

WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH

Grafton Road

4th February 2024

The Second Sunday before Lent



ORDER OF SERVICE

10.30am Holy Communion

led by The Revd Roger Walker

Epistle: Colossians 1: 15 - 20 read by John B

Gospel: John 1: 1 - 14 read by Steven L

Intercessions led by Dorothy F

***Evensong this evening at 6pm
will be led by The Revd Nancy Ford***

***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:

Cadenza and Fuga Septimi Toni

by Johann Albrechtsberger, 1736-1809, Vienna

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A Service of Holy Communion

The Greeting *[Stand]*

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

OPENING HYMN [380] *[Please stand to sing]* *[Choir please note Tune 1 HTC 172 – vs 1, 3 & 7 only]*

At the name of Jesus
ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed;

Surely, this Lord Jesus
shall return again
in his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

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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

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

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] Colossians 1: 15 - 20



He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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

Worship Songs *Please stand to sing*

Song 1

Abba, Father, let me be
yours and yours alone.
May my will for ever be
more and more your own.
Never let my heart grow cold,
never let me go.
Abba, Father, let me be
yours and yours alone.

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Song 2

Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes.
May now your love sweep this nation,
cause us, O Lord, to arise.
Give us a fresh understanding
of brotherly love that is real.
Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.

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Gospel Reading *[Remain standing]*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John *[John 1: 1 - 14]*

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



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.
We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who
came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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 [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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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 our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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 [250] [Please stand to sing]

Choir note vs 4,5 & 6 are omitted from the hymn book

All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!
thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:
*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice;
ye lights of evening find a voice: *Refrain*

Thou flowing water pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light: *Refrain*

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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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.**

The Minister says

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Our thanks to The Revd Roger Walker for leading our service of Holy Communion today

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

**AUSTERITY LENT LUNCHESES –
Saturday 17th February and Saturday 23rd
March from 12 noon to 1.30pm**
Raising funds for the Mission work at
Christ Church. Soup, a roll and fruit followed by tea,
coffee and biscuits. Suggested donation £5.

HYMNS AND SONGS:

If anyone would like to request a particular favourite hymn and or song, please write the name on a piece of paper and hand to one of the admin team:

Ann P or Janine H

Lunchtime Concert - 20th February
12.30pm to 1.30pm
Worthing U3A Recorder Consort

BCP Evensong – Service Order

Conducted by The Revd Nancy Ford

Hymn 478 In heavenly love abiding

Confession etc. (*see booklet*)

Responses

Psalm 65 (*see next page*)

1st Reading: Genesis 2: 4b - end *Reader: Nancy F*

Canticle – Magnificat (*see separate sheet*)

2nd Reading: Luke 8: 22 - 35 *Reader: Nancy F*

Canticle – Nunc Dimittis (*see separate sheet*)

Creed, Responses, Collects (*see booklet*)

Hymn 498 Let us with a gladsome mind

Prayers *led by John B*

Hymn 267 Thou whose almighty word

Sermon

Offertory Hymn 546 O worship the King all glorious above

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Ricercar 12 in C by Johann Steigleder, 1593-1635, Stuttgart

***Our thanks to The Revd Nancy Ford
for leading our service this evening***

Magnificat

1. My soul doth | magnify the | Lord : and my spirit hath re-|
joiced in | God my Saviour.
2. For he | hath re-| garded : the | lowliness | of his | hand-
maiden.
3. For be-|-hold, from | henceforth : all gene | rations shall | call
me | blessed.
4. For he that is mighty hath | magnified | me : and | holy | is his |
Name.
5. And his mercy is on | them that | fear him : through-| out all |
gene-| rations.
6. He hath shewèd | strength with his | arm : he hath scattered
the proud in the imagi-| nation | of their | hearts.
7. He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat : and hath ex-|
alted the | humble and | meek.
8. He hath filled the hungry with | good | things : and the rich he |
hath sent | empty a-| way.
9. He re-| membering his | mercy hath holpen his | servant |
Israel.
10. As he promised | to our | forefathers, Abraham | and his |
seed, for |ever. Glory be to the Father*, and | to the | Son : and |
to the | Holy | Ghost;
As it was in the beginning*, is now, and | ever | shall be : world
without | end. | A-| men.

Nunc Dimittis

1. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant de-| part in | peace : ac-|
cording | to thy | word.
2. For mine eyes have | seen : thy sal-| vation; which thou hast
prepared : before the | face of | all | people;
3. To be a light to | lighten the | Gentiles :and to be the | glory of
thy | people | Israel.
Glory be to the Father*, and | to the | Son :and | to the | Holy |
Ghost;
As it was in the b-| eginning*, is now, and | ever | shall be : world
without | end. | Amen.