

The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

encompassing St Matthew's, Hastings, St Peter's, Riverslea, & St Martin's, Mayfair

Christian communities in the heart of Hastings

Order of Service for Sunday 21st June 2026 the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Eucharistic Liturgy - Thanksgiving for Creation and Redemption
commencing on page 456 ANZPB/HKMOA*

We stand

Opening Hymn: **Light of the minds that know him**

SG626 – Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith - Alt.Tune: **Aurelia**

- 1 **Light of the minds that know him,
may Christ be light to mine!
My sun in risen splendour,
my light of truth divine;
my guide in doubt and darkness,
my true and living way,
my clear light ever shining,
my dawn of heaven's day.**
- 2 **Life of the souls that love him,
may Christ be ours indeed!
The living Bread from heaven
on whom our spirits feed;
who died for love of sinners
to bear our guilty load,
and make of life's journey
a new Emmaus road.**
- 3 **Strength of the wills that serve him,
may Christ be strength to me,
who stilled the storm and tempest,
who calmed the tossing sea;**

his Spirit's power to move me,
his will to master mine,
his cross to carry daily
and conquer in his sign.

- 4 May it be ours to know him
that we may truly love,
and loving, fully serve him
as serve the saints above;
till in that home of glory
with fadeless splendour bright,
we serve in perfect freedom
our strength, our life, our light.

The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing

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

Page 456-460: Grace to you and peace ...

Sentence: Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose
their life for Jesus' sake will find it. *Matthew 10:39*

Collect: Holy God, grant us the beginning of wisdom
and love to cast out every fear:
**that we may grow more brave,
more ready to hear,
more ready to obey;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

Reading: **Jeremiah 20: 7-13** - *The prophet must speak*
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 69: 7–10, 16–18 (ANZPB)

- 7 It is for you I have suffered reproach:
and shame has covered my face.
- 8 **I have become a stranger to my family:
an alien to my mother's children.**
- 9 Zeal for your house has consumed me:
and insults aimed at you have fallen on me.
- 10 **When I afflicted myself with fasting:
that was turned as a reproach against me.**
- 16 Do not let the flood engulf me,
or the deep swallow me up:
or the Abyss of death close its mouth upon me.
- 17 **Answer me Lord, for your love is good:
turn to me in your great compassion.**
- 18 Do not hide your face from your servant:
be swift to answer me, for I am in distress.

Reading: **Romans 6: 1b-11** - *Buried and raised with Christ in Baptism*

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

Gradual Hymn: ***What can I leave behind?***
Words: Adam M.L. Tice - Tune: **Love Unknown**

- 1 **What can I leave behind –
what old and weary ways
that weight upon my mind
and strain my song of praise?
God, grant release
from binding pain
and let me gain
your hope and peace.**

continued ... →

2 **What can I claim once more?
Can life return from loss?
What future lies in store
if I take up my cross?
My burden raised,
Christ bears it, too.
In all I do
may God be praised.**

3 **What can I take to share
a neighbour's crushing load?
What burdens can we bear
together on the road?
We walk and pray
with Christ our guide,
who by our side
will show the way.**

*Gospel Reading: **Matthew 10: 24-39** - The cost of discipleship*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter ten,
beginning at the twenty-fourth verse
Praise and glory to God.

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

The Sermon

*A brief moment of silence and/or musical reflection may follow the Sermon;
then we sing a Christmas Carol for Mid-Winter's Day*

Hymn: In the bleak mid-winter

SG353 / CP55 - Words: Christina Rossetti - Tune: Cranham (Gustav Holst)

1 **In the bleak midwinter
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone:
snow had fallen,
snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter,
long ago.**

2 **Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty,**

4 Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air,
but only his mother,
in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the Beloved
with a kiss.

5 What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb,
if I were a wise man
I would do my part,
yet what I can I give him,
give my heart.

The Prayers of the People

Page 463-4: *Intercession and Thanksgiving*

The Ministry of the Sacrament

Page 466 The peace of God ...

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: We are called to tell the story

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Alt. tune: Cwm Rhondda – repeat last line in each verse

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

- 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.
- 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.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Page 467 God of all creation ...

The Great Thanksgiving

Page 467 The Spirit of God ...

The Lord's Prayer

Page 470 Our Father in heaven ...

The Invitation

Page 472 Bread and wine ...

*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

Page 472 Most loving God ...

The Blessing

We share any notices and news

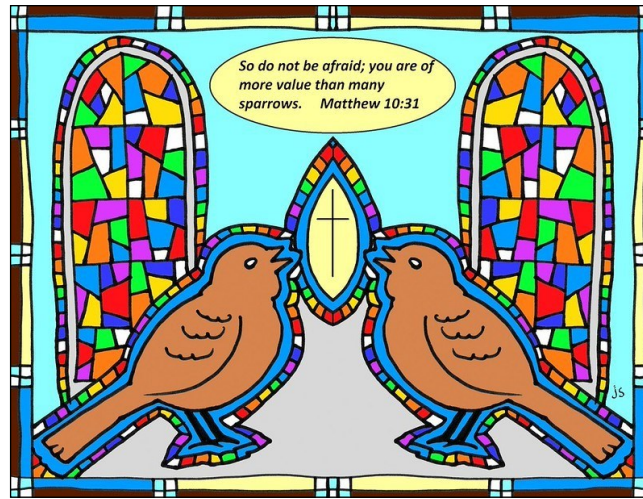
Closing Hymn: **'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said**

SG645 – Words: Charles Everest -Tune: **Breslau**

- 1 'Take up your cross', the Saviour said,
if you would my disciple be;
deny yourself, forsake the world,
and humbly follow after me.**
- 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.**
- 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame
nor let your foolish pride rebel;
the Lord for you endured the cross
to save your soul from death and hell.**
- 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
He guides us to a better home
and leads to victory o'er the grave.**
- 5 Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only they who bear the cross
may hope to win the glorious crown.**

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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