

WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH

Grafton Road BN11 1QY



ORDER OF SERVICE

**The Ninth Sunday after Trinity
1st August 2021**

**10.30am Holy Communion
with Archdeacon Chris Skilton**

**Epistle: Ephesians 4: 1 – 16 read by John B
Gospel: John 6: 24 - 35 read by Ken H
Intercessions led by Janine H**

*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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Ms LP 30, late 17th century, Madrid**

Dear Church family,

As you are aware, the legal requirement to wear a mask has been withdrawn by the Government. This means that we do not have to wear a mask in church, though obviously, many will still prefer to do so. We ask everyone to respect the wishes of all family members and ask that you continue to keep your distance from each other.

We are now able to sit where we wish, and ask that we all continue to keep our distance out of respect to others

Singing of hymns and worship songs is now permitted if people so wish, though again, this is left to everyone's personal preference.

Today we celebrate a service of communion; if you would still prefer to stay in your pew, the churchwardens will arrange for the bread to be brought to you.

Alternatively, you may wish to revert to coming to the communion rail, which again is fine for those who so wish.

For the moment, the wine will only be taken by the priest, but in time we will be able to share, but it will remain your decision if you wish to take the wine.

A Service of Holy Communion

The Greeting *[Stand]*

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Hymn [386] *Please stand to sing*

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord:
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight:
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower
O raise thou me heavenward,
great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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 you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind, and with all your strength.
This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:
You shall 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.**

Gloria in Excelsis **[Stand]**

All sing 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 God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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]

Ephesians 4: 1 – 16



As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

‘When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men.’

(What does 'he ascended' mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

At the end the reader may say

Here ends the first Lesson

All **Thanks be to God.**

WORSHIP SONGS *[Stand to sing]*

SONG 1

King of kings, majesty,
God of heaven living in me,
gentle Saviour, closest friend,
strong deliverer, beginning and end,
all within me falls at your throne.
Your majesty, I can but bow.
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve your majesty.

Earth and heav'n worship you,
love eternal, faithful and true,
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
brought this sinner near to your throne;
all within me cries out in praise.
Your majesty, I can but bow.
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve your majesty.

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SONG 2

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain. *Refrain*

When I stand in glory,
I will see his face.
And there I'll serve my King for ever,
in that Holy Place. *Refrain*

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Gospel Reading *[Remain standing]*

When the Gospel is announced the reader says
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John *[John 6: 24 – 35]*



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

Once the crowd realised that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, ‘Rabbi, when did you get here?’

Jesus answered, ‘I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but

because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.'

Then they asked him, 'What must we do to do the works God requires?'

Jesus answered, 'The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.'

So they asked him, 'What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: "He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus said to them, 'I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said, 'from now on give us this bread.'

Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All sing **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]*

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

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers for the sake of your
Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.



The Liturgy of the Sacrament *[Please stand]*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

We acknowledge each other with a sign of peace

OFFERTORY HYMN [324] *[Please stand to sing]*

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 peace,
dear home for every heart,
where restless yearnings cease
and sorrows all depart;
there in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery:
sweet Sacrament of peace.

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, let 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 of us, we pray,
that earthly joys may fade away;
sweet Sacrament divine.

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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

Please remain standing

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 singing;

All sing **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:

All sing **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:

All sing **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

All are welcome to come forward to receive the bread at the Communion rail.

If you would just like to receive a blessing, please carry your order of service with you to help the priest know your intention.

If you prefer to receive communion in your pew, the priest will come to you, please let the Churchwarden know as they pass slowly by.

Post Communion Prayer *[Sit or Kneel]*

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God:

in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

Final Hymn [453] *[Please stand to sing]*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
all I have needed thy hand has provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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The 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 Archdeacon Chris Skilton for leading
our service of Holy Communion today*

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Services in August

- 8th 10.30am Morning Prayer**
with The Revd Canon Muriel Pargeter
- 12th 10.30am BCP Holy Communion**
with The Revd George Butterworth
- 15th 10.30am Holy Communion**
with The Revd Roger Walker
- 22nd 10.30am Morning Prayer with Derek Hansen**
- 26th 10.30am BCP Holy Communion**
with The Revd Roger Walker
- 29th 10.30am Holy Communion**
with The Revd Roger Walker



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

Our **Parish Prayer Focus** is on
Saturday 7th August 10.45am - 11.15am
Please use the north entrance door –
ALL WELCOME!

Contact us:

Vicar:

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

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Coffee!.....



As the long-awaited works are not expected to start until approximately 2 months-time, and the restrictions have now eased, we are thrilled to be able once again to meet in fellowship after the service for a chat over a cuppa.

Please respect everyone's space at all times!

You are invited to come to the coffee serving table to collect your drink and a packet of biscuits, as you wish.

We would ask you then to move away to a seat or a pew, so we are not crowded and able to keep our distance at all times.

**We are open during the week for coffee, tea
and biscuits during the following hours:**

Tuesday and Wednesday 10.30am to 12 noon

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Thursday 2.30pm to 4pm