

# **WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH**

**Grafton Road BN11 1QY**



## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**The Third Sunday of Easter  
18<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**10.30am Holy Communion  
with The Revd Roger Walker**

***There is socially distanced prayer in the organ vestry every Sunday at 10 am for 15 minutes before the service - all are welcome to join us***

**TODAY**

**Epistle: Acts 3: 12 - 19**

**Gospel: Luke 24: 36b - 48**

**read by John H**

**Intercessions led by Elliott A**

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

Recercar Secondo (Libro Primo 1543)  
by Girolamo Cavazzoni ca. 1520-80  
Mantua and Venice.

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.**

# A Service of Holy Communion

## The Greeting *[Stand]*

The Lord be with you  
*All* and also with you.

## Hymn [606] *[Sit] Sung by the choir only*

*Choir please note that verses 2,3 & 5 have been omitted*

Thy hand, O God, has guided  
thy flock from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written  
full clear on every page;  
our fathers owned thy goodness,  
and we their deeds record,  
and both of this bear witness,  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely  
to guard the nation's life.  
Their gospel of redemption  
sin pardoned, man restored,  
was all in this enfolded  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave thy work undone;  
with thy right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won,  
and then by men and angels  
thy name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem,  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

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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:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;  
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,  
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,  
and with all thy strength.

This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

There is none 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]

**All** 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**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened  
the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained  
by his risen life and serve you continually  
in righteousness and truth;  
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]*

### Acts 3: 12 – 19

When Peter saw this, he said to them: ‘Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.

‘Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

***At the end the reader may say***

This is the word of the Lord.

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

# **WORSHIP SONGS** *[Please sit]*

*Sung by one or two singers and the choir only*

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.

Come, bow before him now,  
with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;

he burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight,  
our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place;

he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him,  
in faith receive from him.

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

## SONG 2

*Sung by one or two singers and the choir only*

He is Lord, he is Lord,  
he is risen from the dead and he is Lord.  
Every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.  
*Repeat*

*Unknown*

## Gospel Reading *[Please stand]*

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**Luke 24: 36b – 48**

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



While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.’

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, ‘Do you have anything here to eat?’ They gave him a

piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.'

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, 'This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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.*

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

## **HYMN [324] *[Sit]* Sung by the choir only**

*Choir, please note that vs 2 has been omitted*

Sweet Sacrament divine,  
hid in thine earthly home,  
lo, round thy lowly shrine,  
with suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise  
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
ark from the ocean's roar,  
within thy shelter blest  
soon may we reach the shore;  
save us, for still the tempest raves,  
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:  
sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,  
earth's light and jubilee,  
in thy far depths doth shine  
thy Godhead's majesty:  
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,  
that earthly joys may fade away:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

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## **Preparation of the Table**

***[Please stand]***

## **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.***

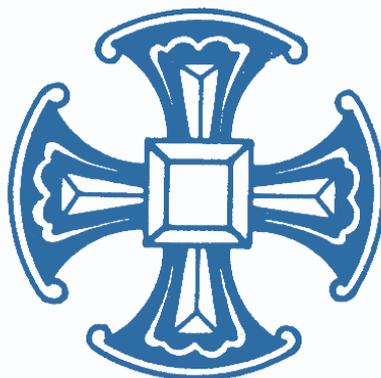
## Prayers after Communion *[Sit or Kneel]*

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, 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.



## Hymn [530]

*Sung by the choir only*

Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in His grace,  
and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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# The Dismissal

## 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 Roger Walker 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***

## Easter

Early that morning at the break of day  
Approaching the grave in fear and gloom  
Some women with spices made their way  
But sad were their thoughts upon their loss  
Of Jesus, their Lord who died on the cross

Nearing the tomb, it did appear  
To their startled gaze and intense fear  
The stone from the tomb was rolled away  
And only clothes were left where The Body lay

In fright and fear they stood distressed  
When angels in white to them addressed  
Words of great comfort and good cheer  
“Be not afraid, He is not here”

“Why do you seek Him in the grave?  
He now is risen, who is born to save  
All sinners seeking Him who lives  
And by His death their sins forgives

Remember how He told you, you would see  
Him and His friends in Galilee”  
Gleefully they went as told  
Their joyful news had made them bold

Almighty, victorious risen Lord  
May we, like them have our lives restored  
Trusting faithful let us be  
True servants of Him who set us free.

*Our thanks to Josephine N*

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*Revd David Renshaw is currently signed off sick. Our thoughts and prayers are with him at this time.*

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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 April

**22<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am BCP Holy Communion –**

with The Revd George Butterworth

**25<sup>th</sup> 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, 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

