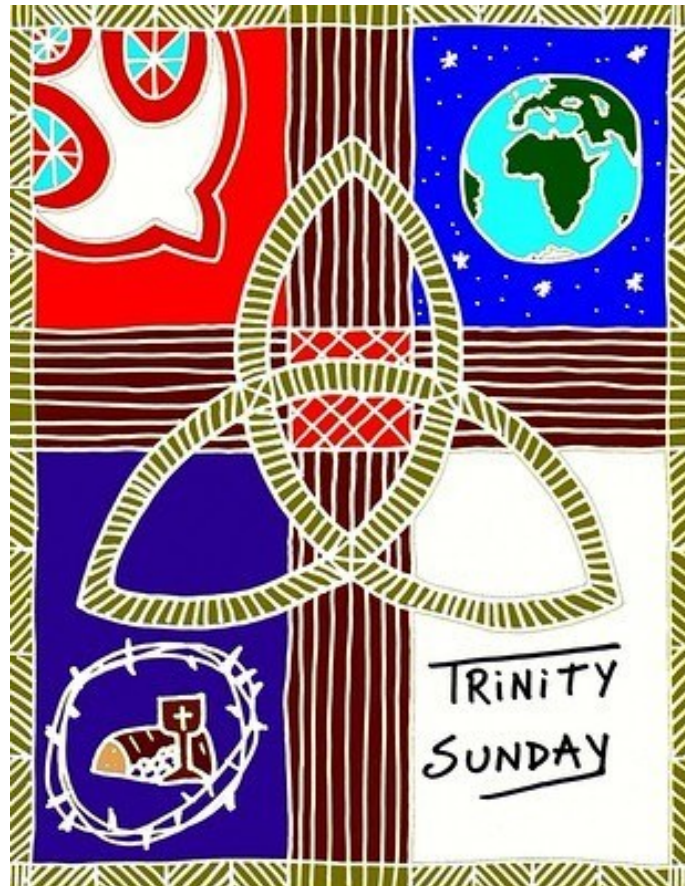


**The Anglican Parish
of Greater Hastings**



Trinity Sunday

Eucharistic Liturgy

***- Thanksgiving of the People of God -
with the Laying on of Hands for Confirmation***

31st May 2026

The Gathering of the Community

The Ministers gather at the West door (the main entrance to the church)

The congregation's responses are in **bold** type.

Presider: The Lord be with you.
 The Lord bless you.

We stand

Hymn: **God, we praise you! God, we bless you!**
Words: Christopher Idle © Hope Publishing - Tune: Austria

- 1 **God, we praise you! God, we bless you!**
 God, we name you sovereign Lord!
 Mighty King whom angels worship,
 Father, by your church adored:
 all creation shows your glory,
 heaven and earth draw near your throne
 singing 'Holy, holy, holy,
 Lord of hosts, and God alone!'
- 2 **True apostles, faithful prophets,**
 saints who set their world ablaze,
 martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,
 join one growing song of praise,
 while your church on earth confesses
 one majestic Trinity:
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 God, our hope eternally.
- 3 **Jesus Christ, the King of glory,**
 everlasting Son of God,
 humble was your virgin mother,
 hard the lonely path you trod:
 by your cross is sin defeated,
 hell confronted face to face,
 heaven opened to believers,
 sinner justified by grace.

- 4 **Christ, at God's right hand victorious,
you will judge the world you made;
Lord, in mercy help your servants
for whose freedom you have paid:
raise us up from dust to glory,
guard us from all sin today;
King enthroned above all praises,
save your people, God, we pray.**

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 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.**

**Let us forever praise and bless God,
saying:**

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

A New Commandment

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.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Spirit, you give us life and peace:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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

In a moment of 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 of the Day

Proclaim the Name: 'The Lord, the Lord,
a God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.' Exodus 34:6

Collect of the Day

Father, you sent your Son to bring us truth
and your Holy Spirit to make us holy;
**open our hearts to exalt you,
open our lives to reveal you,
our one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Reading: **Genesis 1: 1-2:4a** - *Creation of the heavens and the earth*

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

Psalm 8 (ANZPB)

- ¹ O Lord our God,
how glorious is your name in all the earth:
**from the lips of infants and children,
your praises reach up to the heavens.**
- ² You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries:
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- ³ when I look up at the heavens, the work of your fingers:
the moon and the stars you have set in their places,
- ⁴ what are we mortals, that you should be mindful of us:
mere human beings that you should care for us?
- ⁵ You have made us little less than divine:
and crowned us with glory and honour.
- ⁶ You made us rulers over all your creation:
and put all things in subjection under our feet,
- ⁷ all sheep and cattle:
and all the creatures of the wild,

- 8 the birds of the air and the fish in the sea:
and all that make their way through the waters.
- 9 O Lord our God:
how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 - Paul's farewell

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

Hymn: ***A Mighty Wind Invades the World***

CP365 – Words: Benedictine Nuns from Stanbrook Abbey
Alt. tune: Old 100th

- 1 **A mighty wind invades the world,
so strong and free on beating wing:
it is the spirit of the Lord
from whom all truth and freedom spring.**
- 2 **The Spirit is a fountain clear
for ever leaping to the sky,
whose waters give unending life,
whose timeless source is never dry.**
- 3 **The Spirit comes in tongues of flame,
with love and wisdom burning bright:
the wind, the fountain and the fire
combine in this great feast of light.**
- 4 **O tranquil Spirit, bring us peace,
with God the Father and the Son:
we praise you, blessed Trinity,
unchanging, and for ever One.**

We remain standing for the Gospel Acclamation and Reading

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come,
the Almighty.

cf Revelation 1.8

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 28: 16-20**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
chapter twenty-eight, beginning at the sixteenth verse.
Alleluia!

Praise and glory to God. Alleluia!

After the reading: This is the Gospel of Christ. Alleluia!

Praise to Christ, the Word. Alleluia!

The Sermon

A brief moment of silence and/or music for reflection may follow.

Hymn:

Jesus calls us here to meet him

TiS477 – Words: John L Bell & Graham Maule - Wild Goose Publications

Alt. tune: Converse

- 1 Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.**
- 2 Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of Life and Lord of All,
sharer of our flesh and frailness
saving all who fail or fall.**

Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

- 3 Jesus calls us to each other:
found in him are no divides.
Race and gender, class and language
such are barriers he derides.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.
- 4 Jesus calls us to his table,
grounded firm in time and space
where the church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body,
share the love of each we sing,
share the feast for saints and sinners
hosted by our Lord and King.

The Liturgy for the Laying on of Hands for Confirmation

The bishop stands before the congregation

God's Call

The bishop 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 baptised who comes to profess his faith and receive the laying on of hands by the bishop is brought forward and presented to the bishop with these words

Bishop Andrew,
I/We present Lazhon Damion Maxwell
to profess his faith.

The bishop shall then say

Lazhon, we welcome you
as you come to profess your faith.
At your baptism you were made a disciple of Christ,
and we signed you with the cross.
Come now to receive the laying on of hands with prayer,
to strengthen you for the work of God's kingdom.

The congregation, and the candidate for laying on of hands, stand to respond in these affirmations.

The Affirmation

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 bishop says to all those present who are baptised Christians:

Let us, the baptised, affirm that we renounce evil
and commit our lives to Christ.
**Blessed be God,
JESUS IS LORD!**

The congregation sit

The bishop then says to the candidate:

What is your faith?

The candidate responds, 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.

Commitment to Christian Service

The bishop says to the candidate:

Those who are baptised are called to worship
and serve God.

From the beginning, believers have continued in the
apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

Bishop:

Will you commit yourself to this life?

Candidate:

I will, with God's help.

Will you forgive others, as you are forgiven?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek to love your neighbour as yourself,
and strive for peace and justice?

I will, with God's help.

Will you accept the cost of following Jesus Christ
in your daily life and work?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole Church will you proclaim by word
and action the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

The Laying on of Hands

Bishop:

Let us pray for **Lazhon** who has declared his commitment
to Christ's service.

Silence

The bishop and people say responsively

Our help is in the name of the eternal God,
who is making the heavens and the earth.

Come Holy Spirit
Bearing your gifts of grace.

The bishop prays

God of mercy and love,
new birth by water and the Spirit is your gift,
a gift that none can take away;
grant that your servants may grow
into the fulness of the stature of Christ.
Fill them with the joy of your presence.
Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of love, patience and gentleness,
the spirit of wonder and true holiness.

The bishop lays hands on the candidate in silence and then prays

Creator Spirit,
strengthen **Lazhon**
with your gifts of grace,
to love and serve as a disciple of Christ.
Guide, protect, uphold him
that he may continue yours for ever.
Amen.

Living God, empower your disciples
to bring life to the world.
Amen!
May we and they together
be found in Christ and Christ in us.

The Celebration of Faith

All standing, the bishop then says to the congregation:

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

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**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

We sit or kneel

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

Eternal God, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

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

Silence

Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more
than all we can ask or conceive,
by the power which is at work among us,
be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all ages.
Amen.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand

The Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son, Jesus Christ, who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.
The peace of the triune God be always with you
And also with you.

We may be invited to share a sign of Christ's peace with those around us, by shaking hands and saying "Peace be with you".

As the next Hymn is sung, the altar is prepared with the bread and wine and the offerings of the people to support mission and ministry are collected and presented.

Hymn:

Praise the Spirit in Creation

*TiS415 - Words: Michael Hewlett - Alt. Tune: **Lauda Anima***

- 1 Praise the Spirit in creation,
breath of God, life's origin:
Spirit moving on the waters,
quickenings worlds to life within,
source of breath to all things breathing,
life in whom all lives begin.**
- 2 Praise the Spirit, close companion
of our inmost thoughts and ways;
who, in showing us God's wonders,
is himself the power to gaze;
and God's will, to those who listen,
by a still small voice conveys.**
- 3 Praise the Spirit, who enlightened
priest and prophets with the word;
his the truth behind the wisdoms
which as yet know not our Lord;
by whose love and power, in Jesus
God himself was seen and heard.**

- 4 Tell of how the ascended Jesus
armed a people for his own;
how a hundred men and women
turned the known world upside down,
to its dark and furthest corners
by the wind of heaven blown.
- 5 Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit,
on our lives descend in might;
let your flame break out within us,
fire our hearts and clear our sight,
till, white-hot in your possession
we too set the world alight.
- 6 Praise, O praise the holy Spirit,
praise the Father, praise the Word,
Source, and Truth, and Inspiration,
Trinity in deep accord;
through your voice which speaks within us
we, your creatures call you Lord.

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

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed.
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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For with your only-begotten Son
and the Holy Spirit
you are one God, one Lord.
All that you reveal of your glory,
the same we believe of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit,
without any difference or inequality.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you,
Father of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
Three Persons we adore,
one in being and equal in majesty.

And so with angels and archangels,
with cherubim and seraphim,
we sing for ever of your glory:

**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.**

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son,
who washed his disciples' feet.
'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'

On the night before he died,
he 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.

Therefore loving God,
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,
we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life
and this cup of salvation.

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 forever.
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.**

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.
Christ is the bread of life.

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.
Christ is risen from the dead.

The Invitation

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:

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself
as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
**hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Blessing

God the Holy Trinity,
make you strong in faith and love,
defend you, and guide you in truth and peace;
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, news, and celebrations

Closing Hymn:

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Words: Jeffery W, Rowthorn © 1978 Hope Publishing

Presbyterian Hymnal #429 / Common Praise (1998) #433 - Tune: **Hyfrydol**

- 1 **Lord, you give the great commission:
“Heal the sick and preach the Word.”
Lest the church neglect its mission
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.**
- 2 **Lord, you call us to your service:
“In my name baptise and teach.”
That the world may trust your promise
life abundant meant for each
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer in community;
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.**
- 3 **Lord, you make the common holy:
“This my body, this my blood.”
Let us all, for earth’s true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children’s liberty;
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.**

- 4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.
- 5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

The Dismissal of the Community:

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

*'The Holy Trinity' Icon
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