



# Christ Church Worthing ORDER OF SERVICE

29<sup>th</sup> May 2022

The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
celebrating The Ascension

**10.30am HOLY COMMUNION**  
with The Revd Yvonne Murphy

**Epistle: Acts 1: 1 – 11 read by John H**  
**Gospel: Luke 24: 44 - end read by Elliott A**  
**Intercessions led by Ken H**

**The Organ Voluntary after our Service today is:** *Chorale  
Prelude on the Ascensiontide hymn Nun freut euch, lieben  
Christen g'mein, anon in MS KN 208/1, Luneburg, 1652-56*

# A Service of Holy Communion

## The Greeting *[Stand]*

The Lord be with you  
*All* and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All* He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## Hymn [558]

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is thy health and salvation:  
all ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm,  
or when fainting, sustaineth!  
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,  
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly for aye we adore him!

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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 mind,  
and with all your soul, and with all your strength.  
This is the first and greatest 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**

**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

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with  
great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send  
your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the  
place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever.

*All:* Amen

## A prayer for Ukraine, Russia and peace

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth  
in a single peace. Let the design of your great love  
shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and  
give peace to Ukraine, peace among nations, and  
peace in our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:* Amen

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Epistle* **[Sit]**



**Acts 1: 1 – 11**

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that  
Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was  
taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through

the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

So when they met together they asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

***At the end the reader may say***

Here ends the Epistle.

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

## **WORSHIP SONG** [*Stand to sing*]

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,  
I've been born again in Jesus' name;  
and in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share his love as he told me to.

*He said, 'Freely, freely you have received,  
freely, freely give;  
go in my name and because you believe  
others will know that I live.'*

All power is given in Jesus' name,  
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name;  
and in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share his power as he told me to. *Refrain*

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## **Gospel Reading [Luke 24: 44 - end]** **[*Remain standing*]**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

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

He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was  
still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written  
about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the  
Psalms.'

Then he opened their minds so they could understand  
the Scriptures. He told them, 'This is what is written:



The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All sing* **Praise to you, O Christ.**



**Sermon**      **[Sit]**

***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 [172] *[Please stand to sing]***

*Choir - please note that vs 4 & 5 are omitted from the hymn book*

The head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now;  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords  
is his, is his by right,  
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
and heaven's eternal Light;

The joy all of all who dwell above,  
the joy of all below,  
to whom he manifests his love  
and grants his name to know.

The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him:  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.

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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.

***During the distribution hymns and anthems may  
be sung.***

**Agnus Dei** *is sung*

*Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us*

*Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
Have mercy on us*

*Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
Give us your peace.*

***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 you wish to receive communion as he approaches down the aisle.***

## **Post Communion Prayer *[Sit or Kneel]***

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through 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 [166] *[Please stand to sing]***

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

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne,  
hark how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love,  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease  
and all be prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres  
ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail,  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

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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 rest within you, and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Our thanks to The Revd Yvonne Murphy for leading  
our service of Holy Communion today*

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

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The peoples and leaders of Ukraine, Belarus & Russia, the sick, the lonely, the recently bereaved and all in local nursing and care homes.



May God, in his mercy, answer our prayer, soften the hearts of aggressors, and strengthen those who give aid to the victims of conflict and who work for the recovery of peace and freedom.

## **Pastoral and spiritual care**

In the absence of a resident vicar, family members may need to speak with one of the clergy who regularly visit us to lead our worship. If you would like to speak in confidence to a member of the clergy, please approach one of the churchwardens who will be happy to put you in touch.

The churchwardens are more than happy to speak to anyone on any other matters and the treasurer is always available to listen on any financial giving matters again, in complete confidence.



# 70 Years!



## Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup> Platinum Jubilee



There will be a celebration to mark our Queen's amazing rule after the Morning service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in church.

Bring your own packed lunch; tea, coffee and celebration cakes will be served.

*All are welcome!*



### **Christ Church Reordering:**

You will probably have noticed that the reordering is nearing completion. If anyone hasn't seen the work that has taken place, please ask Jan or John Bull and they will gladly show you. The PCC will soon be deciding on tables, chairs and other additions to make this into a welcoming space. If anyone would like to make a contribution towards the cost of the additional improvements, please speak in confidence to the Treasurer, Ken Hobbs.



## Services in June



**5<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion celebrating Pentecost** with The Revd Nancy Ford

*Following the service, the church family will celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with a bring your lunch party – tea, coffee biscuits and cake provided.*

**Evensong is cancelled this day**

**9<sup>th</sup> 10.30am BCP Holy Communion**  
with The Revd Yvonne Murphy

**12<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Prayer for Trinity Sunday**  
with Derek Hansen

**19<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion**  
with The Venerable Chris Skilton  
**6pm BCP Evensong**  
with The Revd Roger Walker

**23<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am BCP Holy Communion**  
with The Revd Maurice Slattery

**26<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Prayer** with Derek Hansen







## **Fund raising for Missions!**

The mission we are supporting this week is  
**Family Support Work.**

Please do come along for a chat over a cuppa  
Tuesday and Wednesday 10.30am – 12 noon  
and Thursdays 2.30 to 4pm.

Please note that all the money donated at coffee  
during the week will be sent to the mission of the  
week.

**A Celebration and  
Thanksgiving for  
the life and work  
of Ralph V Waters  
– Churchwarden,  
and Organist at  
Christ Church for**



**over 52 years is to be held at Christ Church on  
Saturday**

**2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 at 11am.**

**The service will be followed by a buffet lunch and  
an official dedication of the newly created ‘Waters’  
Hall’ in the west end, a project that was initiated  
by Ralph and members of the PCC.**

# CHRIST CHURCH WORTHING

## Services and Events...



**Wednesday 1st June 12.30pm – 1.30pm**

Yoko Ono Concert Pianist

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</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

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

Richard Bowen Classical and Jazz Guitarist

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

Pianist Ben Soloman

**Christ Church Jubilee Market-**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September *more details to follow!***

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</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

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

A Barbershop Quartet

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am**

A service of Holy Communion with the start of the  
Christmas Tree festival – **Let there be light!**

## CHRISTCHURCH FOODBANK

We at Christchurch now have a working relationship with Worthing Foodbank. This is run by volunteers at The Redeemer Church and is affiliated to the Trussell Trust. It is one of more than 1,200 foodbanks, staffed by volunteers, and working with the Trust to tackle food poverty and hunger in local communities across the UK.

Worthing Foodbank is not a drop-in centre. All the recipients are referred by outside agencies - care professionals such as health visitors, staff at schools and social workers; they identify people in crisis, and issue them with a food bank voucher entitling them to receive a food bank parcel of three days' nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food from their local food bank. This support is seen as a stop gap to provide support until a long-term plan is established by care agencies.

If you are able, please would you donate **anything from the list below** so the volunteers can assemble identical packages Also please check everything is "in date".

***Milk (Long Life), Fruit Juice (Long Life), Tinned Meat, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Fish, Tinned Soups, Cereal (small & Med) Pasta Sauce, Biscuits, Instant Mash, Tea Bags (40's & 80's)***

**We are now collecting toiletries for Foodbank clients also:**

***Deodorant, Shaving Foam, Toilet Rolls, Shampoo, Razor, Shower Gel, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Handwash***

***Washing up liquid, Feminine Hygiene***

**THANK YOU!**

## Donating for Ukraine:



*The UK Government has announced that it will match all donations made to the **DEC [Disasters Emergency Committee]** up to £25,000,000.*

*Donations can also be gift aided.*

**You can do this online at**

[www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal](http://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal)

**By Post:** *Please make your donation payable to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, PO Box 999, London EC3A 3AA.*

**At your local Post Office:** *Donations can also be made to DEC appeals at your local Post Office branch.*

### **DEC MEMBER CHARITIES:**

**Action Against Hunger; ActionAid;  
Age International; British Red Cross; CAFOD;  
Christian Aid; CARE; Concern;  
Oxfam; Plan;  
International Rescue Committee;  
Save; Tearfund; World Vision; Islamic Relief**

