

Christ Church Worthing

ORDER OF SERVICE



22nd October 2023

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am

MORNING PRAYER with Derek Hansen

First Reading: Isaiah 54: 1 - 14

read by Val G

Second Reading: Luke 13: 31 - end

read by Ann P

Intercessions led by John B

*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:
*A Fancie in D minor (My Lady Nevells Book no. 31)
by William Byrd ca. 1540-1623, Chapel Royal, London*

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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 [398] HTC 173 (tune 1) [Please stand to sing]

Choir please note vs 2 is omitted from the hymn book

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified: *Refrain*

Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love: *Refrain*

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*
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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 54: 1 – 14 [Please sit]

'Sing, O barren woman, you who never bore a child;
burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labour;
because more are the children of the desolate woman than
of her who has a husband,' says the LORD.

'Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains
wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen
your stakes.

For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.

‘Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood.

For your Maker is your husband – the LORD Almighty is his name – the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.

The LORD will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit – a wife who married young, only to be rejected,’ says your God.

‘For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you,’ says the LORD your Redeemer.

‘To me this is like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth.

So now I have sworn not to be angry with you, never to rebuke you again. Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,’ says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

‘O afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted, I will rebuild you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with sapphires. I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones. All your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be your children’s peace.

In righteousness you will be established: tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you.

At the end the reader says:

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

WORSHIP SONG [*Stand to sing*]

Faithful One, so unchanging,
Ageless One, you're my rock of peace.
Lord of all, I depend on you,
I call out to you again and again,
I call out to you again and again.
You are my rock in times of trouble,
you lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm your love is the anchor,
my hope is in you alone.

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The Second Reading - Luke 13: 31 – end [*Please sit*]

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, 'Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.' He replied, 'Go and tell that fox, "I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal." In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day – for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

'O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

Here ends the Second Lesson

All **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 [474] *Please stand to sing*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation,
pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East:
Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis.
Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope,
oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent
encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace
and justice could be experienced by all.

Spirit of the living God, Come afresh on your holy land.

Help your people to restore broken relationships.

Give them patience to break down barriers of suspicion and
mistrust; ability to discern personal prejudices and the
courage to overcome fear. Teach them to respect each
other's integrity and rights so that your kingdom may be
established on earth. For Jesus' sake. **All Amen**

Collect

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 [202] *[Please stand to sing]*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
all thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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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 light and our salvation: illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty may be changed into the
likeness of 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*

Worship in Christ Church in October

Thursday 26th October 10.30am

BCP HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 29th October 10.30am HOLY COMMUNION

CHRISTMAS MINI MARKET!

November 25th 10.30am to 12.30pm

Contributions will be gratefully received from now on.
Please would you hand them directly to the stall holders:

PAPERBACK BOOKS, DVDs and CDs

– Jonathan J and Tony S

FESTIVE FOODS – (Bought items only please!)

- Eve G and Grace S

GIFTS AND TOILETRIES - Sue C

CHRISTMAS STALL – Di A and Val G

BOTTLES – Chris and Alan D

(Preferably wrapped, and to the value of at least £2 please)

JEWELLERY – Anne W

RAFFLE PRIZES – Dorothy F and Sylvia A

***Bought Mince pies will be gratefully received
nearer the time! (Please make sure they have a
sell by date of at least mid-December/January)***

***LIVE MUSIC will be played throughout the event,
with mince pies and tea and coffee available***

Thank you!

Services for November and December

November

5 th	Holy Communion	10.30am
5 th	Evensong	6pm
9 th	Thursday BCP Holy Communion	10.30am
12 th	Morning Prayer [Remembrance Sunday]	10.30am
19 th	Holy Communion	10.30am
19 th	Evensong	6pm
23 rd	Thursday BCP Holy Communion	10.30am
26 th	Morning Prayer 'Celebration of Life'	10.30am

December

3 rd	Holy Communion [Advent Sunday]	10.30am
3 rd	Evensong	6pm
10 th	Morning Prayer	10.30am
14 th	Thursday BCP Holy Communion	10.30am
17 th	Holy Communion	10.30am
17 th	Christmas Carol Service	4pm
24 th	Morning Prayer	10.30am
24 th	Christmas Eve Midnight HC	11.30pm
25 th	Christmas Morning Holy Communion	10.30am
31 st	Holy Communion	10.30am

CHRIST CHURCH EVENTS 2023/4

8th November from 12.30pm to 1.30pm
The 'Inspired Instrumentalists'

Saturday 25th November from 10.30am to 12.30pm
Christ Church Christmas Mini Market

Sunday 17th December at 4pm. - **Carol Service**

6th to the 31st December
Christ Church Christmas Tree Festival

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

Tuesday 9th April 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm
Southdowns Folk Singers

Tuesday 14th May 2024 - from 12.30pm to 1.30pm
Richard Bowen - guitarist

Tuesday 11th June 2024 – from 12.30pm to 1.30pm
Brighton Guitar Quartet

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

Saturday 7th September 2024 from 10.30am to 2.30pm
Christ Church Autumn Fair

Tuesday 10th September 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm
Paul Gregory – Guitarist

Tuesday 24th September 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm
John Collins - Organist

In October 2024, we welcome back **Rob Campkin** (Violin)
and **James Buckham** (Piano), date to be confirmed

More to follow – keep your eyes on our website!

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