

Christ Church Worthing

ORDER OF SERVICE



11th February 2024

The Sunday next before Lent

10.30am

MORNING PRAYER with Derek Hansen

First Reading: Exodus 24: 12 - end
read by Ruth R

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3: 12 - end
read by Val G

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 [530]

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills
in this world, till the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

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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 – Exodus 24: 12 - end [Please sit]

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commands I have written for their instruction.'

Then Moses set out with Joshua his assistant, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. He said to the elders,

‘Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.’

When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

At the end the reader says:

Here ends the First Lesson

All Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP SONG [*Stand to sing*]

Meekness and majesty,
manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony,
the Man who is God.

Lord of eternity
dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility
and washes our feet.

*O what a mystery,
meekness and majesty.*

*Bow down and worship
for this is your God,
this is your God.*

Father's pure radiance,
perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience
to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life,
conquering through sacrifice,
and as they crucify
prays: 'Father, forgive.' *[Refrain]*

Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,
love indestructible
in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity,
stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity
to the heights of his throne. *[Refrain]*

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The Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 3: 12 - end
[Please sit]

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

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 [589] *Please stand to sing*

The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;

I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction, grace bestoweth:
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

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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 Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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 [376] *[Please stand to sing]*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all who hear, now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth; shieldeth thee gently from harm,
or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord - O let that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him!

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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.**

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory, 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

Christ Church Services in February

14th February 12.30am Ash Wednesday
Imposition of Ashes with Holy Communion



18th February 10.30am Holy Communion
6pm Evensong

22nd February 10.30am BCP Holy Communion

25th February 10.30am Morning Prayer

Our apologies, last time we gave details of services in February, we omitted the Evensong details! They are still on every 1st and 3rd Sunday evening at 6pm!

Welcoming!

We are looking for more people to welcome everyone who comes to church, especially for our services on Sundays. If you think you could be at the doors to welcome everyone who comes in, handing them a service booklet, a friendly word and a smile, then please talk to Ann P, and we can include you on our rota of welcomers. *Many thanks!*

Hymns and Worship Songs

Do you have a favourite Hymn or song that we haven't sung regularly? Please write the name of the hymn/song on a piece of paper and hand to Ann P. or email the admin team

on christchurchadmin@btinternet.com

and we will try to include it soon!

**AUSTERITY LENT LUNCHEES –
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.

WORTHING FOODBANK

Shopping list

If you would like to help, please buy one or more of these items and
bring it to church. Please check it is “in date”

Milk (Long Life)
Fruit Juice (Long Life)
Tinned Meat
Tinned Vegetables
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Rice Pudding
Tinned Fish
Tinned Soups
Cereal (small & Med)
Pasta Sauce
Biscuits
Instant Mash
Tea Bags (40's & 80's)

**Also, toiletries and other
essential items are
needed:**

Deodorant
Shaving Foam
Toilet Rolls
Shampoo
Shower Gel
Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Razor
Handwash
Washing up liquid
Feminine Hygiene

CHRIST CHURCH EVENTS 2024

Tuesday 20th February 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm
Worthing U3E Recorder Group *plus guest singer and pianist*

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 & photography 10.30am to 4.30pm

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

Tuesday 13th August 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm
Serenata Jazz Group

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

Tuesday 8th October 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm
Rob Campkin (Violin) and **James Buckham** (Piano)

Tuesday 19th November 2024 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm
The Inspired Instrumentalists

Saturday 23rd November Christmas Mini Market
– 10.30am to 12.30pm