



**The Anglican Parish  
of Greater Hastings**



**The Third Sunday of Epiphany  
Sunday 25th January 2026**

**Eucharistic Liturgy:  
*Thanksgiving of the People of God***

Presider: This is the day which the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Hymn: **O changeless Christ, forever new**

SG374 - Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith - Tune: WILTSHIRE

- 1 **O changeless Christ, forever new,  
who walked our earthly ways,  
still draw our hearts as once you drew  
the hearts of other days.**
- 2 **As once you spoke by plain and hill  
or taught by shore and sea,  
so be today our teacher still,  
O Christ of Galilee.**
- 3 **As wind and storm their master heard  
and his command fulfilled,  
may troubled hearts receive your word,  
the tempest tossed be stilled.**
- 4 **And as of old to all who prayed  
your healing hand was shown,  
so be your touch upon us laid,  
unseen but not known.**
- 5 **In broken bread, in wine outpoured,  
your new and living way  
proclaim to us, O risen Lord,  
O Christ of this our day.**
- 6 **O changeless Christ, till life is past  
your blessing still be given;  
then bring us home, to taste at last  
the timeless joys of heaven.**

*The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing*

## **The Gathering**

Presider: 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.**

**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:** Jesus went throughout Galilee,  
teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming  
the good news of the kingdom  
and curing every disease and every sickness  
among the people. *Matthew 4:23*

**Collect:** Almighty God,  
your Son revealed in signs and wonders  
the greatness of your saving love;  
**renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

**Reading:** **Isaiah 9: 1-4** *Light shines for those in darkness*

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

## Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 (ANZPB)

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation,  
whom then shall I fear?:  
**the Lord is the stronghold of my life,  
of whom then shall I be afraid?**
- <sup>4</sup> One thing I have asked of the Lord, which I long for:  
**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,**
- <sup>5</sup> to gaze on your beauty O Lord:  
**and to seek you in your temple.**
- <sup>6</sup> For in the time of trouble you will give me shelter:  
**you will hide me under the cover of your tent,  
and set me high upon a rock.**
- <sup>7</sup> And now you have raised my head:  
**above my enemies round about me.**
- <sup>8</sup> Therefore I will offer in your dwelling  
a sacrifice with great gladness:  
**I will sing and give praise to you O Lord.**
- <sup>9</sup> Hear my voice O Lord when I call:  
**have mercy on me and answer me.**

*Reading:* **1 Corinthians 1: 10-18** An appeal for unity in the Gospel

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

Gradual Hymn: **You walk along our shore-line**

Words: Sylvia Dunstan © GIA Publications - Alt. tune: **AURELIA**

- 1 You walk along our shore-line  
where land meets unknown sea.  
We hear your voice of power,  
“Now come and follow me.**



**And if you still will follow  
through storm and wave and shoal,  
then I will make you fishers  
but of the human soul”.**

- 2 You call us, Christ, to gather  
the people of the earth.  
We cannot fish for only  
those lives we think have worth.  
We spread your net of gospel  
across the water’s face,  
our boat a common shelter  
for all found by your grace.**
  
- 3 We cast our net, O Jesus;  
we cry the kingdom’s name;  
we work for love and justice;  
we learn to hope through pain.  
You call us, Lord, to gather  
God’s daughters and God’s sons,  
to let your judgment heal us  
so that all may be one.**

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 4: 12-23      Christ revealed as a prophet*

**The Holy Gospel according to Matthew  
chapter four, beginning at the twelfth 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

V: Loving God, in your mercy:  
R: **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.**

*We may share a sign of Christ's peace with those around us, by shaking hands and 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: Christ, let us come with you

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Tune: **WROSLYN ROAD** © Colin Gibson

- 1 Christ, let us come with you  
to the upper room  
where the feast is laid,  
to the bread and wine  
where our peace is made --  
Christ, let us come with you!**
  
- 2 Teach us your serving love:  
to become as friends,  
to become as one  
that the world believe  
what your life has done -  
teach us your serving love.**
  
- 3 Jesus, forgive us all  
that we use your name  
though we stand apart,  
we refuse your prayer  
to be one at heart -  
Jesus, forgive us all.**
  
- 4 Christ of the open hands,  
you have brought us close  
to be loved and fed,  
you have touched our life,  
now you walk ahead -  
Christ, let us come with you!**

## ***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 ...

**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.**

## **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**

Jesus said, ‘I am the light of the world;  
those who follow me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.’ *John 8: 12*

## **Prayer after Communion**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with bread from heaven.  
**Fill us with your Holy Spirit,  
that through us  
your light may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.  
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: **Will you come and follow me / The Summons**

SG634 - John Bell (Iona Community, Scotland) - Tune: KELVINGROVE

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- 1 **Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my Name be known?  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**
- 2 **Will you leave your-self behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**
- 3 **Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoner free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen?  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**
- 4 **Will you love the 'You' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**
- 5 **Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show,  
thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me?**

***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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