

WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH

Grafton Road BN11 1QY



ORDER OF SERVICE

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

27th September 2020

10.30am Morning Prayer
with Derek Hansen

There is socially distanced prayer in the west porch every Sunday at 10 am for 15 minutes before the service and you are welcome to join at any time

TODAY:

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18: 1 - 4, 25 - end

2nd Reading: Matthew 21: 23 - 32

read by John B

Intercessions led by Dorothy F

Please be aware of social distancing when in the church, and we are asked not to gather to chat inside

*The Organ Voluntary following our service today is:
(Tento on 1st Tone) untitled in MS 242 folio 29,
Coimbra, by "ca", probably António Carreira
ca. 1530-94, Lisbon*

Services in October

4th 10.30am Holy Communion

with Canon Muriel Pargeter

11th 10.30am Morning Prayer

with Canon Muriel Pargeter

18th 10.30am Holy Communion

with The Revd Roger Walker

25th 10.30am Morning Prayer with Derek Hansen

Contact us:

Vicar:

The Revd David Renshaw.

Our Vicar is currently signed off sick. Our thoughts and prayers are with him at this time.

Church Wardens:

Kenneth Hobbs

email: christchurchfinance@btinternet.com

Tele: 01903 237713

and Di Askew: Tele: 01903 235929

Vergger: *Lorraine* Tele: 07513 592484

Parish Administrator: *Janine Hobbs*

Tele: 01903 237713

email: janine.h@ntlworld.com

Registered Charity No. 1152846
The Parish of Worthing, Christ Church
Website: www.christchurchworthing.org.uk

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.
For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,
the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.
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.

Opening Hymn [377] *Sung by the choir only*

Choir omit vs 3 from the hymn book

Angel voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.

In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit,
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven render thee.

Francis Pott 1832-1909: Public Domain

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.

CONFESSION

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

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
cleans us from our sins,
and restore 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.

OLD TESTAMENT Reading *[Please sit]*

Ezekiel 18: 1 – 4, 25 - end

The word of the LORD came to me: ‘What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel:

“The fathers eat sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”?

‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. For every living soul belongs to me, the parent as well as the child – both alike belong to me. The soul who sins is the one who will die.

‘Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is not just.” Hear, O house of Israel: is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits sin, he will die for it; because of the sin he has committed he will die. But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he will save his life. Because he considers all the offences he has committed and turns away from them, he will surely live; he will not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is not just.” Are my ways

unjust, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?

‘Therefore, O house of Israel, I will judge you, each one according to his ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offences; then sin will not be your downfall. Rid yourselves of all the offences you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Songs – *sung by members of the choir and singers only*

Majesty, worship His majesty;
Unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.
Majesty, kingdom, authority,
Flows from His throne
Unto His own, His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

*CCLI 2765 Jack Hayford © 1981 Rocksmith Music/Imagem
Music/Small Stone Media BV/Song Solutions Daybreak*

Song 2 – *sung by choir and singers only*

You are the King of glory,
You are the Prince of peace,
You are the Lord of heaven and earth,
You're the Son of righteousness.
Angels bow down before You,
Worship and adore,
For You have the words of eternal life,
You are Jesus Christ the Lord.
Hosanna to the Son of David
Hosanna to the King of Kings
Glory in the highest heaven
for Jesus the Messiah reigns

*CCLI 2765 Mavis Ford © 1978 Authentic
Publishing/Integritymusic.com*

Gospel reading - Matthew 21: 23 - 32

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. 'By what authority are you doing these things?' they asked. 'And who gave you this authority?'

Jesus replied, 'I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John's baptism – where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or from men?'

They discussed it among themselves and said, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will ask, "Then why didn't you believe him?" But if we say, "From men"— we are

afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.'

So they answered Jesus, 'We don't know.'

Then he said, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.'

'What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, "Son, go and work today in the vineyard."

"I will not," he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

'Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, "I will, sir," but he did not go.

'Which of the two did what his father wanted?'

'The first,' they answered.

Jesus said to them, 'I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.'

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sermon

[Please remain seated]

Silence is kept reflecting on what we have heard

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
his 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**



HYMN [245] *Sung by the choir only to Fulda, no. 612 in
hymnbook*

Around the throne of God a band
of glorious angels ever stand;
bright things they see, sweet harps they hold,
and on their heads are crowns of gold.

Some wait around him, ready still
to sing his praise and do his will,
and some, when he commands them, go
to guard his servants here below.

Lord, give thy angels every day
command to guide us on our way,
and bid them every evening keep
their watch around us while we sleep.

So shall no wicked thing draw near
to do us harm or cause us fear;
and we shall dwell, when life is past,
with angels round thy throne at last.

J. M Neale 1818-1866: Public Domain

The Collect of the Day

All: Amen

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.

Final Hymn [626] – *sung by the choir only*

Ye holy angels bright who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command:
assist our song, for else the theme
too high doth seem for mortal tongue.

Ye blessed souls at rest, who ran this earthly race,
and now from sin released behold the Saviour's face:
his praises sound as in his sight
with sweet delight ye do abound.

Ye saints who toil below, adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go some joyful anthem sing:
take what he gives and praise him still
through good and ill, who ever lives.

My soul, bear thou thy part; triumph in God above,
and with a well - tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love:
let all thy days till life shall end,
whate'er he send, be filled with praise.

*Richard Baxter 1615-1691 and J. H. Gurney 1802-1862:
Public Domain*

Conclusion

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Jesus now lead on.**

BLESSING

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.**

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 with us today!

Our thanks to Derek Hansen for leading our service of Morning Prayer today!

There is to be a very short meeting following the service to hear about the plans for reordering of the west end of the church. There is a plan and pictures of the proposals in the church at the west end. Please have a look if you wish, one at a time, so as to keep our distance – then please return to your pews to hear the brief presentation

Please be aware of social distancing when leaving, and we are asked not to gather to chat in church

If you are not able to leave via the steps of the West door, please tell the Churchwardens, and remain seated until all have left, so you can safely leave via the North door.



Remember *in* Prayer

All those whom we know that are unwell spiritually or mentally, all the doctors, nurses and all other workers in the NHS who are working to save lives at this time; the sick and the lonely, those recently bereaved and church family members and residents in local nursing & care homes

Our APCM [Annual Parochial Church Meeting] will be held on Sunday 18th October after the service.

Nomination forms for elections of PCC Members, Churchwardens and Deanery Synod representatives are available in the west porch as you leave. Please be aware of social distancing, and when the forms are completed, please place them in the envelope on the screen behind.

Hand sanitisers are by the forms.

There is also a required revision of the electoral roll, so your initials and surnames only will soon be posted in both porches. Please let Janet Atkinson [Electoral Roll officer] know if your name isn't on the list, and you wish to be on the electoral roll, please talk with Janet