

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



# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

**8<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**10.30am Morning Prayer**

**led by Revd Canon Muriel Pargeter**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**

**Song of Solomon 8: 5 – 7 read by Tony S**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:**

**2 Corinthians 9: 6 – 15 read by Elliott A**

**Intercessions led by Ken H**

***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:  
*Sonata 39 by Domenico Puccini 1772:1815, Lucca***

***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As you are aware, the legal requirement to wear a mask has been withdrawn by the Government.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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## 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 [587]

The God of love my shepherd is,  
And He that doth me feed;  
While He is mine and I am His,  
What can I want or need?

He leads me to the tender grass,  
Where I both feed and rest;  
Then to the streams that gently pass:  
In both I have the best.

Or if I stray, He doth convert,  
And bring my mind in frame,  
And all this not for my desert,  
But for His holy name.

Yea, in death's shady black abode  
Well may I walk, not fear;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
To guard, Thy staff to bear.

Surely Thy sweet and wondrous love  
Shall measure all my days;  
And as it never shall remove  
So neither shall my praise.

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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.**

## 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  
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.**

# **BLESS THE LORD (Tune 493) *[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.**

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## The First Reading *[Please sit]*

### Song of Solomon 8: 5 – 7

Who is this coming up from the wilderness  
leaning on her beloved?

Under the apple tree I roused you;  
there your mother conceived you,  
there she who was in labour gave you birth.  
Place me like a seal over your heart,  
like a seal on your arm;  
for love is as strong as death,  
its jealousy unyielding as the grave.  
It burns like blazing fire,  
like a mighty flame.  
Many waters cannot quench love;  
rivers cannot sweep it away.  
If one were to give  
all the wealth of his house for love,  
it would be utterly scorned.

*At the end the reader may say:*

*All* Here ends the First Lesson  
**Thanks be to God.**





# **Worship Songs** *Please stand to sing*

## **Song 1**

A new commandment  
I give unto you:  
that you love one another  
as I have loved you,  
that you love one another  
as I have loved you.  
By this shall all men know  
that you are my disciples  
if you have love for one another.  
By this shall all men know  
that you are my disciples  
if you have love for one another.

*Unknown*

## **Song 2**

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.

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## **The Second Reading**

### **2 Corinthians 9: 6 – 15**

Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound in you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

‘He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor;  
his righteousness endures for ever.’

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the God’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

*At the end the reader may say:*

Here ends the Second lesson

*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 [467] *Please stand to sing*

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his 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.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place;  
my never-failing Treasury filled  
with boundless stores of grace.

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

Weak is the effort of my heart  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

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

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
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 [311]**

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead.  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia, alleluia  
thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia, alleluia  
we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain.

Alleluia. Alleluia  
cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly manna,  
stricken rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died.

Alleluia, alleluia  
risen, ascended, glorified!

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## **Conclusion**

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his  
disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
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***

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***Please do stay for coffee and a chat!***



## **Services in August**

- 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!.....is available after the service.**

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**

**&**

**Thursday 2.30pm to 4pm**



You may not be aware, but Chris Hare has recently completed some extensive work involving research into the life and ministry of Revd Francis Cruse, Christ Church's longest serving vicar...

Francis Cruse was Christ Church's longest serving vicar, 27 years, from 1864 - 1891. His incumbency spanned a period of unprecedented growth in the history of Worthing, with the population doubling in those years to reach 16,000. As well as having far more parishioners to minister to, Cruse suffered personal loss and grief, and periods of prolonged ill-health. Yet he did not lose heart and remained constant in his faith. He was a great advocate of the temperance cause and a strong believer in the equality of all races.

In 1884, Cruse endured his greatest test when the town was beset by rioting that became so serious that armed dragoons with drawn sabres were called in to clear the streets. That the conflict arose from a religious source, namely the presence of the Salvation Army in Worthing, was a source of much pain and soul-searching on Cruse's part. These riots have been written about on many occasions, but not through the eyes of a man's whose parish was at the epicentre of the disturbances.

***The book is available from Chris Hare, price £5 – email him at [chris.hare@southdownssociety.org.uk](mailto:chris.hare@southdownssociety.org.uk)***

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