

Christ Church Worthing

ORDER OF SERVICE



14th January 2024

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

10.30am

MORNING PRAYER with Derek Hansen

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1 - 5

read by Janet A

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 11 - end

read by Sally T

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 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 [609] [*Please stand to sing*]

To God be the glory, great things he has done,
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the earth hear his voice,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice:
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. **Refrain**

Great things he has taught us,
great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see. **Refrain**
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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 62: 1 - 5 [Please sit]

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch.

The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. You will be a crown of splendour in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married. As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

At the end the reader says:

Here ends the First Lesson

All Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP SONG [*Stand to sing*]

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain. **Refrain**

When I stand in glory,
I will see his face.
And there I'll serve my King for ever,
in that Holy Place. **Refrain**

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The Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 6: 11 - end *[Please sit]*

And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

“Everything is permissible for me,”—but not everything is beneficial. “Everything is permissible for me—but I will not be mastered by anything. “Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, but God will destroy them both.” The body is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.” But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually, sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honour God with your body.

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 [308] *Please stand to sing*

Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O, Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fighting and fears within, without
O, Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O, Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
because thy promise I believe,
O, Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O, Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O, Lamb of God, I come.

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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

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your
grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your
heavenly glory; 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 3 & 4 are 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.

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.**

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in 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

**Dorothy and family would like to thank the Christ Church family for their prayers and messages of sympathy at the sad loss of her husband Alan.
God bless you all.**