

# The Parish of Worthing - Christ Church



## A service of Morning Prayer

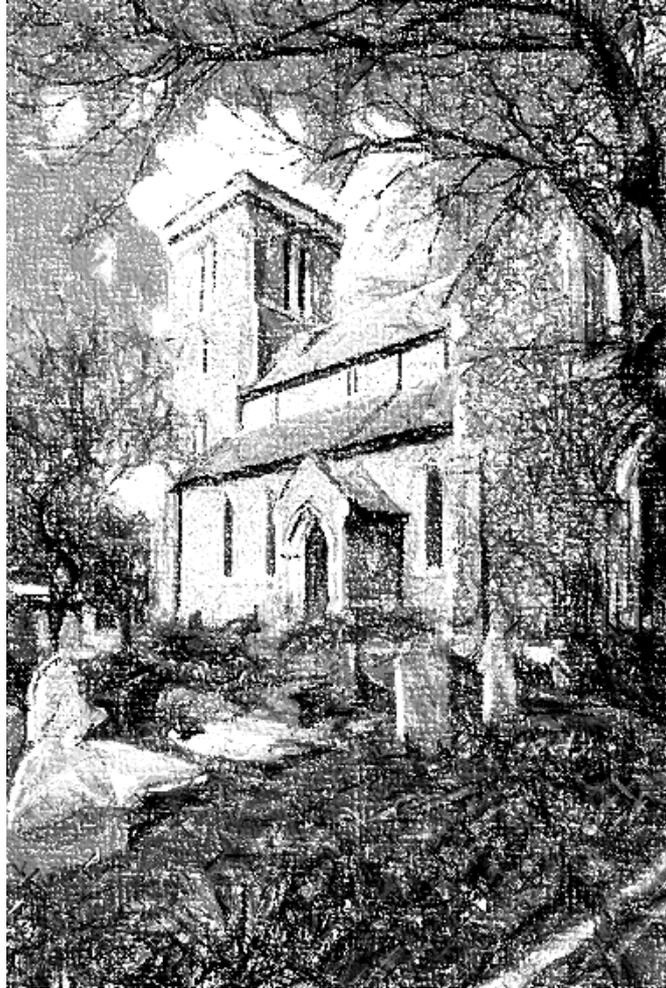


There is prayer in the organ vestry every Sunday at 10am for 15 minutes before the service, you are welcome to join at any time.

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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**      *[Please stand]*

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.**

**HYMN**

## 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

*[Please 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*

**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.**

## **BLESS THE LORD**

*[Please stand to sing]*

*(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** *[Please sit]*

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**



**WORSHIP SONGS** *[Please stand]*

**NEW TESTAMENT Reading** *[Please sit]*

*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*

# The 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**

*[Please stand]*

# The Collect of the Day

## Prayers of Intercession *[Please sit]*

*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** *[Please stand]*



## **Conclusion**

From where we are to where you need us,  
From the security of what we know to the  
adventure of what you will reveal,  
To refashion the fabric of this world until it  
resembles the shape of your kingdom,  
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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