



# Christ Church Worthing

## ORDER OF SERVICE

14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

The Third Sunday of Easter

10.30am

**MORNING PRAYER with Derek Hansen**

First Reading: Acts 3: 12 - 19 *read by Tony S*

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1 – 7 *read by Ann P*

*Intercessions led by Ruth R*

*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 the service this morning is:**

*Toccata 26 Octavi Toni*

*by Christian Erbach 1570-1635, Augsburg*

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# A Service of Morning Prayer

## Preparation *Please stand*

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

*All* **and also with you.**

O God, you summon the day to dawn,  
you teach the morning to waken the earth.  
For you the valleys shall sing for joy,  
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,  
the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.  
Your love and mercy shall last for ever,  
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

*All* **Great is your name.  
Great is your love.**

## **HYMN [166]**

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

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne,  
hark how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love,  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease  
and all be prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres  
ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail,  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

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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 – Acts 3: 12 – 19 [Please sit]**

When Peter saw this, he said to them: ‘Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him as you can all see.

‘Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

*At the end the reader says:*

Here ends the First Lesson

**All Thanks be to God.**

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

*Broken for me, broken for you,  
the body of Jesus, broken for you.*

He offered his body, he poured out his soul;  
Jesus was broken, that we might be whole. *Refrain*

Come to my table and with me dine;  
eat of my bread and drink of my wine. *Refrain*

This is my body given for you;  
eat it remembering I died for you. *Refrain*

This is my blood I shed for you,  
for your forgiveness, making you new. *Refrain*

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## **The Second Reading – 1 John 3: 1 - 7 [*Please sit*]**

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be, has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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 [432] *Please stand to sing***

From heaven you came helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours' he said. *Refrain*

Come see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nail surrendered. *Refrain*

So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.  
*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

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Music*

## ***PLEASE SIT OR KNEEL TO PRAY***

### **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. For Jesus' sake. **All Amen**

## **Collect**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 [435] *[Please stand to sing]***

*Choir to note vs 3 is omitted from the hymn book*

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God!  
He, whose word cannot be broken,  
formed thee for his own abode;  
On the Rock of ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
grace which, like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Zion's city,  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name;  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.

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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.**

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

**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*

## **Services in April in Christ Church:**

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

**6.30pm Evensong**

**25<sup>th</sup> 10.30am BCP Holy Communion**

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

# **Christ Church Events coming up in 2024**

**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**