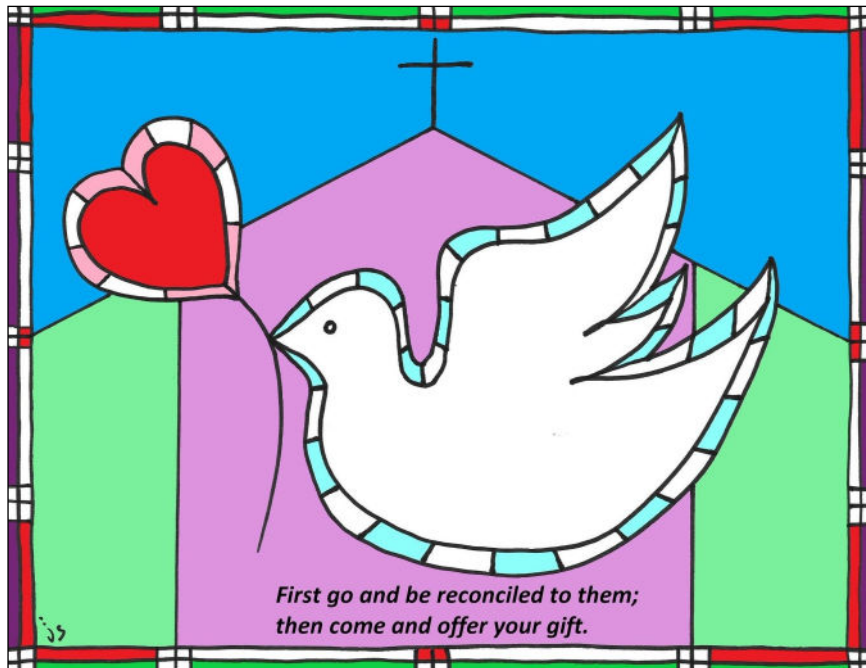




The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings



Order of Service
for
The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Eucharistic Liturgy -
Thanksgiving for Creation and Redemption*

15th February 2026

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

We stand

Opening Hymn: ***Fill your hearts with joy and gladness***
SG80- Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (from Psalm 147)
Tune: REGENT SQUARE (Henry Smart)

- 1 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine.**
- 2 Praise the Lord, all people, praise him!
wounded souls his comfort know;
those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and power laid low.**
- 3 Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.**
- 4 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days;
love his laws, declare his judgments,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children -
praise the Lord, all people, praise!**

The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing

The Gathering of the Community

In the name of God:
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life.
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.**

Benedicite Aotearoa

- 1 O give thanks to our God who is good:
whose love endures for ever.
- 2 You sun and moon, you stars of the southern sky:
give to our God your thanks and praise.
- 3 Sunrise and sunset, night and day:
give to our God your thanks and praise.
- 4 All mountains and valleys, grassland and scree,
glacier, avalanche, mist and snow:
give to our God your thanks and praise.
- 5 You kauri and pine, rata and kōwhai, mosses and ferns:
give to our God your thanks and praise.
- 6 Dolphins and kahawai, sealion and crab,
coral, anemone, pipi and shrimp:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

- 7 Rabbits and cattle, moths and dogs
kiwi and sparrow and tūī and hawk:
give to our God your thanks and praise.
- 8 You Māori and Pākehā, women and men,
all who inhabit the long white cloud:
give to our God your thanks and praise.
- 9 All you saints and martyrs of the South Pacific:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

We sit or kneel

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven,
whose wrongs are pardoned.
I will confess my sins to the Lord,
I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

Silence

God forgives and heals us.

**We need your healing, merciful God:
give us true repentance.
Some sins are plain to us;
some escape us,
some we cannot face.
Forgive us;
set us free to hear your word to us;
set us free to serve you.**

The Absolution is declared by the Presiding Priest:

God forgives you.
Forgive others;
Forgive yourself.

Silence

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:
approach your God in peace.

Sentence: Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord. *Psalm 119:1*

Collect: **God of Israel old and new,
write in our hearts the lesson of your law;
prepare our minds to receive the gospel
made visible in your Son Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

Reading: **Deuteronomy 30: 15-20**

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

Psalm 119: 1–8 (ANZPB)

- ¹ Blessed are those who live a blameless life:
who follow your law O Lord.
- ² Blessed are those who obey your instruction:
and seek you with all their heart.
- ³ They also do no wrong:
but always walk in your ways.
- ⁴ You laid down your precepts:
for us to keep them diligently.
- ⁵ O that my ways might be steadfast:
in the keeping of your statutes.
- ⁶ Then I would not be put to shame:
when I give heed to all your commandments.
- ⁷ I will truly thank you from the heart:
when I learn your just decrees.
- ⁸ I will keep your statutes:
O do not utterly forsake me.

Reading: **1 Corinthians 3: 1-9**

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

Gradual Hymn: **Your words to me are life and health**

TiS 430 – Words: GC Martin

Tune: **CAPEL** (trad. English melody)

- 1 Your words to me are life and health,
put strength into my soul;
enable, guide, and teach my heart
to reach its perfect goal.
- 2 Your words to me are light and truth;
from day to day I know
their wisdom, passing human thought,
as in their truth I grow.
- 3 Your words to me are full of joy,
of beauty, peace, and grace;
from them I learn Your perfect will,
through them I see Your face.
- 4 Your words are perfected in one,
Yourself, the living Word;
print Your own image in my heart
in clearest lines, my Lord.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 5: 21-37**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew ,
Chapter five, beginning at the twenty-first verse .
Praise and glory to God.

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

The Sermon

*The Sermon may be followed by 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

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

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

**Holy God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.**

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

Silence

**God, you shape our dreams.
As we put our trust in you
may your hopes and desires be ours,
and we your expectant people.
Amen.**

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The Peace

All standing, the presiding priest says to the people

The peace of God be with you all.

In God's justice is our peace.

E te whānau / Brothers and sisters,

Christ calls us to live in unity.

We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.

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: Come Follow Me

Words: Michael Hudson - Tune: O WALY WALY

- 1 **The grace of God is like a road
that draws the heart from its first home;
we long to go, but hate to leave,
and the Spirit calls, "Come follow me."**
- 2 **The voice of God is like the wind:
it comes and goes and comes again.
We read the signs in the bending trees,
and the Spirit calls, "Come follow me."**
- 3 **The strength of God is like a stone;
it firms the will of soul and bone;
still soul and bone grow worn and weak,
and the Spirit calls, "Come follow me."**
- 4 **The hope of God is like the sun;
it shines until the day is done.
And in the night stars rise in the East,
and the Spirit calls, "Come follow me."**

- 5 **The love of God is like a stream;
it fills and feeds our deepest reams;
it finds a thirst and leaves a spring,
and the Spirit calls, “Come follow me.”**
- 6 **The peace of God is like a friend
that sees us through the journey's end.
The road is long and the talk is sweet,
and the Spirit calls, “Come follow me.”**

The Preparation of the Gifts

God of all creation, you bring forth
bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
By your Holy Spirit this bread and wine
will be for us
the body and blood of Christ.
**All you have made is good.
Your love endures for ever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

We remain standing but feel free to sit if need be

The Spirit of God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift your hearts to heaven
where Christ in glory reigns.

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

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God,
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
the first born from the dead,
the pioneer of our salvation,
who is with us always,
one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe,
we praise you for your unfailing gift of life.
We thank you that you make us human
and stay with us
even when we turn from you to sin.

**God's love is shown to us:
while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.**

In that love, dear God,
righteous and strong to save,
you came among us in Jesus Christ,
our crucified and living Lord.
You make all things new.
In Christ's suffering and cross
you reveal your glory
and reconcile all peoples to yourself,
their true and living God.

In your mercy you are now our God.
Through Christ you gather us,
new-born in your Spirit,
a people after your own heart.
We entrust ourselves to you,
for you alone do justice
to all people, living and departed.

**Now is the acceptable time,
now is the day of salvation.**

Therefore with saints and martyrs,
apostles and prophets,
with all the redeemed,
joyfully we praise you and say:

**Holy, holy, holy: God of mercy, giver of life;
earth and sea and sky and all that lives,
declare your presence and your glory.**

All glory to you, Giver of life
sufficient and full for all creation.
Accept our praises,
living God, for Jesus Christ,
the one perfect offering for the world,
who in the night that he was betrayed,
took bread,
and when he had given thanks,
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;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you, and for many,
to forgive sin.
Do this as often as you drink it
to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation,
in the suffering and death
of Jesus our redeemer,
we meet you in your glory.
We lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon your name.
Here and now, with this bread and wine,
we celebrate your great acts of liberation,
ever present and living in Jesus Christ,
crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty
be our new and living way,
our access to you, Father,
and source of all new life.
In Christ we offer ourselves
to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit,
feed us with your life,
fire us with your love,
confront us with your justice,
and make us one in the body of Christ
with all who share your gifts of love.

**Through Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Creator God. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As Christ teaches 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.**

The bread we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

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

The cup of blessing
for which we give thanks
is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The Invitation

Bread and wine; the gifts of God
for the people of God.

**May we who share these gifts
be found in Christ
and Christ in us.**

*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

Most loving God, creator and redeemer,
we give you thanks
for this foretaste of your glory.

**Through Christ, and with all your saints,
we offer ourselves
and our lives to your service.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
to stand with you in your world.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant,
our friend and brother.**

Amen.

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: *Company of stumblers*

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Tune – AURELIA (TiS 457)

- 1 **The church's one foundation
is moving with the flock.
The Christ, not held in structures,
this boat, not moored in dock.
The future seems uncertain
the past, her vision wild,
we break the bread together
and feed her like your child.**
- 2 **When we come to the crossroads,
not knowing what's ahead
we weigh up all the outcomes,
of where we might be led,
we wait in anxious stillness
amid the pending strife,
your Spirit whispers gently,
just choose the path of life.**
- 3 **For we are all God's servants,
we're pilgrims on the way,
a company of stumblers
made from a common clay.
We'll seek the path of justice,
the trail that leads to life,
the road of loving-kindness,
where all might know the Christ.**

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.

Do all the good you can.
By all the means you can.
In all the ways you can.
In all the places you can.
At all the times you can.
To all the people you can.
As long as you ever can.
- JOHN WESLEY

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