

The Parish of Worthing – Christ Church



A service of Holy Communion



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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Holy Communion

Common Worship

The Greeting [Stand]

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

From Easter Day to Pentecost this acclamation follows

All Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Hymn [Stand]

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 [Stand]

[not sung during Lent or Advent]

All sing **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

The Collect of the Day is said.

At the end the congregation respond

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading [Sit]



At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

WORSHIP SONG(S) [Sit or Stand]

Gospel Reading [Remain standing]

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.

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

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All sing **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 or kneel]

This response may be used after each bidding

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end after a short period of silence

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



The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace [Stand]

The Peace - using suitable seasonal words.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace. Please note that some may prefer to sit in prayer with their heads bowed during the peace rather than shaking hands.

OFFERTORY HYMN

[Stand]



Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

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.



(The Following may be omitted if a short Proper Preface is used)

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the
beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery
of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon
the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

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

All sing **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:

All Sing **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:

All Sing **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.**

or, from Easter Day to Pentecost

**All Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

*All are welcome to come to share round the Lord's
Table. If you would like to receive a blessing please
carry your order of service with you to help those
administering communion to know your intention.*

The people receive communion.

*Authorized words of distribution are used and the
communicant replies*

Amen.



During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

Agnus Dei *is sung*

*Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us*

*Jesus, bearer of our sins,
Have mercy on us*

*Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace.*

Prayers after Communion [Sit or Kneel]

The Post Communion prayer is said

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.**

(or)

All **Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen
life; we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Hymn **[Stand]**

Blessing – *The Minister may use a seasonal blessing appropriate to the Church's year.*

(or)

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.**

A minister says

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Or, from Easter Day to Pentecost

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**



***Please join us for coffee or tea and a chance
to chat after the service!***



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