



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

Order of Service for 19th July 2026

The Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Eucharistic Liturgy - Thanksgiving of the People of God
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We stand

Opening Hymn: Praise the Spirit in Creation

*Words: Michael Hewlett - TiS#415 – Alt. Tune: **Lauda Anima** [Praise my soul]*

- 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 Presider may greet the people informally before continuing

The Gathering of the Community

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Glory to God in the highest ...

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Sentence: You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love
and faithfulness. *Psalm 86:15*

Collect: God of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things,
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion, nourish in us all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading: **Isaiah 44: 6-8** - *There is no other God*

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

Psalm 86: 11-17 (ANZPB)

- ¹¹ Show me your way O Lord, that I may walk in your truth:
let my heart rejoice in reverence for your name.
- ¹² I will praise you O Lord my God with all my heart:
and glorify your name for ever.
- ¹³ For great is your steadfast love for me:
you have delivered my life from the pit of death.
- ¹⁴ O God the proud have risen against me:
the ruthless seek my life, and pay no heed to you.
- ¹⁵ But you are a God of compassion and mercy:
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.
- ¹⁶ Turn to me then and have mercy,
 give your strength to your servant:
and save the son of your handmaid.
- ¹⁷ Give me a sign of your favour, that those who hate me
 may see it, and be put to shame:
because you Lord have been my help and my comfort.

Reading: **Romans 8: 12-25** - *The revealing of the children of God*

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

We stand to sing the Gradual hymn

Gospel Hymn: **The Kingdom is within you**

AA137 – Words & Music: Cecily Sheehy

Refrain: **The kingdom is within you,
the kingdom is within you.
Why do we go searching for
the answers of the mighty?
The kingdom is within you,
the kingdom is within you.
Like a little seed planted in the ground,
let it grow.**

- 1 **I will set my face to the wind,
scatter my handful of seed on high.
needn't have to worry where the great wind takes it;
seeds will grow where ever they're planted.
All we need is courage to keep on facing the wind.**
- 2 **I will set my hand to the plough;
don't look back, it's too late now.
The fulness of the kingdom is not quite yet,
but the seed of the kingdom is here and now.
Don't split the seed; be patient; let it grow.**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43** - *The parable of the weeds*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
chapter thirteen, 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

*There may be a brief moment of silence and/or a musical reflection following the Sermon;
then we stand*

The Affirmation of Faith

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The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

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

Gracious God, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand

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The peace 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: Longing for light (Christ, be our Light)

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- 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness;
longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, you holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Refrain: **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

- 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled;
longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us,
make us your living voice.**

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- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry;
longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

*Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

- 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless;
longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

- 5 Many the gifts, many the people;
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your Kingdom come.

The Preparation of the Gifts

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The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Invitation

Page 427 Draw near and receive ...

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

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Almighty God, giver of all good things ...

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: **Sent forth by God's blessing**

Words: Omer Westerndorf [adapted] - Tune: **The Ash Grove** - TiS#531
[Sent Forth by God's Blessing | Hymnary.org](https://www.hymnary.org)

- 1 **Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God
from this table take leave.
The supper is ended:
may now be extended
the fruits of our worship
in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action
for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us,
and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom
and answer the call.**

- 2 **With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday
life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing as neighbours
each creed and each race.
With your grace you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one
in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ
as the name that we bear.**

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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