

WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH

Grafton Road BN11 1QY



Welcome back to all!

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

13th September 2020

**10.30am Morning Prayer
with Canon Muriel Pargeter**

TODAY:

1st Reading: Genesis 50: 15 - 21

2nd Reading: Matthew 18: 21 - 35

read by Joan P

Intercessions led by Val G

The Organ Voluntary following our service today is:

Capriccio VI, Libro Quarto 1658

by Johann-Jakob Froberger (1616-67)

Services in September

20th 10.30am Holy Communion

with The Revd Helen Buque

27th 10.30am Morning Prayer with Derek Hansen

followed by a meeting of the church family to discuss the reordering of the West end of the church

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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 [538]

O Jesus, I have promised - *Sung by the choir only*
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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.

CONFESSIOIN

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 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]

Genesis 50: 15 - 21



When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Worship Songs – *sung by two singers only*

Meekness and majesty

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Song 2

As we are gathered – *sung by two singers only*

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Gospel reading - Matthew 18: 21 - 35

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.^[a]

“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he

began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ The servant’s master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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

Lord, Jesus Christ **[505]** – *sung by the choir only*

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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 [376]

And can it be – *sung by the choir only*

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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!

Stay well, stay safe!



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