

**WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH**  
**Grafton Road BN11 1QY**



**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
***Maundy Thursday***

**28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**7pm Holy Communion**  
**with The Revd Roger Walker**



**TODAY:**

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 26 read by John B**

**Gospel: John 13: 1-17, 31b – 35**

**read by Dorothy F**

**Intercessions led by Janine H**

# A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

## The Greeting [Stand]

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

## Hymn [175]

Come down, O Love divine! seek thou this soul of mine  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity my outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long,  
shall far surpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

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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:

The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: '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 us, 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**

God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his death until he comes: may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Epistle *[Sit]*

### 1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 26

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## *Hymn [505]*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us,  
you are one with us, Mary's Son;  
cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
pouring your love and goodness in;  
Jesus, our love for you we sing, living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
now and every day  
teach us how to pray, Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
this in remembrance, Lord, of you  
into our lives your power breaks through, living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us,  
born as one of us, Mary's Son.  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free,  
living Lord Jesus, help us see you are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
I would come to you,  
live my life for you, Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
your many gifts will make me new,  
into my life your power breaks through, living Lord.

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## **Gospel Reading [*Please stand*]**

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according  
to **John** [ *John 13: 1 – 17, 31b – 35*]

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

It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel round his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his

disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped round him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?'

Jesus replied, 'You do not realise now what I am doing, but later you will understand.'

'No,' said Peter, 'you shall never wash my feet.'

Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.'

'Then, Lord,' Simon Peter replied, 'not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!'

Jesus answered, 'A person who has had a bath need only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.' For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' he asked them. 'You call me "Teacher" and "Lord", and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.'

When he was gone, Jesus said, 'Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in

him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

‘My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come.

‘A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***All sing Praise to you, O Christ.***

**Sermon *[Sit]***

***after which, a short period of silence is kept***

**The Creed *[Stand]***

***All 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 or kneel*]**

***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***

### **Hymn [322]**

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast,  
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,  
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be,  
O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me;  
deep in thy wounds, Lord,  
hide and shelter me,  
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,  
in death's dread moments  
make me only thine;  
call me and bid me come to thee on high  
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

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## **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**

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 saying

***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.

*[All sing]* Great is the mystery of faith:

**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

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 at the Communion rail.***

***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, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption, for you are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**  
***Silence is kept.***

***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.**





# The Dismissal

## Hymn [557]

*Vs 2 & 3 have been omitted from the hymn book*

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

And that a higher gift than grace  
should flesh and blood refine:  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he who smote  
in Man for man the foe,  
the double agony in Man  
for man should undergo:

And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

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## **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,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

***We all leave in silence***

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



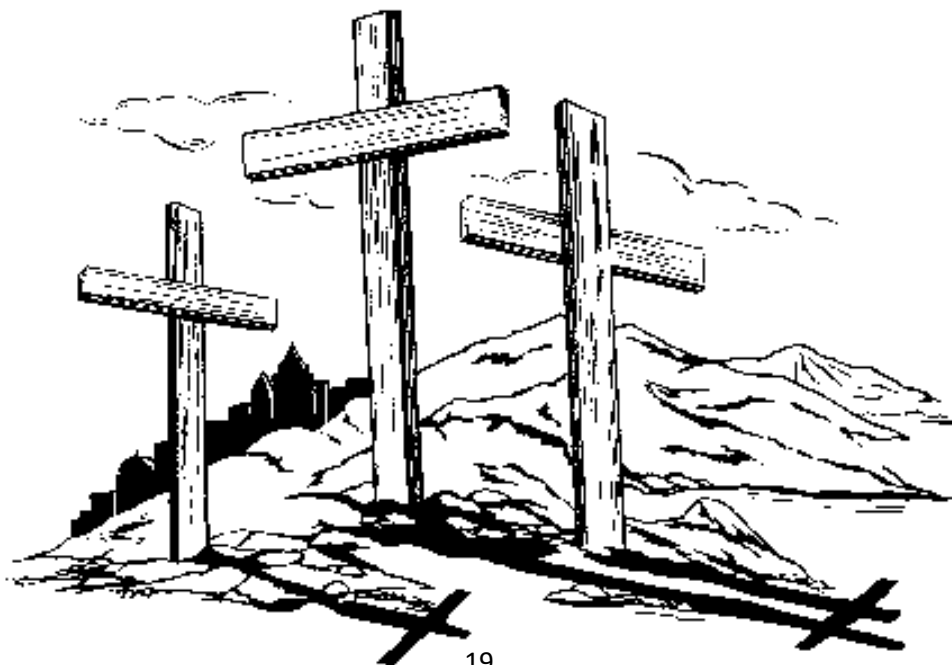
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# *Easter Week at Christ Church*

**29<sup>th</sup> 2pm Good Friday Reflection**  
with The Revd Yvonne Murphy

**31<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Easter Sunday Holy Communion**  
with The Venerable Chris Skilton



# CHRIST CHURCH EVENTS 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

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm - Cream/Savoury tea and quiz  
in Waters' Hall.

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**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Christmas Mini Market

10.30am to 12.30pm