

**WORTHING
CHRIST CHURCH**
Grafton Road BN11 1QY



ORDER OF SERVICE

The Second Sunday of Easter

11th April 2021

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

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



TODAY: read by Miles Y
1st Reading: Isaiah 53: 6 - 12
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 1 - 10
Intercessions led by Steven L

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 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 [376] *sung by the choir only*
Choir members please note – v 2 has been omitted

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, should die for 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 out 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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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.

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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.

The First Reading *[Please sit]*

Isaiah 53: 6 - 12

We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before her shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
And who can speak of his descendants?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was stricken
He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death, though he had done no
violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him
to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt
offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of
life and be satisfied;

by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify
many, and he will bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,

because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Worship Songs *sung by choir and singers only*

Song 1

Are you ready, are you ready,
He calls you by name;
Are you ready, are you ready,
To forsake all the pain;
Are you ready, are you ready,
Though the way may be tough,
Are you ready, are you ready,
If life becomes rough.

Are you ready, are you ready,
To speak in His Name;
Are you ready, are you ready,
To share why He came;
Are you ready, are you ready,
He calls you today;
Are you ready, are you ready,
To walk in His way.

Are you ready, are you ready,
To take up your cross;
Are you ready, are you ready,
For sorrows or loss;
Are you ready, are you ready,
His praises to sing;
Are you ready, are you ready,
To worship the King.

Are you ready, are you ready,
To worship the King.

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Song 2 *sung by choir and singers only*

There is love, there is love
From the Father above,
It's a love that is there,
for each person to share;
It's a love that endured,
On a cross all the pain,
It's the love of Jesus,
The Saviour who reigns.

Do we live with His love,
In our hearts day by day,
Do we walk by His side,
Every step of the way;
Have we love in our hearts,
When we speak to a friend,
So they'll know that Jesus,
Will care till the end.

Let this love be a sign,
Of the work that's begun,
In the heart of a child,
Of a life He has won,
God has shown us this love,
That by sending his son,
Showing Christ has Risen!
Thy will shall be done.

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The Second Reading *[Please sit]*

Hebrews 12: 1 – 10

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons:

‘My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,
because the Lord disciplines those he loves,
and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined – and everyone undergoes discipline – then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.

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

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 [308] *Sung by the choir only*
choir please note vs 2 & 3 have been omitted

Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down:
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am of that free love
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
here for a season then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

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The Collect of the Day

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice
and wickedness that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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

Final Hymn [159] *sung by the choir only*

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
Alleluia.

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed:
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluia.

On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:
Alleluia.

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee
Alleluia.

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Conclusion

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

***All* Jesus now lead on.**

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.

*Our thanks to Canon Muriel for leading our service of
Morning Prayer today*

***Thank you for joining with us.
Stay well, stay safe.***

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

*If you are not able to leave via the steps of the West
door, please tell the Churchwardens, and remain
seated until all have left, so you can safely leave via
the North door*

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

*Fantasia III in F from Libro Segundo 1649
by Johann Jakob Froberger 1616-67, Vienna.*

Services in April

18th 10.30am Holy Communion

with The Revd Roger Walker

22nd 10.30am BCP Holy Communion –

with The Revd George Butterworth

25th 10.30am Morning Prayer with Derek Hansen
followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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, all have been contacted and have confirmed that they wish to stand, as have the churchwardens and so, all will be nominated and seconded at the APCM.

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



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.



***Please pray for the Bible
Society work in Cameroons,
Africa***

May we give thanks that the Bible Society is translating a Bible for the Podoko community, who are known for their vibrant active faith, and running a literacy scheme teaching reading and writing.

Please pray for Christians being targeted in Niger, Nigeria, Chad, Burkina Faso and Mali; particularly for the Bible Society teams and the Christians they are serving.

Please also remember in your prayers the work of the missions that Christ Church supports:

