

The Parish of Worthing - Christ Church



A service of Morning Prayer



There is prayer in the organ vestry every Sunday at 10am for 15 minutes before the service, you are welcome to join at any time.

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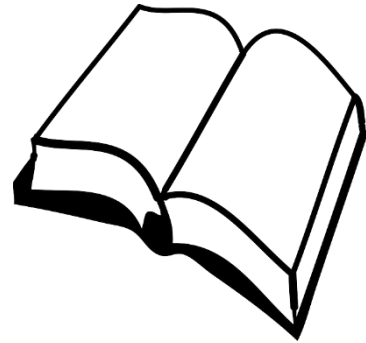


A very warm welcome on behalf of the Church Family here at Christ Church as you join us for worship this Sunday morning.

Morning Prayer

Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you



All **and also with you.**

O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

All **Great is your name.
Great is your love.**

For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

All **Great is your name.
Great is your love.**

For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,
the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

All **Great is your name.
Great is your love.**

Your love and mercy shall last for ever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

All **Great is your name.
Great is your love.**

HYMN

[Stand]

The Family of God

We have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence, to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his holy word, to bring before him the needs of the world, to ask his forgiveness of our sins, and to seek his grace, that through his Son Jesus Christ we may give ourselves to his service.

O Lord, open our lips.

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Praise the name of the Lord.

All: the Lord's Name be praised.

CONFESSIO

[Sit or kneel]

The word of God is living and active.
It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him
to whom we give account.
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Hebrews 4.12

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

OR

All God our Father,
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You give your faithful people new life
in the water of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us,
nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
against you and our neighbour.
We have wounded your love and marred your
image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse *you/us* from *your/our* sins,
and restore *you/us* in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.



The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

All We dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name,

All make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

All and speak of all his marvellous works.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty,

All who was and is and is to come.

CANTICLE BLESS THE LORD

[Stand]

(Metre 66 66 88)

1. Bless now your fathers' God

And praise his glorious name:

Within heaven's holiest place

His wondrous works proclaim.

With angel hosts eternally

Lift up your hearts to him on high.

2. Between the cherubim

From heavenly realms above

He scans the depths of space,

The God of power and love:

With angel hosts eternally

Lift up your hearts to him on high.

**3. Upon his royal throne
He reigns as Lord and King:
To heaven's eternal heights
Your loyal homage bring:
To God the Holy Trinity
Lift up your hearts eternally.**

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OLD TESTAMENT Reading [Sit]

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.



WORSHIP SONGS [Stand]

NEW TESTAMENT Reading [Sit]

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN [Stand]

Sermon [Sit]

Silence is kept reflecting on what we have heard.

APOSTLES CREED

[Stand]



All I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.

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

OR

A Metrical Version of the Creed

[Stand]

(Tune Abbot's Leigh – Taylor)

- 1. We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.**

- 2. Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
heavens king to rule and reign,
to the Fathers side ascended
till as judge he comes again.**

- 3. We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.**

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Acclamation

[Sit or kneel]

This is love, not that we loved God,

All: but that he loved us and sent his Son.

He is the sacrifice for our sins,

All: that we might live through him.

If God loves us so much

All: we ought to love one another.

If we love one another

All: God lives in us.

The Collect of the Day

Prayers of Intercession

at the end, a short period of silence is kept, and then:

Merciful Father,

All Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.



At the end of our prayers we pause for a moment and reflect for whom we have prayed and offer each other to God's care in the words of the Grace

All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.

Offertory Hymn

[Stand]



Conclusion

From where we are to where you need us,
All **Jesus, now lead on.**

From the security of what we know to the
adventure of what you will reveal,
All **Jesus, now lead on.**

To refashion the fabric of this world until it
resembles the shape of your kingdom,
All **Jesus now lead on.**

Because good things have been prepared for
those who love God,
All **Jesus now lead on.**

BLESSING

*The following blessing may be used, or the minister may introduce
an alternative blessing that fits the day or theme of the service.*

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

1 Thessalonians 5.13-22

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

We will not offer to God

All **Offerings that cost us nothing.**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

All **We will seek peace and pursue it.**





***Thank you for joining us today.
Please stay for coffee, tea and a chat
after the service!***

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