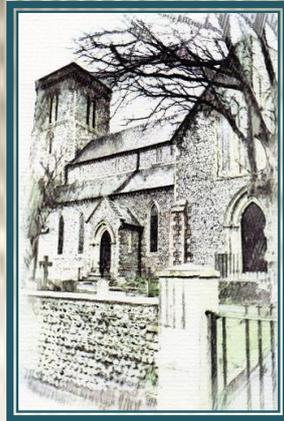


Christ Church Worthing



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

Palm Sunday Morning Prayer

25th March 2018

10.30am

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***Commemoration of the Lord's Entry
into Jerusalem***

**Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Gathering

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

***All* And also with you.**

cf 1 Timothy 1.2

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

Please raise your palm crosses while this prayer is said by the priest

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Palm Gospel – *read by the priest*

When the Gospel is announced, this response is used

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

John 12.12-16

¹²The great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord – the King of Israel!'

¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!'

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Procession

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

Hymn

This is the day that the Lord has made

All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We have come together in the name of Jesus Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

All Amen

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse 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

Blessed is the Lord,

All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All and in our song will we praise our God

Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator and redeemer of all; to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world and in your great love fashioned us in your image. Now, through the deep waters of death, you have brought your people to new birth by raising your Son to life in triumph.

May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Hymn

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever.

All Amen

Old Testament Reading

At the end of which the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Worship Songs

New Testament Reading

At the end of which the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A short period of silence is kept following the sermon

The Creed

All: 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 into hell.

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.

The Collect

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

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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.

Offertory Hymn

The blessing

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.

All Amen.

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.

Go in the peace of Christ.
All Thanks be to God.

Please join us for coffee and a chat after the service!

