

WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH

Grafton Road

3rd March 2024

The Third Sunday of Lent



ORDER OF SERVICE

10.30am Holy Communion

led by The Venerable Chris Skilton

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 read by Dorothy F
Gospel: John 2: 13 - 22 read by Janine H
Intercessions led by Andrew E

This morning we welcome
Karen Hill, Diocesan President
of Mothers' Union who will talk



on the work of the charity, and if you wish, you can
donate your giving to Mothers' Union this morning by
writing 'MU' on the envelopes for the collection.

***Evensong this evening at 6pm
will be led by The Revd Maurice Slattery***

***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***

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A Service of Holy Communion

The Greeting *[Stand]*

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

OPENING 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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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.**

The Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but
first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he
was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of
the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and
peace; 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 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 Corinthians 1: 18 - 25

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.’

Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of

God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

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

Worship Song *Please stand to sing*

All heav'n declares
the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare
with the beauty of the Lord?
For ever he will be
the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee
and worship him alone.

I will proclaim
the glory of the risen Lord.
Who once was slain
to reconcile us to God.
For ever you will be
the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee
and worship you alone.

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Gospel Reading *[Remain standing]*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John *[John 2: 13 - 22]*

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



When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and

drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!' His disciples remembered that it is written: 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

Then the Jews demanded of him, 'What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?'

Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.'

The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?' But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

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.

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will speak of the work of the Mothers' Union
in our local area.***



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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 [466] *[Please stand to sing]*

How shall I sing that Majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir!
Thousands of thousands stand around
your throne, O God Most High;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise: but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears
while I thy footsteps trace:
a sound of God comes to my ears;
but they behold thy face.
I shall I fear be dark and cold;
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and take my part
with that celestial choir.
They sing because thou art their sun,
Lord send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun,
there alleluias be.

How great a being, Lord is thine
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
thou art a sea without a shore.
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore.
thy place is everywhere.

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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]*

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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 [598] *[Please stand to sing]*

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

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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 Venerable Chris Skilton for leading our
service of Holy Communion today*

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

The Organ Voluntary after our Service today is:
Voluntary 2 in F minor (Largo, Andante) by Maurice Greene
ca. 1695-1755, St. Paul's Cathedral and Chapel Royal, London

Coming soon....

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

South Downs 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

Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd June An Exhibition of Arts to include
Banners, Sculptures, paintings and photography 10.30am to 4.30pm

Services in March in Christ Church:

3rd

**10.30am Holy Communion
6pm Evensong**

10th

10.30am Morning Prayer

14th

10.30am BCP Holy Communion

17th

**10.30am Holy Communion
6pm Evensong**

24th

10.30am Morning Prayer

28th

7pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

29th

2pm Good Friday Reflection

31st

10.30am Easter Sunday Holy Communion



BCP Evensong – Service Order

Conducted by The Revd Maurice Slattery

Hymn 2 Christ whose glory fills the skies

Confession etc. *(see booklet)*

Responses

Psalm 11; 12 *(see next page)*

1st Reading: Exodus 5: 1 – 6.1 *Reader: Maurice S*

Canticle – Magnificat *(see separate sheet)*

2nd Reading: Matthew 10: 16 - 22 *Reader: Maurice S*

Canticle – Nunc Dimittis *(see separate sheet)*

Creed, Responses, Collects *(see booklet)*

Hymn 426 Firmly I believe and truly

Prayers *led by John B*

Hymn 480 In the cross of Christ I glory

Sermon

Offertory Hymn 556 Praise the Lord ye heavens adore him

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

*Pieno per l'organo 13 in C minor by Giovanni Martini
1706-84, Bologna*

***Our thanks to The Revd Maurice Slattery
for leading our service this evening***

PSALMS 11 & 12

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.