

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 9th August 2026 the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

We stand

Opening Hymn: **Alive to the presence and purpose of God**

Words from Moree Uniting Church, Australia - Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

- 1 **Alive to the presence and purpose of God**
in Christ's name we're gathered, the people of God.
Alive to God's presence and open to hear
God's word in our lives and God's call to come near.
Come and sing! Praises bring! In Jesus we live!
Come and praise! Laugh and sing!
New hope God will give!
Alive to the presence and purpose of God,
God's word in our lives and God's call to come near.
- 2 **Alive to the presence of God in the world**
who meets us in strangers, the young and the old.
Alive to the closeness of Jesus set free
to live out the good news through you
and through me.
Come and sing! Praises bring! In Jesus we live!
Come and praise! Laugh and sing!
New hope God will give!
Alive to the presence and purpose of God,
who lives out the Good News through you
and through me.

- 3 **Alive to the God's purpose of justice and care,
to build a new future, defeating despair.
Alive to God's newness, new days will unfold
God's spirit gives new ways in place of the old.
Come and sing! Praises bring! In Jesus we live!
Come and praise! Laugh and sing!
New hope God will give!
Alive to the presence and purpose of God
God's spirit gives new ways in place of the old.**

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: They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said,
'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' *Matthew 14: 26-27*

Collect: **Jesus, Saviour in storm,
when the waters of the deep are broken up,
when the landmarks are washed away or drowned,
come to us across the water;
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Reading: **1 Kings 19: 9-18 - Elijah on Mount Horeb**

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

Psalm 85: 8-13 (ANZPB)

- 8 Let me hear what you will say O Lord:
**for you will speak peace to your people,
to your servants whose hearts are turned to you.**

- 9 For deliverance is at hand for those who fear you:
so that your glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and faithfulness have met together:
justice and peace have embraced each other.
- 11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground:
and righteousness will look down from heaven.
- 12 You Lord will give prosperity:
and our land shall yield its harvest.
- 13 Justice shall go before you:
and the path for your feet shall be peace.

Reading: **Romans 10: 5-15** - *The word of faith*

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

Gradual Hymn: ***Come and find the quiet centre***

FFS10(i) - Words: Shirley Erena Murray

Tune: Lewis [Gaelic] Folk Melody Arr. © John Bell

- 1 **Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.**
- 2 **Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.**

- 3 In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain;
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 14: 22-33** - *Jesus walking on the sea*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter fourteen,
beginning at the twenty-second 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)

Merciful 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

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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: Dear God, embracing humankind

Community of Christ Sings #194 (version of Dear God and Father of mankind – SG497)

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier[adapt] / Jubilate Hymns

*Tune: **Repton***

**1 Dear God, embracing humankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives your service find,
in deeper reverence praise,
in deeper reverence praise.**

**2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, obey his word:
"Rise up and follow me,
rise up and follow me".**

**3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
when Jesus shared on bended knee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love.**

**4 With that deep hush subduing all
our words and works that drown
the tender whisper of your call,
as noiseless let your blessing fall
as fell your manna down,
as fell your manna down.**

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5 Drop your still dewes of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls
the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of your peace,
the beauty of your peace.

6 Breathe through the heat
of our desire
your coolness and your balm;
let sense be numb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake,
wind and fire,
O still, small voice of calm,
O still, small voice of calm.

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

The God of all grace who called you to eternal glory in Christ Jesus, restore, establish and strengthen you in the faith;
and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.
Amen.

We share any notices and news

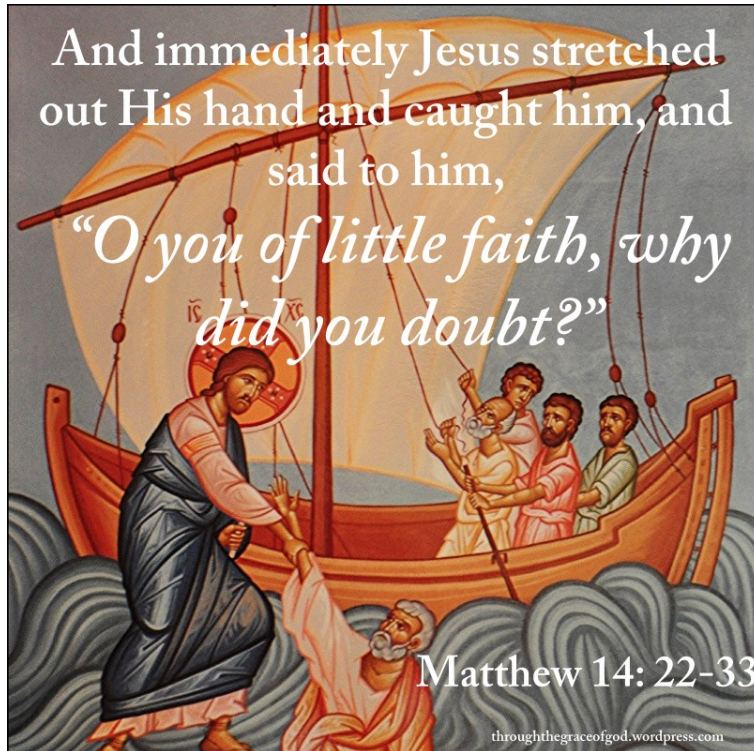
Closing Hymn: *You walk along our shore-line*

Words: Sylvia Dunstan © GIA Publications - Alt. tune: **Aurelia**

- 1 You walk along our shore-line
 where land meets unknown sea.
 We hear your voice of power,
 “Now come and follow me.
 And if you still will follow
 through storm and wave and shoal,
 then I will make you fishers
 but of the human soul”.**
- 2 You call us, Christ, to gather
 the people of the earth.
 We cannot fish for only
 those lives we think have worth.
 We spread your net of gospel
 across the water’s face,
 our boat a common shelter
 for all found by your grace.**
- 3 We cast our net, O Jesus;
 we cry the kingdom’s name;
 we work for love and justice;
 we learn to hope through pain.
 You call us, Lord, to gather
 God’s daughters and God’s sons,
 to let your judgment heal us
 so that all may be one.**

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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