

# WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH

Grafton Road

18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

The First Sunday of Lent



## ORDER OF SERVICE

10.30am Holy Communion

led by The Revd Maurice Slattery

Epistle: 1 Peter 3: 18 - end read by Tony S

Gospel: Mark 1: 9 - 15 read by Janine H

Intercessions led by John B

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

*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:**

*Hymnus Christe qui lux es et dies*

*[Tabulatura Nova Part IU, 1624]*

*by Samuel Scheidt, 1587 – 1654, Halle*

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# A Service of Holy Communion

## The Greeting *[Stand]*

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

## OPENING HYMN [411] *[Please stand to sing]*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways:  
reclothe us in our rightful mind;  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity  
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire,  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.

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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 Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 Peter 3: 18 – 22**



For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolises

baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience towards God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand – with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

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

## **Worship Songs** *Please stand to sing*

### **Song 1**

To be in your presence,  
to sit at your feet,  
where your love surrounds me,  
and makes me complete.

*This is my desire,  
O Lord, this is my desire.  
This is my desire,  
O Lord, this is my desire.*

To rest in your presence,  
not rushing away,  
to cherish each moment,  
here would I stay. *Refrain*

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### **Song 2**

Jesus, name above all names,  
beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord;  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark [Mark 1: 9 - 15]

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



At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, and he was in the desert for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!'

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 [324] [Please stand to sing]**

Sweet Sacrament divine,  
hid in thine earthly home,  
lo, round thy lowly shrine,  
with suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise  
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
dear home for every heart,  
where restless yearnings cease,  
and sorrows all depart;  
there in thine ear all trustfully  
we tell our tale of misery:  
sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
ark from the ocean's roar,  
within thy shelter blest  
soon may we reach the shore;  
save us, for still the tempest raves,  
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:  
sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,  
earth's light and jubilee,  
in thy far depths doth shine  
thy Godhead's majesty;  
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,  
that earthly joys may fade away:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

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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]**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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 [89] [Please stand to sing]**

*Choir please note vs 3 has been omitted from the hymn book*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

These though we bring him in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name.

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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 Maurice Slattery 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 LUNCH**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 - 20<sup>th</sup> February**

12.30pm to 1.30pm

**Worthing U3A Recorder Consort**

**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

**South Downs 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**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> & Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** An Exhibition of Arts to include Banners, Sculptures, paintings & photography 10.30am to 4.30pm

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024** from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

**Zhanna** (*pianist*) and **Evelyn** (*clarinet or alto saxophone*)

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024** from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

**Serenata Jazz Group**

**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

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024** from 12.30pm to 1.30pm

**Rob Campkin** (Violin) and **James Buckham** (Piano)

**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 96** Jesu, lover of my soul

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

**Responses**

**Psalm 119 [17-32]** (*see next page*)

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3. 1-7** *Reader: Roger W*

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 13: 31 - end** *Reader: Roger W*

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

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

**Hymn 95** Forty days and forty nights

**Prayers** *led by Dorothy F*

**Hymn 97** Lord Jesus think on me

***Sermon***

**Offertory Hymn 98** Lord teach us how to pray aright

***Blessing***

***Organ Voluntary***

*Christe qui lux es et dies, 4 verses,  
anonymous 16<sup>th</sup> century, England*

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

***PSALM 119 – 17 - 32***

## **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.