



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

Order of Service for Sunday 16th August 2026 the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Eucharistic Liturgy - Thanksgiving and Praise
commencing on page **476** ANZPB/HKMOA*

Presider: This is the day which the Lord has made.
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We stand

Opening Hymn: **Living God, Your Word has called us here**

Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New #404 - Words: Jan Berry

*Tune: **BLAENWERN** [CP301]*

- 1 Living God, your word has called us,
summoned us to live by grace,
make us one in hope and vision,
as we gather in this place.
Take our searching, take our praising,
take the silence of our prayer,
offered up in joyful worship,
springing from the love we share.**
- 2 Living God, your love has called us
in the name of Christ your Son,
forming us to be his body,
by your Spirit making one.
Working, laughing, learning, growing,
old and young and black and white,
gifts and skills together sharing,
in your service all unite.**

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- 3 **Living God, your hope has called us
to the world that you have made,
teaching us to live for others,
humble, joyful, unafraid.
Give us eyes to see your presence,
joy in laughter, hope in pain.
In our loving, in our living,
give us strength that Christ may reign.**

The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing

Presider: 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)*

The Gathering

Page 476: E te whānau a te Karaiti ...

Page 477: Praise and glory ...

Song of Praise

Page 478: Christ is the good shepherd ...

We sit or kneel

Forgiveness

Page 478-479 We come seeking forgiveness ...

Sentence: Thus says the Lord, ‘Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be
revealed.’ *Isaiah 56:1*

Collect: Come Holy Spirit with new fire;
**when our prayers seem to fail,
when we hear no voice nor any answer,
rouse us and light our way.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

Reading: **Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8** - *A house of prayer for all people*

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

Psalm 67 (ANZPB)

- ¹ Be gracious to us O God and bless us:
and make the light of your face to shine upon us,
- ² that your ways may be known upon earth:
your saving power among all nations.
- ³ Let the peoples praise you O God:
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ Let the nations be glad, and sing for joy:
for you judge the peoples righteously,
and guide the nations on earth.
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you O God:
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ The earth has yielded its harvest:
and you our God will bless us.
- ⁷ Your blessing O God be upon us:
and let all the ends of the world revere you.

Reading: **Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32** - *God's mercy to all, Jew and Gentile*

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Gradual Hymn: **O God beyond all praising**

HFTC36 - Words: Michael Perry © Jubilate Hymns - Tune: **Thaxted** [CP355]

- 1 **O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you, our great and might Lord.**
- 2 **Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 15: 21-28** - *The Canaanite woman's daughter is healed*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew
chapter fifteen, beginning at the twenty-first verse.

Praise and glory to God.

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

The Sermon

A brief period of silence and/or a musical reflection may follow the Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith

We stand

Page 481: You, O God, are supreme and holy ...

The Prayers of the People

(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 our hope,
may your blessing empower
our thanksgivings and our prayer;
for we put our trust in you the living God,
risking disappointment, risking failure,
working and waiting expectantly. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand

The Peace

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Blessed be Christ ...

We may share a sign of Christ's peace with those around us by shaking hands (or an 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: **Build a Longer Table**

Words: David Bjorlin © GIA Publications - Tune: **NOEL NOUVELET** [CP15]

GIA Publications - Build a Longer Table

- 1 Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.**

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- 2 **Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.**
- 3 **Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences; all are welcome here.**
- 4 **When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.**

We remain standing for The Great Thanksgiving Prayer, but sit if needed.

The Great Thanksgiving

Page 485 Christ is risen! ...

The Lord's Prayer

Page 488 Our Father in heaven ...

The Invitation

Page 489 Haere mai ... / Come God's people ...

*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 490 Blessed be God ...

The Blessing Christ who has nourished us with himself,
the living bread,
make you one in praise and love,
and raise you up at the last day;
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, or celebrations

Closing Hymn: O changeless Christ, forever new

Above Every Name #11 - Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith - Tune: St Botolph [CP305]

- 1 O changeless Christ, forever new,
who walked our earthly ways,
still draw our hearts as once you drew
the hearts of other days.**
- 2 As once you spoke by plain and hill
or taught by shore and sea,
so be today our teacher still,
O Christ of Galilee.**
- 3 As wind and storm their master heard
and his command fulfilled,
may troubled hearts receive your word,
the tempest tossed be stilled.**
- 4 And as of old to all who prayed
your healing hand was shown,
so be your touch upon us laid,
unseen but not unknown.**
- 5 In broken bread, in wine outpoured,
your new and living way
proclaim to us, O risen Lord,
O Christ of this our day.**

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**6 O changeless Christ, till life is past
your blessing still be given;
then bring us home, to taste at last
the timeless joys of heaven.**

The Dismissal

Haere i runga i te aroha. Haere i runga i te rangimārie.
Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

*Following the service, all are welcome to share morning tea which will be served
in the 'Hospitality Corner' on the southern side of the church.*



The Woman of Canaan at the Feet of Christ
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