

WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF SERVICE

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

11th July 2021

**10.30am Morning Prayer
led by**

Revd Canon Muriel Pargeter

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 28: 1 – 14

**2nd Reading: Acts 28: 17 - end read by Dorothy F
Intercessions led by Elliott A**

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

**The Organ Voluntary after our service today is:
*Phantasia on the 7th Tone, possibly by
Jacob Paix, ca. 1556- 1616, Lauingen and
Neuburg an der Donau, South Germany***

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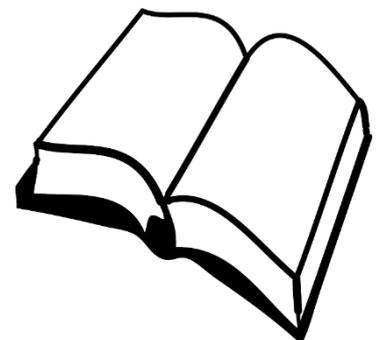
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A Service of Morning Prayer

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 [496] *sung by the choir only*

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us -
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

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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 28: 1 – 14

If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands that I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:

You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.

The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock – the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.

Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed.

You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.

The LORD will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven.

The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.

The LORD will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the LORD your God and walk in his ways. Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will fear you.

The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity – in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground – in the land he swore to your forefathers to give you.

The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them.

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

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone – who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied,
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Song 2 *sung by the singers only*

Let us walk in the steps of the Master,
It's the safest place to be;
Let us walk in the steps of the Master,
That's his call to you and me.

Let us trust in the words of his promise,
For our work is to love in his name;
Let us show by our lives and our witness,
He's the Lord and the Saviour who reigns.

Let us walk in the steps of the Master,
Taking courage and strength each day;
Let us walk in the steps of the Master,
He's the life the truth the way.

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The Second Reading

Acts 28: 17 – end

Three days later he called together the leaders of the Jews. When they had assembled, Paul said to them: 'My brothers, although I have done nothing against our people or against the customs of our ancestors, I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans. They examined me and wanted to release me, because I was not guilty of any crime deserving death. But when the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar - not that I had any charge to bring against my own people. For this reason I have asked to see you and talk with you. It is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain.'

They replied, 'We have not received any letters from Judea concerning you, and none of your brothers who have come from there has reported or said anything bad about you. But we want to hear what your views are, for we know that people everywhere are talking against this sect.'

They arranged to meet Paul on a certain day, and came in even larger numbers to the place where he was

staying. From morning till evening, he explained and declared to them the kingdom of God and tried to convince them about Jesus from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets. Some were convinced by what he said, but others would not believe. They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: ‘The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your forefathers when he said through Isaiah the prophet:

“Go to this people and say,
‘You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.’
For this people’s heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.
Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.”

‘Therefore I want you to know that God’s salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!’

For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 [413] *Sung by the choir only*

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walkedst on the foaming deep
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit who didst brood
upon the waters dark and rude,
and bid their angry tumult cease
and give for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe
protect them wheresoe'er they go:
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

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

God is working his purpose out,
as year succeeds to year:
God is working his purpose out,
and the time is drawing near:
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God,
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west,
wherever feet have trod,
by the mouth of many messengers
goes forth the voice of God:
'Give ear to me ye continents,
ye isles give ear to me,
that the earth may be filled
with the glory of God,
as the waters cover the sea'.

All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed:
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God,
as the waters cover the sea.

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Conclusion

Creator God, you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you
in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Revd Canon Muriel Pargeter
for leading our worship today*



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

Services in July

- 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

The PCC will soon, in the light of the latest Government guidance, hope to agree on the opening for coffee and fellowship after Sunday services and during the week from 25th July. We are advised to proceed with caution, and ask all to be sensitive to the vulnerability of our congregation, respecting space and continuing good hand hygiene.