The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings



Christ the King Sunday

22nd November 2026

Presider: ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega –
the beginning and the end; says the Lord God,
the Almighty One. *Revelation 1: 8a,c*

We stand

Opening Hymn: ***O Christ, what can it mean for us***
Words: Delores Dufner OSB © 2003 GIA Publications
Tune: **Kingsfold**

1 O Christ, what can it mean for us
to claim you as our king?
What royal face have you revealed
whose praise the church would sing?
Aspiring not to glory’s height,
to power, wealth, and fame,
You walked a different, lowly, way,
another’s will your aim.

2 You came, the image of our God,
to heal and to forgive,
to shed your blood for sinners’ sake
that we might rise and live.
To break the law of death you came,
the law of love to bring:
a different rule of righteousness,
a different kind of king.

3 Though some would make their greatness felt
and lord it over all,
you said the first must be the last
and service be our call.
O Christ, in workplace, church, and home,
let none to power cling:
for still, through us, you come to serve,
a different kind of king.

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4 **You chose a humble human form**
and shunned the world's renown;
you died for us upon a cross
with thorns your only crown.
But still, beyond the span of years,
our glad hosannas ring:
for now at God's right hand you reign,
a different kind of king!

The Gathering

The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing

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)

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning
and without end,
in our midst and with us.
God is with us,
here we find new life.

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign
of justice and love.
Jesus Christ is good news for the poor,
release for the captives,
recovery of sight for the blind
and liberty for those who are oppressed.

Song of Praise: ***A New Heaven and a New Earth***
Revelation 21: 1, 2, 22, 23; 22: 3–5; 5: 13

1 I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and earth had passed away,
and there was no longer any sea.

2 I saw the holy city new Jerusalem:
coming down out of heaven from God.

3 I saw no temple in the city:
for its temple is the Lord God
the Almighty and the Lamb.

4 The city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it:
for the glory of God illuminates it,
and the Lamb is its light.

5 The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city:
and the servants of God shall worship
before the throne.

6 They shall see God face to face:
and bear the name of their God upon their foreheads.

7 There shall be no more night:
nor will they need the light of lamp or sun,

8 for the Lord God will give them light:
and they shall reign for ever and ever.

9 To the One who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb:
be blessing and honour, glory and might
for ever and ever. Amen.

We sit or kneel

Invitation to Confession:

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven
is close at hand.' *Matthew 4.17*

So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

The kingdom is yours,
but we turn away from your just rule:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The power is yours,
but we trust in our own power and strength:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

The glory is yours,
but we fall short of the glory of God:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Gracious God,
for whom we watch and wait
as we journey through this earthly life;
forgive us, cleanse us,
heal us, and set us free,
so that we may come to share
in your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

The Absolution

Presider: God forgives you;
forgive others;
forgive yourself.

Silence

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:
approach your God in peace.
Amen.

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Sentence: O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness and come before
his face with songs of joy. *Psalm 100:1*

Collect: Almighty God,
the Redeemer of all who trust in you;
give heed to the cry of your people,
deliver us from the bondage of sin
that we may serve you in perfect freedom
and rejoice in your unfailing love;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Reading: **Ezekiel 34: 1-16, 20-24** – *God will shepherd Israel*

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

Psalm 100 *(ANZPB)*

1 Cry out with joy to the Lord all the earth:
worship with gladness,
and enter the Lord's presence with songs of joy.

2 Know that the Lord is God,
our maker, whose people we are:
the flock which the Lord our God shepherds.

3 Enter the gates of the temple with thanksgiving,
and go into its courts with praise:
give thanks, and bless God's holy name.

4 For the Lord is a gracious God,
whose mercy is everlasting:
and whose faithfulness endures
from generation to generation.

Reading: Ephesians 1: 15-23 - *Seeing the risen and ascended Christ*

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Gradual Hymn: ***We are called to welcome strangers***

Words: Sheena Evans © Jubilate Hymns
Alt. tunes: **Abbot's Leigh**

1 We are called to welcome strangers,
offer shelter, food and rest;
heal the wounds of mind and body,
showing love with true respect.
Those who flee from war-torn homelands
or fear death for their beliefs,
those who run from flood or famine:
will we meet them in their grief?

2 Here we see our brothers, sisters,
each the image of our God.
If we turn our faces from them,
we deny God's living word.
God would have us feed the hungry,
free the captive, tend the weak,
care for all who now are helpless,
offer respite to the meek.

3 If we fail to challenge falsehood,
if we bow to unjust laws,
then the stranger's eyes will show us
God's own eyes which weep for us.
Let us pray as Jesus taught us,
"Father, let your kingdom come,"
and with Christ-like loving kindness
we will welcome strangers home.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 25: 31-46 -** *Separation of the sheep and goats*

Alleluia, alleluia.
You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
chapter twenty-five, beginning at the thirty-first verse.
Praise and glory to God.

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

The Sermon

The Sermon may be followed by a moment of silence and/or a musical reflection; then we stand.

The Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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)

… and, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

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

Silence

Blessed are you,
God of growth and discovery;
yours is the inspiration
that has altered and changed our lives;
yours is the power that has brought us
to new dangers and opportunities.
Set us, your new creation,
to walk through this new world,
watching and learning,
loving and trusting,
until your kingdom comes.
Amen.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand

The Peace

The peace of Christ be aways with you.
And also with you.

We may share a sign of Christ's peace with those around us by shaking hands and saying "Peace be with you" or an alternative appropriate greeting.

As we sing the next hymn, the bread and wine are brought to the altar; our offerings of money to support mission and ministry, and donations to the local food-bank, are collected and offered too.

Offertory Hymn: ***Build a Longer Table***

Words: David Bjorlin © GIA Publications
Tune: **Noel Nouvelet**

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.

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.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed be God,
who enthrones us with Christ
in the heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of God
and drink the royal wine of heaven.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For with the oil of gladness
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest, he offered himself once for all
upon the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race
by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king, he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he may bring before your infinite majesty
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so, with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;
on the night before he died,
your Son, Jesus Christ took bread;
when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins;
do this as often as you drink it,
to remember me.

Therefore loving God,
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,
we celebrate our redemption
with this bread of life and this cup of salvation.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive
may be to us the body and blood of Christ,
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God,
in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere
now and forever. Amen.

The Communion

The Lord's Prayer: As Christ teaches us, we pray, saying …

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the bread, then says:

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.
Christ is the bread of life.

The priest may lift the cup, then says:

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.
Christ is risen from the dead.

The Invitation

Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua,
tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.
Come God's people,
come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

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 for everyone's health and safety, intinction, (ie dipping the wafer into the wine chalice) is ***NOT*** *permitted; you are welcome to receive the bread only if you prefer, or to come forward for a blessing.*

If you need communion served to you in your seat, please indicate to the servers.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, giver of all good things,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the precious body and blood of our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.
We thank you for your love and care
in assuring us of your gift of eternal life
and uniting us with the blessed company
of all faithful people.

Therefore, everliving God,
keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship.
And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are,
to serve you faithfully in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.
Amen.

God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you faithful servants of Christ our King.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you forever.
Amen.

We share any notices, news, or celebrations

Closing Hymn: ***Christ is the Truth, the Way***

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1 Christ is the truth, the way,
the endless light of life.
Christ shares the struggles of our day,
our earthly joy and strife.
Redeeming what is lost,
and healing human pain,
Christ walks the valleys of the cross,
that all may rise again.

2 Christ is the living bread
and source of grace outpoured;
our deepest hungers shall be fed
and life will be restored.
All those who thirst rejoice,
by living water filled.
The good shall welcome with one voice
the justice God has willed.

3 Christ sends the Spirit now,
that we may all be one,
all people joining hands in love
that justice will be done.
The lion shall lie down
in peace beside the lamb.
The mighty shall lay down their crowns
before the great 'I Am".

4 Christ is the gift of love,
forgiveness, joy, and grace,
that all may live in unity
and hope in ev'ry place.
We go where Jesus led
when others' pain we bear;
responding to our neighbours' needs,
Christ's cross and crown we share.

The Dismissal

The Lord sits enthroned above the waters:
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.

You Lord will give strength to your people:
you will give your people the blessing of peace.

Psalm 29: 9, 10

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 in the 'Hospitality' corner on the south side of the church.



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