

WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH

Grafton Road

17th March 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Lent



ORDER OF SERVICE

10.30am Holy Communion

led by The Revd Roger Walker

Epistle: Hebrews 5: 5 – 10 read by Steven L

Gospel: John 12: 20 - 33 read by Ruth R

Intercessions led by Tony S

***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***

The Organ Voluntary after our Service today is:
*Ricercare Quarto del Quarto Tono trasportato con 4 Fughe,
e Cantofermo (1641)
by Giovanni Salvatore ca. 1610-85, Naples*

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A Service of Holy Communion

The Greeting *[Stand]*

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

OPENING HYMN [521] *[Please stand to sing]*

Choir please note [Tune HTC 550]

May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling
all I do or say.

May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me,
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing –
this is victory.

May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.

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

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of
your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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.

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] Hebrews 5: 5 – 10

So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

‘You are my Son; today I have become your Father.’

And he says in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever, in the order of Melchizedek.’

During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could

save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

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

Worship Song *Please stand to sing*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you,
hallelu, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelu, hallelujah!

You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God,
hallelu, hallelujah!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you,
hallelu, hallelujah.

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Gospel Reading [Remain standing]

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John [John 12: 20 - 33]

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



Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. 'Sir,' they said, 'we would like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.

'Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.' The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Jesus said, 'This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.' He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

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 [497] [Please stand to sing]

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.
The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly:
the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.
The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but above all the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.

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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 Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. ***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 [455] *[Please stand to sing]*

Guide me O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
feed me now and evermore. *Repeat last line*

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer
be thou still my strength and shield. *Repeat last line*

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises, songs and praises
I will ever give to thee. *Repeat last line*

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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 Roger Walker for leading our service
of Holy Communion today*

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

Help needed!!

Are you able to give one afternoon or morning just once every three weeks to print off the service booklets on the photocopier?

Full training and support will be given.

If you fancy trying, please talk with Janine or Ann P

Services in March in Christ Church:

24th 10.30am Morning Prayer

**28th 7pm Maundy Thursday
Holy Communion**

29th 2pm Good Friday Reflection

**31st 10.30am Easter Sunday
Holy Communion**



Remaining Christ Church events coming up in 2024

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

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

BCP EVENSONG – Service Order

Conducted by The Revd Maurice Slattery

Hymn 253 For the beauty of the earth

Confession etc. (*see booklet*)

Responses

Psalm 34: 1 - 10 (*see next page*)

1st Reading: Exodus 7: 8 - 24 *Reader: Maurice S*

Canticle – Magnificat (*see separate sheet*)

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12 - end *Reader: Maurice S*

Canticle – Nunc Dimittis (*see separate sheet*)

Creed, Responses, Collects (*see booklet*)

Hymn 163 All hail the power of Jesu's name

Prayers *led by Dorothy F*

Hymn 413 Eternal Father strong to save

Sermon

Offertory Hymn 443 God is our strength and refuge

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

*Fuga 2 on D minor by Johann Vallade
ca. 1722-80, Ingolstadt*

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

PSALM 34: 1 - 10

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.