



# **WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH**

**Grafton Road**

**5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - All Saints Sunday**

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

**led by The Revd Maurice Slattery**

**Evensong this evening at 6pm  
will be led by The Revd Roger Walker**

**Epistle: 1 John 3: 1 - 3 read by Steven L**

**Gospel: Matthew 5: 1 - 12 read by Tony S**

**Intercessions led by Janine H**

***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 our Service today is:**

Tiento 67 Partido de dos triples, 6to Tono  
by Juan Baptista Cabanilles, 1644-1712, Valencia  
*(In memory and to give thanks for Nancy)*

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# A Service of Holy Communion

## The Greeting *[Stand]*

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

## **HYMN [232]** *[Please stand to sing]*

*Choir please note vs 2 3 & 6 are omitted from the hymn book*

For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who Thee by faith before the world confessed;  
Thy name, O Jesu, be forever blest.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo there breaks a still more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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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]

**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**

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age:  
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow  
their example with boldness and joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **Prayers 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**



# The Liturgy of the Word

## **Epistle [Sit] 1 John 3: 1 - 3**



See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be, has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Here ends the Epistle. **All Thanks be to God.**

## **Worship Song *Please stand to sing***

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord,  
and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness,  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.

Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory;  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.

Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

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## **Gospel Reading [Remain standing]**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew [Matthew 5: 1 - 12]

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



Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a  
mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and  
he began to teach them.

He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All sing Praise to you, O Christ.*

**Sermon [Sit]**

*A short period of silence is kept.*

**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.**





## **OFFERTORY HYMN [54] [*Please stand to sing*]**

I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,  
Should set His love upon the sons of men,  
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers,  
To bring them back, they know not how or when.  
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,  
When Bethl'hem's manger was His only home,  
And that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,  
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,  
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,  
Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,  
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,  
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,  
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,  
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,  
Or who can say how great the jubilation  
When every heart with love and joy is filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,  
And earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer:  
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King.

*CCLI 2765 William Young Fullerton 1857 - 1932*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament [*Please stand*]

## 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  
and wine at the Communion rail.***

*If you do not wish to take the wine, please walk back to your pew after you have taken the bread.*

***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]**

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen**

**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 [160] [Please stand to sing]**

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes, where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the Church with gladness,  
hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.*

## **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.**

***The Minister says***

Go in the peace of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Our thanks to The Revd Maurice Slattery for leading our  
service of Holy Communion today*

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

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# **Worship for November in Christ Church**

**5<sup>th</sup> Tonight 6pm Evensong**

**9<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Thursday BCP Holy Communion**

**12<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Prayer  
[Remembrance Sunday]**

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

**19<sup>th</sup> 6pm Evensong**

**23<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am Thursday BCP Holy Communion**

**26<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Prayer  
'Celebration of Life'**



# **CHRIST CHURCH EVENTS 2023/4**

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

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30am to 12.30pm  
**Christ Church Christmas Mini Market**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. - **Carol Service**

6<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> December - **Christmas Tree Festival**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm  
**Yoko Ono and Clelia Iruzun on one piano!**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm  
**Southdowns Folk Singers**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - from 12.30pm to 1.30pm  
**Richard Bowen - guitarist**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – from 12.30pm to 1.30pm  
**Brighton Guitar Quartet**

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

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024 from 10.30am to 2.30pm  
**Christ Church Autumn Fair**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm  
**Paul Gregory – Guitarist**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm  
**John Collins - Organist**

October 2024, **Rob Campkin (Violin) & James Buckham**  
(Piano), date to be confirmed

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm  
**The Inspired Instrumentalists**

**BCP Evensong – Service Order**

***Conducted by The Revd Roger Walker***

**Hymn 391** Blest are the pure in heart

**Confession etc.** (*see booklet*)

**Responses**

**Psalm 111** (*see next page*)

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Daniel 7: 1 – 18** *Reader: Roger W*

**Canticle – Magnificat** (*see separate sheet*)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 6: 17 – 31** *Reader: Roger W*

**Canticle – Nunc Dimittis** (*see separate sheet*)

***Creed, Responses, Collects*** (*see booklet*)

**Hymn 439** God be in my head

**Prayers** *led by John B*

**Hymn 482** Jerusalem the golden

***Sermon***

**Offertory Hymn 109** It is a thing most wonderful

***Blessing***

***Organ Voluntary***

*Voluntary in D by John Blow, ca 1649-1708,  
Westminster Abbey*

***Our thanks to The Revd Roger Walker  
for leading our service this evening***