

# WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH

Grafton Road

21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

**10.30am Holy Communion  
led by The Revd Ben Flenley**

**Epistle: Acts 4: 5 - 12 read by Ann P  
Gospel: John 10: 11 - 18 read by Janine H  
Intercessions led by Andrew E**

***Evensong this evening at 6pm  
will be led by The Revd Roger Walker***

***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:**

***Prelude and Fugue no. 7 in C (ca. 1787) by Charles Burney  
1726-1804, Kings Lynn, and Chelsea College, London***

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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 [478] *[Please stand to sing]*

In heavenly love abiding,  
no change my heart shall fear;  
and safe is such confiding  
for nothing changes here:  
the storm may roar without me,  
my heart may low be laid,  
but God is round about me  
and can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me,  
no want shall turn me back,  
my Shepherd is beside me  
and nothing can I lack:  
his wisdom ever waketh,  
his sight is never dim,  
he knows the way he taketh  
and I will walk with him.

Green pastures are before me,  
which yet I have not seen,  
bright skies will soon be o'er me  
where darkest clouds have been;  
my hope I cannot measure,  
my path to life is free,  
my Saviour has my treasure  
and he will walk with me.

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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**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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] Acts 4: 5 - 12**



The next day the rulers, elders and teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and other men of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: 'By what power or what name did you do this?'

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: 'Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: it is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone."

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.'

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

## **Worship Song** *Please stand to sing*

There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,  
for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain. *Refrain*

When I stand in glory,  
I will see his face.  
And there I'll serve my King for ever,  
in that Holy Place. *Refrain*

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## **Gospel Reading** *[Remain standing]*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John *[John 10: 11 - 18]*

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



'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also.

They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.’

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***

*The PCC have re- introduced our custom of shaking hands as a sign of peace – please do wander and greet one another if you feel able! **Please also respect those who would rather sit in prayer, or not shake hands***

## **OFFERTORY HYMN [467] *[Please stand to sing]***

*Choir, please note vs. 5 is omitted from the hymn book*

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!

It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary, rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding place,  
my never-failing treasury filled  
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King;  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.

Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath,  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

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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]**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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 [453] [Please stand to sing]**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be:  
*Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see,*  
*all I have needed thy hand has provided,*  
*great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love:  
*Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see,*  
*all I have needed thy hand has provided,*  
*great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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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 Revd Ben Flenley for leading our service  
of Holy Communion*

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



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

**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**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024** – 3pm onwards

**A Cream or Savoury Tea with Quiz**

**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**

*More events to follow from October onwards!*

**BCP EVENSONG – Service Order**

***Conducted by The Revd Roger Walker***

**Hymn 587** The God of love my shepherd is

**Confession etc.** (*see booklet*)

**Responses**

**Psalm 81: 8 - 16** (*see next page*)

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 16: 4 - 15** *Reader: Roger W*

**Canticle – Magnificat** (*see separate sheet*)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 2: 12 - 17** *Reader: Roger W*

**Canticle – Nunc Dimittis** (*see separate sheet*)

***Creed, Responses, Collects*** (*see booklet*)

**Hymn 492** Jesus where'er thy people meet

**Prayers** *led by Dorothy F*

**Hymn 427** For the healing of the nations

***Sermon***

**Offertory Hymn 612** We have a gospel to proclaim

***Blessing***

**Organ Voluntary**

*Voluntary in B flat (Largo - Fuga Allegro) Book 1 no. 9 by  
Starling Goodwin, ca1713-74, Southwark and Bermondsey.*

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

***PSALM 81: 8 - 16***

## **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.