



WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH

Grafton Road

31st March 2024

EASTER DAY

ORDER OF SERVICE

10.30am Holy Communion

led by The Venerable Chris Skilton



Epistle: Acts 10: 34 - 43 read by Sally T
Gospel: Mark 16: 1 - 8 read by Janine H
Intercessions led by Dorothy F

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:
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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 [147] *[Please stand to sing]*

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia,
our triumphant holy day; Alleluia,
who did once upon the cross; Alleluia,
suffer to redeem our loss; Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing; Alleluia,
unto Christ our heavenly king; Alleluia,
who endured the cross and grave; Alleluia,
sinners to redeem and save: Alleluia!

But the pains that he endured; Alleluia,
our salvation have procured; Alleluia,
now above the sky he's King; Alleluia,
where the angels ever sing: Alleluia!

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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

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **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 10: 34 - 43

Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – how God

anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

‘We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

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

Worship Song *Please stand to sing*

In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on the cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied
for ev'ry sin on him was laid:
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Gospel Reading [Remain standing]

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark [Mark 16: 1 - 8]

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



When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?'

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."'

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

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.**

Today, Easter Sunday, the PCC are introducing back our custom of shaking hands as a sign of peace – please do wander and greet one another if you feel able! Please also be aware of those who would rather sit in prayer

OFFERTORY HYMN [137] *[Please stand to sing]* *[Choir please note to the tune of 278]*

Alleluia, alleluia!
hearts to heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise;
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which with all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.



Christ is risen, we are risen,
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia, alleluia!
glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Saviour
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

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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]

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; 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 [160] [Please stand to sing]

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe to Jordan to thy home above:
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!*

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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

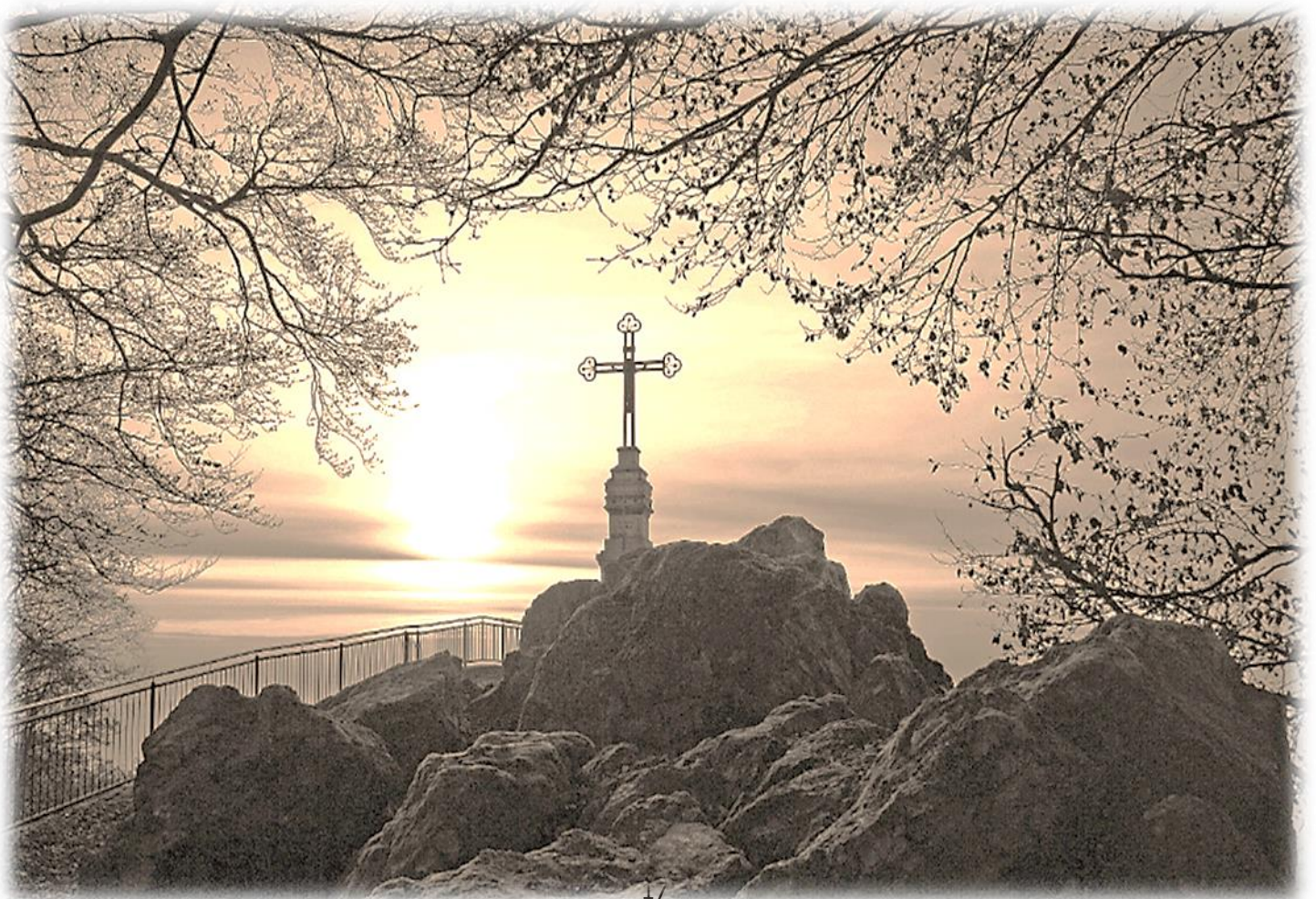
Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Our thanks to The Venerable Chris Skilton for leading our service of Holy Communion on Easter Day!

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

Wishing you and all those you love a Very Happy, Holy and Peaceful Easter!



Services in April
in Christ Church:

- 7th 10.30am Holy Communion**
6.00pm Evensong
- 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

Future events 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