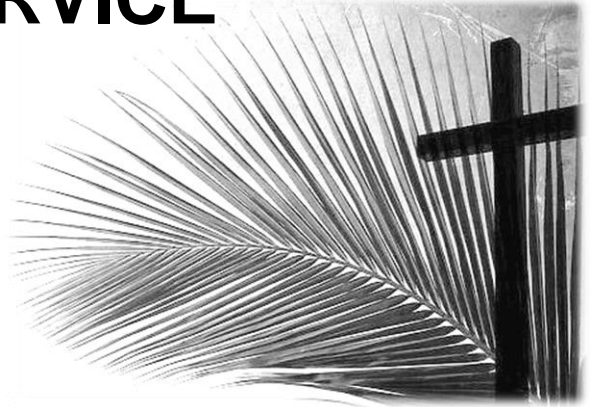




# Christ Church Worthing

## ORDER OF SERVICE

24th March 2024  
*Palm Sunday*



10.30am

**MORNING PRAYER with Derek Hansen**

**First Reading: Psalm 118: 19 – 29 read by Kerry**

**Second Reading: Mark 11: 1 - 11 read by Ann P**

**Intercessions led by Steven L**

*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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**DON'T FORGET!**

**Next Sunday,**

**Easter Sunday, the clocks spring forward an hour !!!**



*The Organ Voluntary after today's service will be  
'Entrada de Clarines antes de tocar Canciones  
Ms1357 p.48, 1706, Madrid'*

# A service of Morning Prayer for Palm Sunday

## Preparation

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**All Hosanna in the highest!**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**All and also with you.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*cf 1 Timothy 1.2*

*Please raise your palm crosses while we say the prayer together:*

**All. God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

## **The Greeting** *[Remain standing]*

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

## **HYMN [129]**

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

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road,  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
The last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
the Father on his sapphire throne  
awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain.  
then take, O God, thy power and reign.

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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 – Psalm 118: 19-29**

*[Please sit]*

Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.  
This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous  
may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.  
The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;  
the LORD has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
O LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.  
From the house of the LORD we bless you.  
The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us.  
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the  
horns of the altar.  
You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my  
God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is  
good; his love endures for ever.

*At the end the reader says:*

Here ends the First Lesson

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **WORSHIP SONG [*Stand to sing*]**

How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that he should give his only Son  
to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
the Father turns his face away,  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One  
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon his shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there  
until it was accomplished;  
his dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
but this I know with all my heart,

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## **The Second Reading – Mark 11: 1 – 11 [*Please sit*]**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.'

If anyone asks you, “Why are you doing this?” tell him, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.””

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, ‘What are you doing, untying that colt?’ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

‘Hosanna!’

‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’

‘Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!’

‘Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

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 [128]** *Please stand to sing*

*Choir vs 2, 7 & 8 have been omitted from the hymn book*

*All glory, laud, and honour  
to thee, Redeemer, King  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel  
thou David's royal Son  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and blessed one. *Refrain*

The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went:  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present:

To thee, before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise:  
to thee, now high exalted  
our melody we raise:

Thou didst accept their praises  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest  
thou good and gracious King.  
*All glory, laud, and honour  
to thee, Redeemer, King  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

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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. **All Amen**

## Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 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 [398] *[Please stand to sing]***

**HTC 173 (tune 1)**

*Choir please note vs 2 is omitted from the hymn book*

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified: *Refrain*

Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love: *Refrain*

So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

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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.**

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

**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*



## **NOTICES**

If anyone is able to help with photocopying, one morning or afternoon every three weeks, please see Ann P or Janine.

Full training will be given!

## **MANY THANKS!**

A message from Ken, the treasurer & churchwarden –  
“Many thanks for the kind donation made to the Christ Church Discretionary Fund recently. The Churchwarden decided to give this for the purchase of a well deserved and needed trolley for those who serve us with refreshments throughout the year!”

Val Grubb’s family would also like to thank the whole Christ Church family for the “Many kindnesses shown to them” after the death of our dear friend Val.

## **CHRIST CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH**

<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7pm BCP Holy Communion [Maundy Thursday]</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>2pm Good Friday Reflection</b>
<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>10.30am Holy Communion [Easter Sunday]</b>

# **CHRIST CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>      April      10.30am Holy Communion**

**6pm Evensong**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>   April      10.30am BCP Holy Communion**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>      April      10.30am Morning Prayer**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>   April      10.30am BCP Holy Communion**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>      April      10.30am Holy Communion**

**6pm Evensong**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>      April      10.30am Morning Prayer**



# Remaining Events in 2024

**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 and 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**