



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

Order of Service for Sunday 18th October 2026 the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

We stand

Opening Hymn: **A Spendthrift Lover is Our God**

TiS676 - Words: Thomas Troeger - Tune: **Kingsfold**

- 1 **A spend-thrift lover is our God
who never counts the cost
or asks if heaven can afford
to woo a world that's lost.
Our lover tosses coins of gold
across the midnight skies,
and stokes the sun against the cold
to warm us when we rise.**
- 2 **Still more is spent on blood and tears
to win the human heart,
to overcome the violent fears
that drive the world apart.
Behold the bruised and thorn-crowned face
of one who bears our scars,
and empties out the wealth of grace
that's hinted by the stars.**
- 3 **How shall we love this heart-strong God
who gives us everything,
whose ways to us are strange and odd;
what can we give or bring?**

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**Acceptance of the matchless gift
is gift enough to give;
the very act will shake and shift
the way we love and live.**

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 477: Christ is the living water ...

We sit or kneel

Forgiveness

Page 478-479 We come seeking forgiveness ...

Sentence: Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,
and to God the things that are God's. *Matthew 22:21*

Collect: God of nations,
help us to reflect and share
the goodness that surrounds us.
Help us to win justice for poor and rich alike,
and bring trust and friendship
to all our different races;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Reading: **Isaiah 45: 1-7** - *An earthly ruler works God's will*

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

Psalm 96: 1, 9-13 (ANZPB)

- ¹ O sing to the Lord a new song:
sing to the Lord all the earth.
- ⁹ **Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe.**
- ¹⁰ Proclaim to the nations, 'The Lord is king:
the Lord has made the world so firm it cannot be
moved, and will judge the peoples with justice.'
- ¹¹ **Let the heavens rejoice, and the earth be glad:
let the sea roar and all the creatures in it.**
- ¹² Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them:
then all the trees of the forest
will shout with joy before the Lord.
- ¹³ **For you O Lord are coming to judge the earth:
with righteousness you will judge the world,
and the peoples with your truth.**

Reading: **1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10** - *Thanksgiving for the church
at Thessalonica*

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

Gradual Hymn: **Sing to God new songs of worship**

SG95 - Words: © Michael Baughen/Jubilate Hymns, after Psalm 98
Tune: **Ode to Joy** (Ludwig von Beethoven)

- 1 Sing to God new songs of worship
all his deeds are marvellous;
he has brought salvation to us
with his hand and holy arm.**

He has shown to all the nations
righteousness and saving power;
he recalled his truth and mercy
to his people Israel.

- 2 Sing to God new songs of worship
earth has seen his victory;
let the lands of earth be joyful
praising him with thankfulness.
Sound upon the harp his praises,
play to him with melody;
let the trumpets sound his triumph,
show your joy to God the King!
- 3 Sing to God new songs of worship
let the sea now make a noise;
all on earth and in the waters,
sound your praises to the Lord.
Let the hills rejoice together,
let the rivers clap their hands,
for with righteousness and justice
he will come to judge the earth.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 22: 15-22 - A teaching: the Emperor and God**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew
chapter twenty-two, beginning at the fifteenth 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;
then we stand to affirm our faith*

The Affirmation of Faith

We stand

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

We sit or kneel

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

The Prayers of the People

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

God of glory:

Hear our prayer.

We pray in silence for our own needs ...

Silence

Page 484 Thanksgiving, blessing and praise be yours ...

The Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand

The Peace

Page 485 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: O God, we bear the imprint of your face

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*Tune: **Song 1** [Orlando Gibbons]*

- 1 O God, we bear the imprint of your face:
the colours of our skin are your design,
and what we have of beauty in our race
as man or woman, you alone define,
who stretched a living fabric on our frame
and gave to each a language and a name.**

- 2 Where we are torn and pulled apart by hate
because our race, our skin is not the same,
while we are judged unequal by the state
and victims made because we own our name,
humanity reduced to little worth,
dishonoured is your living face on earth.
- 3 O God, we share the image of the One
whose flesh and blood are ours, whatever skin;
in Christ's humanity we find our own,
and in his family our proper kin:
Christ is the brother we still crucify,
his love the language we must learn, or die.

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 The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus ...
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

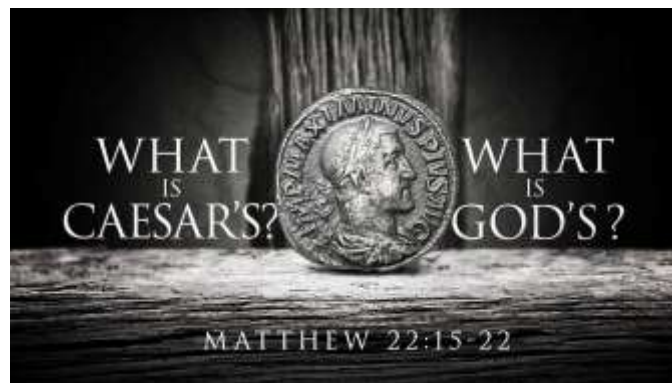
Closing Hymn: **Great God, your love has called us here**
*Words: Brian Wren © 1975, rev. 1995 Hope Pub. Co. - Tune: **Melita***

- 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 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.*



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