



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 2nd August 2026 the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

We stand

Opening Hymn: ***Praise, my soul, the God of Heaven***

Words: Henry Francis Lyte & adapted

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Tune: **Lauda Anima** [*Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven*]

- 1 **Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven
who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the Maker all your days!**
- 2 **Praise God for the grace and favour
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!**
- 3 **Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame;
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All within me, praise God's name!**

4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the high eternal one.

5 Angels, teach us adoration,
you behold God face to face;
sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

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: The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth.
He fulfils the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry,
and saves them. *Psalms 145: 18-19*

Collect: **God of the hungry,**
make us hunger and thirst for the right,
till our thirst for justice has been satisfied
and hunger has gone from the earth.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Reading: **Isaiah 55: 1-5 - Eat and drink what truly satisfies**
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21 (ANZPB)

- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion:
slow to anger and abounding in love.
- 9 **You Lord are good to all of us:
and your mercy rests upon all your creatures.**
- 14 The Lord upholds those who stumble:
and raises up those who are down.
- 15 **The eyes of all look to you O Lord:
and you give them their food in due season.**
- 16 You open wide your hand:
and give what they desire to all things living.
- 17 **You Lord are righteous in all your ways:
and loving in all your deeds.**
- 18 You Lord are near to all who call to you:
who call to you in singleness of heart.
- 19 **You fulfil the desire of those who revere you:
you hear their cry and you save them.**
- 20 You protect all who love you:
but the wicked you will destroy.
- 21 **My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:
let everyone bless God's holy name for ever and ever.**

Reading: Romans 9: 1-5 - The glory of God's people in Israel

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

Alt. tune: Winchester Old

- 1 **Your words to me are life and health,
pour 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 they show
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 blessed will,
through them I see Your face.
- 4 Your words are perfected in One,
Yourself, the living Word;
within my heart your image print
in clearest lines, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 14: 13-21 - Jesus feeds 5000**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter fourteen,
beginning at the thirteenth 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

The Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

Page 461: I believe in God, the Father almighty ...

The Prayers of the People

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

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

Loving God , in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

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

Silence

**God of peace,
let us your people know,
that at the heart of turbulence
there is an inner calm that comes
from faith in you.
Keep us from being content with things as they are,
that from this central peace
there may come a creative compassion,
a thirst for justice,
and a willingness to give of ourselves
in the spirit of Christ. Amen.**

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: Great God, your love has called us here

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*Alt. tune: **Melita***

- 1 Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.**

- 2 We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.
- 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.
- 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
- 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Page 467 God of all creation ...

The Great Thanksgiving

Page 467 The Spirit of God ...

The Lord's Prayer

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The Invitation

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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

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Most loving God ...

The Blessing

We share any notices and news

Closing Hymn: **Sing a New World into Being**

Words: Mary Louise Bringle © 2006 GIA Publications

Tune: **Ode to Joy** [Beethoven]

- 1 **Sing a new world into being.
sound a bold and hopeful theme.
Find a tune for silent yearnings,
lend your voice and dare to dream:
dream a church where all who worship
find their lives and loves belong.
Sing a new world into being.
Sing as Christ inspires your song!**
- 2 **Sing a new world into being
where each gender, class and race
brings its rainbow gifts and colours
to God's limitless embrace:
where the lines that once divided
form instead the ties that bind.
Sing a new world into being:
risk transforming heart and mind.**

- 3 Sing a new world into being
where the homeless find a home,
where no children ever hunger
but are filled in God's Shalom:
where all people work for justice,
where all hate and vengeance cease.
Sing a new world into being:
raise the harmonies of peace.
- 4 Sing a new world into being,
join the ancient prophets' cry
for a time of health and plenty,
when all tears have been wiped dry:
when compassion flows like waters,
pouring balm for all who grieve.
Sing a new world into being:
live the promise you believe!

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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