

WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF SERVICE

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

27th June 2021

10.30am Morning Prayer led by Derek Hansen

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 15: 1 – 11

2nd Reading: Acts 27: 33 – 44 read by Val G

Intercessions led by Dorothy F

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

The Organ Voluntary after our service today is:

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in a late 18th century manuscript
in Church of the Ospedaletto, Venice*

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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 [413] *sung by the choir only- please
note that vs 3 & 4 have been omitted from the hymn book*

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, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
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 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

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]*

Deuteronomy 15: 1 – 11

At the end of every seven years, you must cancel debts. This is how it is to be done: every creditor shall cancel the loan he has made to his fellow Israelite. He shall not require payment from his fellow Israelite or brother, because the LORD's time for cancelling debts has been proclaimed. You may require payment from a foreigner, but you must cancel any debt your brother owes you. However, there should be no poor among you, for in the land the LORD your God is giving you to possess as your inheritance, he will richly bless you, if only you fully obey the LORD your God and are careful to follow all these commands I am giving you today. For the LORD your God will bless you as he has promised, and you will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. You will rule over many nations but none will rule over you.

If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your poor brother. Rather, be open-handed and freely lend him whatever he needs. Be careful not to harbour this wicked thought: 'The seventh year, the year for cancelling debts, is near,' so that you do not show ill will towards your needy brother and give him nothing. He may then appeal to the LORD against you, and you will be found guilty of sin. Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and

in everything you put your hand to. There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore, I command you to be open-handed towards your brothers and towards the poor and needy in your land.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Worship Songs *sung by the singers only*

Song 1

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because he's given

Jesus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because he's given

Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',

let the poor say, 'I am rich',

because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',

let the poor say, 'I am rich',

because of what the Lord has done for us.

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Song 2 *sung by the singers only*

Purify my heart,
let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
set apart for you, my master,
ready to do your will.*

Purify my heart,
cleans me from within and make me holy.
Purify my heart,
cleans me from my sin, deep within. *Refrain*

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The Second Reading

Acts 27: 33 – end

Just before dawn Paul urged them all to eat. 'For the last fourteen days,' he said, 'you have been in constant suspense and have gone without food – you haven't eaten anything. Now I urge you to take some food. You need it to survive. Not one of you will lose a single hair from his head.' After he said this, he took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat. They were all encouraged

and ate some food themselves. Altogether there were 276 of us on board. When they had eaten as much as they wanted, they lightened the ship by throwing the grain into the sea.

When daylight came, they did not recognise the land, but they saw a bay with a sandy beach, where they decided to run the ship aground if they could. Cutting loose the anchors, they left them in the sea and at the same time untied the ropes that held the rudders. Then they hoisted the foresail to the wind and made for the beach. But the ship struck a sand-bar and ran aground. The bow stuck fast and would not move, and the stern was broken to pieces by the pounding of the surf.

The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. But the centurion wanted to spare Paul's life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. The rest were to get there on planks or on other pieces of the ship. In this way everyone reached land safely.

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 [467] *Sung by the choir only – please note
that vs 3 & 5 have been omitted from the hymn book*

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

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The Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass
through things temporal that we lose not our hold on
things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our
Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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 [581] *sung by the choir only – please note
vs 2 & 3 have been omitted from the hymn book*

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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Conclusion

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

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.**

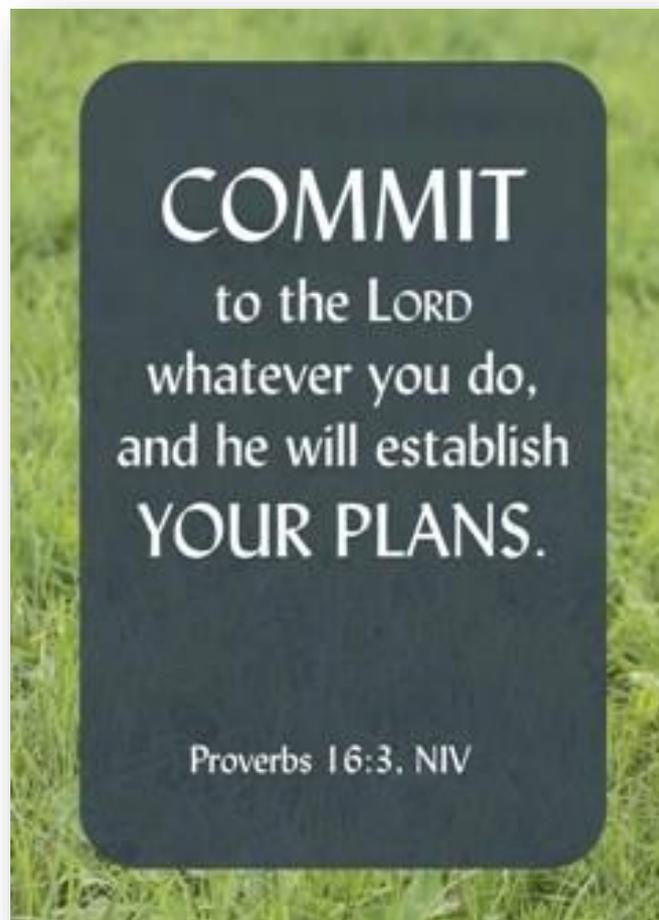
Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

*Our thanks to Derek Hansen
for leading our worship today.*



Those whom we know that are sick, troubled, lonely, recently bereaved and all in local nursing and care homes.



Services in July

- 4th 10.30am Holy Communion**
with Bishop Christopher Morgan
- 8th 10.30am BCP Holy Communion –**
with The Revd George Butterworth
- 11th 10.30am Morning Prayer**
with The Revd Canon Muriel Pargeter
- 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



Update on re-opening for coffee

Following the Government's announcement last Monday of the postponement of the full lifting of restrictions, the planned re-opening for coffee during the week will now not take place until **Tuesday 20th July.**

The PCC has now agreed to open again for **coffee from Tuesday 20th July, on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons,** Coffee and tea will be served between 10.30am and noon Tues and Weds, and 2.30 and 4pm Thurs.



Regrettably, as far as Sundays are concerned, there would be so many of us wanting to stop for coffee after services, we would be unable to maintain distancing, and also we are hoping to have work starting on the west end of the church at some time in the coming months, so refreshments can only be served at the east end, with waitress service only during the week.

