardour glowing;**  
**O Comforter, draw near,**  
**within my heart appear,**  
**and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.**

- 2    There let it freely burn  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let your glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and make my pathway clear, by your illumining.
- 3    Let holy charity  
my outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become my inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart  
which takes the humbler part,  
and for its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
- 4    And so the yearning strong  
with which the soul will long  
shall far surpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace  
till we become the place  
in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

### ***The Preparation of the Gifts***

Blessed are you, God of all creation;  
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

### ***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.**

All honour and praise be yours  
always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son, our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory  
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the Magi  
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism  
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,  
the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine  
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.  
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and offer our joyful 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.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;  
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:  
Drink this, all of you,  
for this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this as often as you drink it  
to remember me.

And so we 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.

United in Christ,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we raise to you, O God,  
our 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 the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us your peace.

## **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.

## **Prayer after Communion**

God of grace, by the power of the Holy Spirit  
you have given us new life in the waters of baptism;  
**strengthen us to live in righteousness and true holiness,  
that we may grown into the likeness of your Son,  
Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

Almighty God,  
you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit,  
and revealed him as your own beloved Son;  
**grant that we who are baptised into his name  
may give our lives to your service,  
and be found worthy of our calling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**The Blessing** Christ the Son be manifest to you,  
that your lives may be a light to the world ...  
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 and news*

Closing Hymn:    ***He walked by the River***

Words: Christopher Idle © Jubilate Hymns - Tune: SIMPLE GIFTS [SHAKER TUNE]

- 1    He walked by the river where the crowds had gone  
for the word of the Lord from a man named John;  
his path would be taking him where no man trod,  
for John said, 'This is the Lamb of God!'  
Come, see the sacrificial Lamb,  
Son of the Father, the One I AM!  
But no-one heard the prophecy of death  
they called him Jesus of Nazareth.
- 2    He walked into Galilee to shine God's light,  
and the sunrise dawned on the people of the night.  
He healed their diseases and he raised their dead;  
'The kingdom of God has arrived!' he said.  
Come near, and listen to his word;  
no-one is like him, he must be heard:  
and those who come he never turns away,  
so come to meet him and come today.
- 3    He walked to Jerusalem, the road of pain,  
and they spat at the king and they laughed at his reign:  
they gave him a reed and a robe and a crown;  
he gave to them his life laid down.  
Come, look - he's hanging from a tree!  
Look in the Scriptures - come and see;  
to bear our sins he bled and died:  
but the tomb where they laid him is open wide!
- 4    He walked to the hill where the olives grew  
and he left us a gift and some travelling to do:  
'My Spirit will come, my power will bless,  
and you will be my witnesses.'  
Come, trust in everything he says  
turn to the Saviour, and change your ways;  
you'll always find his promises are true  
when you love the Lord who has first loved you.

## ***The Dismissal Gospel***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

**Praise and glory to God.**

John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven  
like a dove, and it remained on him.

I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me  
to baptize with water said to me,

“He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain  
is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.”

And I myself have seen and have testified  
that this is the Son of God.’

*John 1.32-34*

This is the Gospel of Christ.

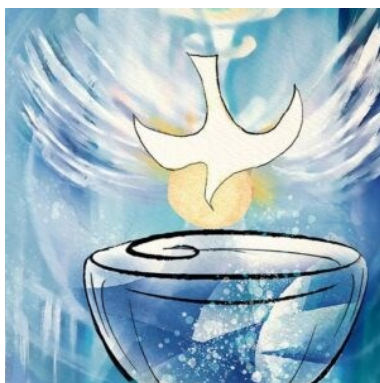
**Praise to Christ, the Word.**

## ***The Dismissal***

We have come to Christ, the living water.

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**



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