

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



# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

**25<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**10.30am Morning Prayer  
led by Derek Hansen**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42 - end  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 6: 1 - 21 read by Ann P  
Intercessions led by Dorothy F**

***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:  
*Capriccio in F by G. F. Handel 1685 – 1759***

***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As you are aware, the legal requirement to wear a mask has been withdrawn by the Government.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.

**When 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.**

**Whether the communion cup is shared will be the decision of each priest presiding, and it is your decision if you wish to take the wine.**

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

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## A Service of Morning Prayer

### Preparation *Please stand*

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 [455] *Please stand to sing***

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever sing to thee,  
I will ever sing to thee.

## 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.**

## CONFESSIO *[Please sit or kneel]*

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  
cleans 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.**

# **BLESS THE LORD**

*[Please stand to sing]*

*(Metre 66 66 88)*

**1. Bless now your fathers' God  
And praise his glorious name:  
Within heaven's holiest place  
His wondrous works proclaim.  
With angel hosts eternally  
Lift up your hearts to him on high.**

**2. Between the cherubim  
From heavenly realms above  
He scans the depths of space,  
The God of power and love:  
With angel hosts eternally  
Lift up your hearts to him on high.**

**3. Upon his royal throne  
He reigns as Lord and King:  
To heaven's eternal heights  
Your loyal homage bring:  
To God the Holy Trinity  
Lift up your hearts eternally.**

## The First Reading *[Please sit]*

2 Kings 4: 42 – end

A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe corn, along with some ears of new corn. ‘Give it to the people to eat,’ Elisha said.

‘How can I set this before a hundred men?’ his servant asked.

But Elisha answered, ‘Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the LORD says: “They will eat and have some left over.” Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**      **Thanks be to God.**

## Worship Songs *Please stand to sing*

### Song 1

Majesty, worship his majesty,  
unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority  
flows from his throne unto his own,  
his anthem raise.



So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;  
magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship his majesty,  
Jesus who died, now glorified,  
King of all kings.

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## **Song 2**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you,  
hallelu, hallelujah!

*Hallelujah! hallelujah!*

*Hallelujah! Hallelu, hallelujah!*

You shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God,  
hallelu, hallelujah!

*Hallelujah! hallelujah!*

*Hallelujah! Hallelu, hallelujah!*

Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
seek and you shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you,  
hallelu, hallelujah.

*Hallelujah! hallelujah!*

*Hallelujah! Hallelu, hallelujah!*

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# The Second Reading

John 6: 1 – 21

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip, 'Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?' He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, 'Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!'

Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, 'Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?'

Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, 'Gather the pieces that are left over. Let

nothing be wasted.’ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, ‘Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.’ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed about three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified. But he said to them, ‘It is I; don’t be afraid.’ Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

*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** *[Please stand]*

**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 [411]

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.  
in deeper reverence, praise

In simple trust like theirs who heard  
beside the Syrian sea  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.  
rise up and follow thee

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!  
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm!  
O still, small voice of calm!

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## **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection,  
both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
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 [262]

Oh Lord, my God  
When I, in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand have made  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;  
*Refrain*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin  
*Refrain*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!  
*Refrain*

## **Conclusion**

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
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 Derek Hansen  
for leading our worship today*

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## Services in August

- 1<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion**  
with Archdeacon Chris Skilton
- 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Prayer**  
with The Revd Canon Muriel Pargeter
- 12<sup>th</sup> 10.30am BCP Holy Communion**  
with The Revd George Butterworth
- 15<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion**  
with The Revd Roger Walker
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am Morning Prayer** with Derek Hansen
- 26<sup>th</sup> 10.30am BCP Holy Communion**  
with The Revd Roger Walker
- 29<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion**  
with The Revd Roger Walker



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

## 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 will be open during the week again for coffee, tea and biscuits during the following hours:**

**Tuesday and Wednesday 10.30am to 12 noon  
&  
Thursday 2.30pm to 4pm**

A member of our church family has sent us part of a letter he received from a friend that he wanted to share:

" You are right in thinking I have been fortunate enough to have had a lot of encouragement in the past which has helped me to retain a positive attitude - even in difficult circumstances, such as those in which I find myself at present.

However, even deeper and more important to me is my Christian faith and belief in God's merciful judgement, which remains rock solid"

