

# Christ Church Worthing

## ORDER OF SERVICE



8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am

**MORNING PRAYER with Derek Hansen**

First Reading: Isaiah 49: 13 - 23

*read by John H*

Second Reading: Luke 12: 1 - 12

*read by Steven L*

*Intercessions led by Andrew E*

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

The Organ Voluntary after the service this morning is:  
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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.**

## **HYMN [127]** [*Please stand to sing*]

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord that I should boast  
save in the cross of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown!

His dying crimson like a robe,  
spreads o'er his body on the tree:  
then am I dead to all the globe,  
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

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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.

*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 – *Isaiah 49: 13 - 23*

*[Please sit]*

Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

But Zion said, 'The LORD has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me.'

'Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne?

Though she may forget, I will not forget you!

See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me. Your sons hasten back, and those who laid you waste depart from you.

Lift up your eyes and look around; all your sons gather and come to you. As surely as I live,' declares the LORD,

'you will wear them all as ornaments; you will put them on, like a bride. 'Though you were ruined and made desolate

and your land laid waste, now you will be too small for your people, and those who devoured you will be far away.

The children born during your bereavement will yet say in your hearing, "This place is too small for us; give us more space to live in." Then you will say in your heart,

"Who bore me these? I was bereaved and barren; I was exiled and rejected. Who brought these up? I was left all alone, but these – where have they come from?"

This is what the Sovereign LORD says:

'See, I will beckon to the Gentiles, I will lift up my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders.

Kings will be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. They will bow down before you with their faces to the ground; they will lick the dust at your feet.

Then you will know that I am the LORD;

those who hope in me will not be disappointed.'

*At the end the reader says:*

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

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

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 the cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied  
for ev'ry sin on him was laid:  
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine –  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

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

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## **The Second Reading - Luke 12: 1 - 12**

*[Please sit]*

Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: 'Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed or hidden that will not be made known. What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs. 'I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

'I tell you, whoever acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God. But he who disowns me before men will be disowned before the angels of God. And everyone who speaks a word



against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

‘When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.’

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

## **Sermon [Sit]**

*There follows a short time of quiet reflection before..*

### **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 [112] *Please stand to sing***

*Choir please note vs 2 has been omitted from the hymn book*

My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me;  
love to the loveless shown  
that they might lovely be:  
O who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew his way  
and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day hosannas to their King:  
Then 'crucify' is all their breath,  
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight:  
Sweet injuries! yet they at these  
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

They rise and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay!  
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,  
that he his foes, from thence might free.

In life, no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death, no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heaven was his home;  
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine!  
This is my Friend in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

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## **A prayer for Peace in the World**

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 among  
nations, and peace in our hearts, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **All Amen.**

## **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of  
faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to  
that which is before, we may run the way of your  
commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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.**

## **Offertory Hymn [368] *[Please stand to sing]***

*Choir note vs 4 is omitted from the hymn book*

All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour  
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

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## **Conclusion**

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.**

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given 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 service of Morning Prayer today**

*Please stay for coffee or tea and a chat after the service in Waters' Hall*

***Please see the September/October magazine for all details of services and events***

**Cod\* and Chip lunch on Saturday 14th October at 12.30pm.**

**\*Also available: Sausage and Chips or Veggie Burger and Chips.**

There is a sign-up list at the coffee server in Waters' Hall, please sign your name and preference of meal to be ordered.

***Please note the cost is £10 each, to include coffee or tea, please pay the treasurer TODAY at the latest!***

***if you are coming – non-refundable.***

*You are welcome to bring your own wine/beer. No spirits!*

# **Worship in Christ Church**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**10.30am on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays**

**MORNING PRAYER 10.30am on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays**

**BCP HOLY COMMUNION**

**10.30am on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays**

**EVENSONG 6pm on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays**

## **CHRIST CHURCH Events...**

**Rob Campkin & James Buckham, [Violinist & Pianist] 11th October 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

**The 'Inspired Instrumentalists' will perform on 8<sup>th</sup> November from 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

**Christ Church Christmas Mini Market will be held on Saturday 25th November from 10.30am to 12.30pm**

**This year's **Carol Service** will be on Sunday 17th December at 4pm.**

**Christ Church Christmas Tree Festival runs from 6<sup>th</sup> to the 31st December**

**Also, a full programme of events for 2024  
is being planned, including:**

**Yoko Ono and Clelia Iruzun** will play on one piano  
on **Tuesday 12th March 2024** from 12.30pm to  
1.30pm

**Richard Bowen** will play guitar on  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024** once again

**Zhanna** (*pianist*) and **Evelyn** (*clarinet or alto  
saxophone*) will perform on **Tuesday 9th July 2024**  
from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

*Keep your eyes posted on our website for more  
details as they are confirmed!*

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