

**The Anglican Parish
of Greater Hastings**



The Second Sunday of Epiphany
Sunday 18th January 2026

Eucharistic Liturgy:
Thanksgiving of the People of God

We stand

Opening Hymn: **As Jesus came up from the waters of Jordan (Heaven Opened)**
Words: Derek Baldwin © Jubilate Group - Tune: WAS LEBET

- 1 **As Jesus came up from the waters of Jordan
the Spirit appeared, coming down like a dove;
the heavens were opened, a voice heard affirming
the One whom God favours, the Son of his love.**
- 2 **As down through the ages God called on his people
to turn from their idols, obey and repent:
so John, the last prophet, now points them to Jesus,
the Saviour whom God in his mercy has sent.**
- 3 **In Christ is fulfilled what the prophet had spoken:
on all who love God and who follow his call
he'll open heaven's windows,
and pour down such blessings
that there will be not enough room for them all!**
- 4 **When Jesus returns in his power and glory,
with angels and clouds and with trumpets ablaze,
the heavens will be opened, and all who have loved him
will rise up to meet him - the Ancient of Days.**
- 5 **God's purpose accomplished for all his creation,
he'll dwell with his people throughout the new earth;
with heaven's door wide open, they'll join with the angels
to gaze on the Lamb and exult in his worth.**

The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing

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)

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

We pray together:

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.

The ‘Gloria’:

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God’s people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

We sit or kneel

Hear the teaching of Christ:
a new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Hear God's word to all who turn to Christ:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish
but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

If we confess our sins,
God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent,
turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.

**Merciful God, we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.**
**We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.**
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
**Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name.**
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.

Sentence: God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *1 Corinthians 1:9*

Collect: Almighty God,
give us such a vision of your purpose
and such an assurance of your love and power,
that we may ever hold fast the hope
which is in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading: **Isaiah 49: 1-7** *The servant brings light to the nations*

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

Psalm 40: 1-11 (ANZPB)

- ¹ I waited patiently for you O Lord:
and you bent down to me and heard my cry.
- ² **You lifted me out of the horrible pit, out of the miry clay:**
and set my feet upon a rock,
and made my foothold sure.
- ³ And you put a new song in my mouth:
a song of praise to our God.
- ⁴ **Many shall see it, and be filled with awe:**
and so they will trust in the Lord.
- ⁵ Blessed are those who have put their trust in the Lord:
who have not turned to the proud,
or to those who stray after false gods.
- ⁶ **O Lord my God,**
great are the wonderful things you have done,
and the things you have in mind for us:
there is none to be compared with you.

⁷ I would proclaim them and speak of them:
but they are more than can be numbered.

⁸ **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have opened my ears to hear:
burnt-offering and sacrifice for sin
you have not required of me.**

⁹ Then I said, ‘Look, I have come:
in the scroll of the book it is written
that I should do your will.’

¹⁰ **I delight to do your will O my God:
truly your law is in my heart.**

¹¹ I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great assembly:
I did not restrain my lips, as you well know O Lord.

Reading: **1 Corinthians 1: 1-9** *Paul's greeting to the church at Corinth*

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

Gradual Hymn: **Christ, when for us you were baptised**

CP92 – Words: F Bland Tucker - Tune: ST PETER

**1 Christ, when for us you were baptised
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet
as urgent as a flame.**

**2 God called you his beloved Son,
called you his servant too;
his kingdom you were called to preach,
his holy will to do.**

**3 Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed his call,
freely as Son of Man to serve,
and give your life for all.**

4 **Baptise us with your Spirit, Lord,
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service, we
may perfect freedom find.**

Gospel Reading: John 1: 29-42 Christ revealed as the Lamb of God

The Holy Gospel according to John
chapter one, beginning at the twenty-ninth verse
Praise and glory to God.

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

The Sermon

A brief period of silence and/or a musical reflection may follow

The Affirmation of Faith - The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
and has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

(from 'Let us Pray' - Janet Nelson)

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

We sit or kneel

**Jesus ... in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.**

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

Silence

Your word is a lamp for our feet.

**In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love,
to serve your purpose, and to praise your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

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: We are called to tell the story

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Alt. tune: **CWM RHONDDA**

- 1 We are called to tell the story,
passing words of life along,
then to blend your voice with others
as we sing the sacred song.
Christ be known in all our singing,
filling all with songs of love
filling all with songs of love.**

- 2 We are called to teach the rhythm
of the dance that never ends,
then to move within the circle,
hand in hand with strangers, friends.
Christ be known in all our dancing,
touching all with hands of love
touching all with hands of love.**

- 3 We are called to set the table,
blessing bread as Jesus blest,
then to come with thirst and hunger,
needing care like all the rest.
Christ be known in all our sharing,
feeding all with signs of love
feeding all with signs of love.**

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4 **May the One whose love is broader
than the measure of all space
give us words to sing the story,
move among us in this place.
Christ be known in all our living,
filling all with gifts of love
filling all with gifts of love.**

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.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord,
almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness;
through your eternal Word
you have created all things from the beginning
and formed us in your own image;
male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away
you called us back to yourself
and gave your Son to share our human nature.

In him we see you, the eternal God,
revealing your glory in our flesh,
for he is the light of the nations
who illuminates our darkness.

In him you have made us a holy people
by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him,
with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ;
your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await;
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

Therefore loving God,
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life
and this cup of salvation.
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive
may be to us the body and blood of Christ,
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, O God,
in songs of everlasting praise.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

The Invitation to Communion

Draw near and receive the body and blood
of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance
that he died for us.
Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith
with thanksgiving.

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

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

Prayer after Communion

Thanksgiving and love and praise to you Jesus Christ.
You are God revealed in human form;
you are the baby visited by the shepherds,
the boy in the temple learning the law;
the man baptised in water and the Spirit
driven to the desert to face the devil.
**You are Christ the teacher,
Christ the healer.**
**You went to Jerusalem to give your life
as a ransom for us all.**

Gracious God, lover of all,
by this sacrament
you make us one family in Christ your Son,
one in the sharing of his body and blood,
one in the communion of his Spirit.
**Help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.**
We ask this in his name. Amen.

The Blessing

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
in believing;
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:

Jesus call us! - in the tumult

CP233 (ii) Words: Cecil Alexander - tune: **MERTON** (Monk)

- 1 Jesus calls us! - in the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his voice re-echoes
saying, 'Christian, follow me!'**

- 2 As of old, apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.**

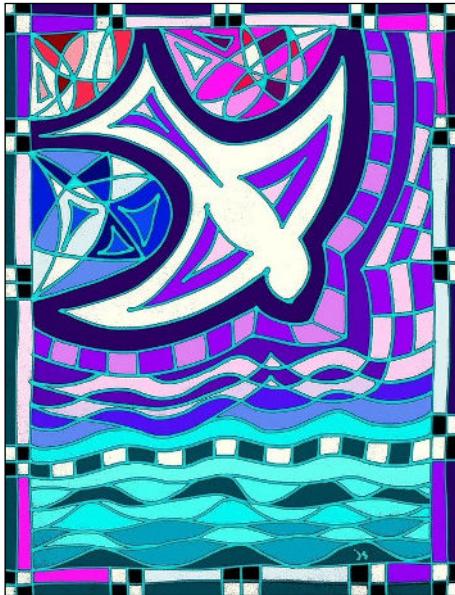
- 3 Jesus calls us - from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each rival that would claim us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more!'**

- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these!'**

- 5 Jesus calls us! - by your mercies,
Saviour, make us hear your call,
give to you our heart's obedience,
serve and love you best of all.**

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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