

WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH

Grafton Road

7th April 2024

The Second Sunday of Easter



ORDER OF SERVICE

10.30am Holy Communion

led by The Venerable Luke Irvine-Capel

Epistle: Acts 4: 32 - 35 read by Kerry

Gospel: John 20: 19 - 31 read by John H

Intercessions led by Janine H

***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:
Terceiro Tento do Quarto Tom [1620]
by Manuel Rodrigues Coelho ca. 1555-1635, Elvas & Lisbon

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A Service of Holy Communion

The Greeting *[Stand]*

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN [208] *[Please stand to sing]* *Choir please note Part 2 + Doxology*

Christ in made the sure foundation
Christ the Head and corner-stone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

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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 Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **All Amen.**

PLEASE SIT OR KNEEL TO PRAY

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] Acts 4: 32 - 35



All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

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

Worship Song *Please stand to sing*

Majesty, worship his majesty,
unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
flows from his throne unto his own,
his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;
magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.

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Gospel Reading [Remain standing]

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John [*John 20: 19 - 31*]



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

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe^[b] that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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 have now reverted to our custom of greeting each other face to face as a sign of peace for those who wish to.

Please also be aware of those who would rather not shake hands, or prefer to sit in prayer

OFFERTORY HYMN [174] *[Please stand to sing]*

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breath on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breath on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breath on me, Breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

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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 our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **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 [496] *[Please stand to sing]*

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

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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. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Our thanks to The Venerable Luke Irvine-Capel for leading
our service of Holy Communion*

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

Notice!

Those of you who have kindly offered to help with the printing of the service booklets on the photocopier are asked to meet with Jan and Ann about 15 minutes after the service ends, when they will give you a brief training session! Full support will always be given.

Services in April in Christ Church:

- 11th 10.30am BCP Holy Communion
14th 10.30am Morning Prayer
21st 10.30am Holy Communion
6.00pm Evensong
25th 10.30am BCP Holy Communion
28th 10.30am Morning Prayer

Christ Church Events coming up soon!

THIS WEEK !

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

BCP EVENSONG – Service Order

Conducted by The Revd Roger Walker

Hymn 150 Love's redeeming work is done

Confession etc. (*see booklet*)

Responses

Psalm 85 (*see next page*)

1st Reading: Genesis 3: 8 - 15 *Reader: Roger W*

Canticle – Magnificat (*see separate sheet*)

2nd Reading: Galatians 4: 1 - 5 *Reader: Roger W*

Canticle – Nunc Dimittis (*see separate sheet*)

Creed, Responses, Collects (*see booklet*)

Hymn 145 Good Christians all rejoice and sing

Prayers *led by John B*

Hymn 153 Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain

Sermon

Offertory Hymn 157 The day of resurrection

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Ricercar 8 in E [1624]

by Johann Steigleder 1583 – 1635, Stuttgart

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

PSALM 85

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.