

WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH

Grafton Road BN11 1QY



ORDER OF SERVICE

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

21st March 2021

10.30am Holy Communion
with The Revd Nancy Ford

TODAY:

1st Reading: Hebrews 5: 5 - 10

2nd Reading: John 12: 20 - 33

read by John N

Intercessions led by Val G



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

**The Organ Voluntary following
our service today is:**

*Ricercar XI by Fabritio Fontana (1677) ca. 1620-95,
St. Peter's, Rome*

In order that we can stay open for worship, please may we remind you that to protect us all:

- **there is a one-way system within the church for your safety, please stay in your pew and refrain from wandering around the church**
- **entry is via the north door only**
- **exit via the west door; if you cannot walk down steps, please stay seated until the churchwardens assist you in leaving safely via the north door**
- **your nose and mouth must be covered at all times whilst in the church.**

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A Service of Holy Communion

The Greeting *[Stand]*

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Hymn [109] *[Sit] Sung by the choir only*

- choir vs 2, 3 & 5 have been omitted from the hymn book

It is a thing most wonderful
almost too wonderful to be
that God's own Son should come from heaven
and die to save a child like me.

I sometimes think about the cross,
and shut my eyes, and try to see
the cruel nails, and crown of thorns,
and Jesus crucified for me.

It is most wonderful to know
his love for me so free and sure;
but 'tis more wonderful to see
my love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord:
O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love thee more and more,
until I see thee as thou art.

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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.

The Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Epistle *[Sit]*



Hebrews 5: 5 – 10

So, Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.' And he says in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, in the order of Melchizedek.' During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

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

Lord, I come to you,
let my heart be changed, renewed,
flowing from the grace
that I found in you.

And, Lord, I've come to know
the weaknesses I see in me
will be stripped away
by the pow'r of your love.

*Hold me close,
let your love surround me,
bring me near,
draw me to your side;
and as I wait,
I'll rise up like an eagle,
and I will soar with you;
your Spirit leads me on
in the pow'r of your love.*

Lord, unveil my eyes,
let me see you face to face,
the knowledge of your love
as you live in me.
Lord, renew my mind
as your will unfolds in my life,
in living every day
in the pow'r of your love.

SONG 2

Sung by one or two singers and the choir only

A new commandment
I give unto you:
that you love one another
as I have loved you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.
By this shall all know
that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.
By this shall all know
that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.

Unknown

Gospel Reading [Please stand]

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John 12: 20-33

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

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. 'Sir,' they said, 'we would like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.

'Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say?

"Father, save me from this hour"?

No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.' The crowd that was there and heard it, said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Jesus said, 'This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.' He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

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

All Merciful Father,
**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 [609] *[Sit] Sung by the choir only*

To God be the glory, great things he has done,
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!*

*O, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done.*

O, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Refrain

Great things he has taught us,
great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done.*

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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 is here.

All 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
for your safety and that of the priest.***

Prayers after Communion *[Sit or Kneel]*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you:

give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Amen

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 [376]

Sung by the choir only – choir vs 2 has been omitted from the hymn book

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain;
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above
so free, so infinite his grace
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
fast bound in sin and nature's night:
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne
and claim the crown through Christ my own.

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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.

*Our thanks to The Revd Nancy Ford for leading our
service of Holy Communion today.*

Thank you for joining with us today.

Stay well, stay safe.

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



All those working in the NHS who are striving to save lives at this time. the sick and the lonely, the recently bereaved and all those in local nursing & care homes.

Services in March

- 25th 10.30am BCP Holy Communion –**
with The Revd George Butterworth
- 28th 10.30am Morning Prayer** with Derek Hansen

MESSAGE FROM KEN

Acts 2 verses 46-47 and Mark 28 v 19 gives encouragement and mission given to us, in that Great Commission, by our Saviour, to go forward and make disciples of all nations. Let us use this new situation, a new wine, a new beginning to refresh us to move forward with a loving heart and commit ourselves to that wonderful instruction – Go forward – with love in our hearts and smiles on our faces to spread the Good News as God’s family from this place.

APCM & ELECTORAL ROLL – IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

The **Annual Parochial Church meeting** is to be held on **Sunday, 25th April 2021** following the Morning Service.

Allowable under Church Representation Rule M9[2]:

As the current PCC were elected just 5 months ago, they will be contacted to see if they wish to stand, and if so, will be nominated and seconded at the APCM.

If anyone else would like to be nominated for PCC, please contact Janine Hobbs who include their names on the list also.

Electoral Roll

If you are unsure if you are on the current Electoral Roll, or wish to be added, please contact Janet to confirm your listing.