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 15th November 2026 the Feast of Christ in All Creation

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

We stand

Opening Hymn: ***We sing the mighty power of God***
TiS119 – Words: Isaac Watts - Alt.tune: **Ellacombe**

1 We sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
We sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command,
and all the stars obey.

2 We sing the goodness of the Lord
that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed,
where'er we turn our eyes,
if we survey the ground we tread
or gaze upon the skies.

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3 **There's not a plant or flower below**
but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow
by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you
is ever in your care,
and everywhere that we can be,
you, God, are present there.

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: God has destined us not for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.
1 Thessalonians 5:9–11

Collect: **We pray you, Jesus, take the old water,**
our busy conscientious lives,
and turn them into gospel wine,
that everyone may see your life and thirst;
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Reading: **Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18 –** *The Day of the Lord*

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

Psalm 90: 1-8, 12 *(ANZPB)*

1 Lord you have been our refuge:
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were made:
you are God, from age to age everlasting.
3 You turn humanity back into dust:
saying, 'Return to dust you children of mortals.
4 For a thousand years in your sight
are only as yesterday:
as it were but a day that is past.
5 As a night-watch that comes
quickly to an end you scatter them:
they fade like a dream at daybreak.
6 They are like the grass which in the morning is green:
but in the evening is dried up and withered.
7 For we consume away in your anger:
and are terrified by your wrath.
8 You set our misdeeds before you:
our secret sins in the light of your face.
12 Teach us to know how few are our days:
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Reading: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 -** *Be alert for the day of the Lord*

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

Gradual Hymn: ***Spirit of Jesus, if I love my neighbour***
Words: Brian Wren © 1975,1983 Hope Publishing - Tune: **O Perfect Love**

1 Spirit of Jesus, if I love my neighbour
out of my knowledge, leisure, power of wealth,
help me to understand my neighbour's anger:
the helplessness that hates my power to help.

2 **And if, when I have answered need with kindness,**
my neighbour rises, wakened from despair,
keep me from flinching when the cry for justice
requires of me the changes that I fear.

3 **If I am hugging safety or possessions,**
uncurl my spirit, as your love prevails,
to join my neighbours, work for liberation,
and find my freedom at the mark of nails.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 25: 14-30** – *Slaves entrusted with talents*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
chapter twenty-five, beginning at the fourteenth 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 *(adapted from 'Let Us Pray' - Janet Nelson)*

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

Giver of every gift we have:
We give you thanks and praise.

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

Silence

God, you shape our dreams.
As we put our trust in you
may your hopes and desires be ours,
and we your expectant people.
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: ***God of Creation, All-Powerful, All-Wise***

W&R #27 - Words: Margaret Clarkson © Hope Publishing - Tune: **Slane**

1 God of creation, all-powerful, all-wise,
Lord of the universe rich with surprise,
Maker, Sustainer, and Ruler of all,
we are your children--you hear when we call.

2 God of the ages, through time's troubled years
you are the One in whom history coheres;
nations and empires your purpose fulfill,
moving in freedom, yet working your will.

3 God of redemption, who wrought our rebirth,
called out your church from the ends of the earth,
still you are Saviour--put darkness to flight;
overcome sin by salvation's pure light!

4 God of your people, your Word still stands fast--
do for us now as you've done in the past!
Yours is the Kingdom--your triumph we claim,
challenging evil in Jesus' strong name.

5 God of our now, all our trust is in you,
Covenant-God, ever faithful and true;
Sovereign Creator, Redeemer and Lord,
now and forever your name be adored!

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 hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
and the blessing of God our Creator,
Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.
Amen.

We share any notices and news

<u>Closing Hymn:</u> ***As sons of the day and daughters of light***
SG570 - Words: Christopher Idle © Jubilate Hymns
Tune: **<u>LAUDATE DOMINUM</u>** *(Parry)*

1 As sons of the day and daughters of light,
no longer we sleep like creatures of night:
for Jesus has died that with him we may live;
by all that he gave us, we learn how to give.

2 One body in Christ, let all play their part:
the lazy be warned, the timid take heart;
let those who are hurt never pay back with wrong,
but serve one another: together be strong!

3 Be constant in prayer, at all times rejoice,
in all things give thanks - let God hear your voice!
Alive to his Spirit, alert to his word,
test all things, and hold to what pleases the Lord.

4 May God who first called, gave peace and made whole,
preserve us from fault in body and soul;
our Lord Jesus Christ keep us firm in his grace
until at his coming we meet face to face.

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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