

**WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH**  
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# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

**23rd January 2022**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 11 - 15 *read by Pat B***  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 3 John 1: 5 - 8 *read by Ann P***  
**Intercessions *led by Steven L***

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

**The Organ Voluntary after our service today is:  
*Segundo Tento do Oitavo Tom (1620) by Manuel  
Rodrigues Coelho ca. 1555-1635, Lisbon***

*Cover picture taken of Worthing beach at sunset January 2022*

# **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 [2]**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee:  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine;  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiancy divine;  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

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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** *[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]***

**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]*

***Deuteronomy 30: 11 – 15***

Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, 'Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so that we may obey it?' Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, 'Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so that we may obey it?' No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so that you may obey it.

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.

*At the end the reader may say:*

Here ends the First Lesson

***All* Thanks be to God.**

# Worship Songs *Please stand to sing*

## Song 1

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.

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

## Song 2

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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## The Second Reading

### **3 John 1, 5 – 8**

Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you. They have told the church about your love. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. It was for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans. We ought therefore to show hospitality to such men so that we may work together for the truth.

*At the end the reader may say:*

Here ends the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 [490]

*Choir please note vs 2 is omitted from the hymn book*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns  
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all the sons of want are blest.

To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like incense shall arise  
with every morning sacrifice.

Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs again  
and earth repeat the loud 'Amen!'

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## The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and  
miracles the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty  
power; 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 [534] [HTC 219]

*Choir please note vs 2&4 are omitted from the hymn book*

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean,  
his blood availed for me.

Hear him ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb  
your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
and leap ye lame for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
and spread through all the earth abroad,  
the honours of thy name.

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## Conclusion

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in 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 service of Morning Prayer today*

***Please stay for coffee and a chat after the service!  
Seats are available in the organ vestry or pews  
whilst the work is being carried out in the west end!***

Please.....



the sick, the lonely, the recently bereaved and all in local nursing and care homes.

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*If you have any small unwrapped gifts for us to save for Christmas bags to be donated this Christmas for charity at the Carol Service this year on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022 please hand them to one of the admin team, thank you!*



## Services in January



**27<sup>th</sup> 10.30am BCP Holy Communion**

with Revd Nancy Ford

**30<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion**

with Revd Maurice Slattery

## Taxi service to church

Those who are unable to get to church can always call Arrow Cabs for a taxi.



If you would like to come in a taxi, we have an account with them, but you will need to ask Lorraine or Sylvia or Joan the account name and the password.



This will then enable you to come to church without paying, so you don't have to worry about finding change on the morning or evening of travel.

Then those who wish to pay merely put their contribution into an envelope with the collection on a Sunday and mark it 'TAXI'

Please do remember though, the taxi firm need to get a car to you, pick you up and drive you to church, so please phone them a reasonable amount of time before you need the taxi!



# CHRIST CHURCH WORTHING Services and Events...



**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March & 9<sup>th</sup> April**  
**12 noon – 1.30pm**

Lent Lunches – Soup, a roll and fruit

**Mothing Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Morning Prayer with Derek Hansen and we welcome  
back Lydie Badcock from FSW,  
who will speak about the charity's work

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 12.30pm – 1.30pm**  
Yoko Ono Concert Pianist

**Christ Church Jubilee Market-**  
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June** *more details to follow!*

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 12.30pm to 1.30pm**  
Paul Gregory Classical guitarist/Cellist

**Sea Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July**  
Morning Prayer with Derek Hansen  
Donations for Mission to Seafarers

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 12.30pm to 1.30pm**  
Richard Bowen Classical and Jazz Guitarist

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 12.30pm to 1.30pm**  
John Collins' Organ Recital as part of the celebrations  
for Christ Church's 179<sup>th</sup> Anniversary