



WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH

Grafton Road BN11 1QY

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
4th October 2020

10.30am Holy Communion
with Canon Muriel Pargeter

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: Philippians 3: 4b - 14

2nd Reading: Matthew 21: 33 - 46

read by Dorothy F

Intercessions led by Tony S

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

*The Organ Voluntary following our service today is:
Primera Obra por elami, Tono 3 - Anonymous in Ms
1360, folios 48-50 compiled by Martín y Coll in 1709
now in Madrid.*

Services in October

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

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A service of Holy Communion Common Worship

The Greeting *[Stand]*

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hymn [490] *[Sit] Sung by the choir only*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise
with every morning sacrifice.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

*Isaac Watts 1674-1748: Public Domain
[Psalm 72]*

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence *[Sit or kneel]*

Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind,

and with all your strength.’

The second is this:

‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment

greater than these.

On these two commandments

hang all the law and the prophets.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Invitation to confession

God so loved the world

that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ

to save us from our sins,

to be our advocate in heaven,

and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,

firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments

and to live in love and peace with all.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis *[Please stand]*

ALL SAY

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading *[Sit]*



Philippians 3: 4 - 14

Though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press

on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP SONGS

Sung by one or two singers and the choir only

There is a hope that burns within my heart
That gives me strength for ev'ry passing day
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part
Yet drives all doubt away:

I stand in Christ with sins forgiv'n
And Christ in me the hope of heav'n
My highest calling and my deepest joy
To make His will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head
A consolation strong against despair
That when the world has plunged me
In its deepest pit

I find the Saviour there!
Through present suff'rings future's fear
He whispers courage in my ear
For I am safe in everlasting arms
And they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time
That lifts my eyes beyond the beck'ning grave
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine
When I behold his face!
When suff'rings cease and sorrows die
And ev'ry longing satisfied
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul
For I am truly home.

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SONG 2

Sung by one or two singers and the choir only

Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',
let the poor say, 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',
let the poor say, 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.

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Gospel Reading *[Please stand]*

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to **Matthew 21: 33 - 46**

All say **Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘Listen to another parable: there was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall round it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

‘The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them in the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said.

‘But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.” So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

‘Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’

‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,’ they replied, ‘and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the capstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvellous in our eyes?

'Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but he on whom it falls will be crushed.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All say **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon *[Sit]*

After which a short period of silence is kept.

Let us declare our faith in God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit.

The Creed

[Stand]



All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *[Sit]*

And at the end after a short period of silence

Merciful Father,

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



The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Peace - using suitable seasonal words.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

HYMN [308] *Sung by the choir only*

Choir note: vs 5 & 6 omitted from the hymn book

Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind!
sight, riches, healing of the mind
yea all I need, in thee to find:
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

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Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All **All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you *(or)* The Lord is here.
All **and also with you. His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying

All say **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.**

[Sit or Kneel]

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example
and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
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,
in remembrance of me.
Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of
Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith: *[Spoken]*

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise: *[Spoken]*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. 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.**



Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The words of invitation to communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Priest: The Body of Christ

All : Amen

Priest: The Blood of Christ

All : Amen

*Please remain in your pews, the priest will
come to you to administer the bread
into your outstretched hand only*

*Please remember **no words are spoken.***



Prayers after Communion *[Sit or Kneel]*

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence is kept.

All **Almighty God,**
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and
bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Dismissal

Hymn [578] *Sung by the choir only*

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross!
lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss:
from victory unto victory
his army he shall lead
till every foe is vanquished
and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the solemn watchword hear;
if while ye sleep he suffers,
away with shame and fear.
Where'er ye meet with evil,
within you or without,
charge for the God of battles,
and put the foe to rout.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
stand in his strength alone,
the arm of flesh will fail you
ye dare not trust your own:
Put on the gospel armour,
each piece put on with prayer;
when duty calls or danger
be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus
the strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle,
the next the victor's song:
To him that overcometh
a crown of life shall be;
he with the King of glory
shall reign eternally.

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Blessing –

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The minister says

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you for joining with us today!

Stay well, stay safe!

*Our thanks to Canon Muriel for leading our service of
Holy Communion today*

***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*



All those whom we know that are emotionally and spiritually unwell; 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 Synond 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