

WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH

Grafton Road

5th May 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



ORDER OF SERVICE

10.30am Holy Communion and Baptismal service led by The Revd Peter Kane

**Epistle: Acts 10: 44 - end read by Tony S
Gospel: John 15: 9 - 17 read by Kerry
Intercessions led by Dorothy F**

***Evensong this evening at 6pm
will be led by The Revd Nancy Ford***

***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:
Gallardas de todo gusto de 1 Tono
by *Juan Batista Cabanilles, 1644-1712, Valencia***

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A Service of Holy Communion

The Greeting *[Stand]*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit

All Amen.

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

All and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN [474] *[Please stand to sing]*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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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

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

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

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.**



The Liturgy of the Word

Epistle [Sit] Acts 10: 44 - end

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, 'Can anyone keep these people from being baptised with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.' So he ordered that they be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

This is the word of the Lord. **All Thanks be to God.**

Worship Song *Please stand to sing*

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.

Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

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Gospel Reading [Remain standing]

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John [*John 15: 9 - 17*]



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

‘As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: love each other.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon [Sit]

A short period of silence is kept.



We are now all invited to move towards the font at the main entrance for

The Baptismal service

The President addresses the whole congregation:

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In Baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these children and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All: With the help of God, we will.

The president then says to the parent and godparent:

Parent and godparent, the Church receives these children with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith. Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In Baptism these children begin their journey in faith. You speak for them today. Will you care for them, and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

A copy of a Gospel is presented for each child,

with these words:

Receive these books. They are the good news of God's love. Take them as your guide.

The Decision

The President addresses the candidates through their parent and godparent:

In Baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

The president makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate, saying
Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

The president may invite parent and godparent to sign the candidates with the cross.

When both candidates have been signed, the president says

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All: Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All: Amen.

Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us. We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land. We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph. Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Send your Holy Spirit upon them, bring them to new birth in the household of faith and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Profession of Faith

The President addresses the congregation:

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these children the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Baptism

The president pours water on both children's foreheads, saying

I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All Amen.**

May God, who has received you by Baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **All: Amen.**

Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

N and *N*, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

***All* We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

The children are welcomed by the church family

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 Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

***All* And also with you.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament **[Please stand]**

OFFERTORY HYMN [305] *[Please stand to sing]*

[Choir. Tune St Botolph]

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

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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, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion

Jesus Christ, your risen Son,

has conquered the powers of death and hell

and restored in men and women the image of your
glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,

earth and heaven resound with gladness,

while angels and archangels and the powers of all
creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

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.**



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.*

Giving of Communion

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.
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 our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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 [513] *[Please stand to sing]*

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory;
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

The Blessing

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Giving of Lighted Candles

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**All Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the
Father.**

The Minister says

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Our thanks to The Revd Peter Kane for leading our service of
Holy Communion*

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



Services in May in Christ Church:

- 9th 10.30am BCP Holy Communion
- 12th 10.30am Morning Prayer
- 19th 10.30am Holy Communion [for Pentecost]
6.00pm Evensong
- 23rd 10.30am BCP Holy Communion
- 26th 10.30am Morning Prayer [Trinity Sunday]

Christ Church - Events coming up soon!

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

More events to follow from October onwards!

BCP EVENSONG – Service Order

Conducted by The Revd Nancy Ford

Hymn 525 Name of all majesty

Confession etc. *(see booklet)*

Responses

Psalm 45 *(see next page)*

1st Reading: Song of Solomon 4.16-5.2; 8.6-7

Reader: Nancy F

Canticle – Magnificat *(see separate sheet)*

2nd Reading: Revelation 3: 14 - end *Reader: Nancy F*

Canticle – Nunc Dimittis *(see separate sheet)*

Creed, Responses, Collects *(see booklet)*

Hymn 589 The King of love my shepherd is

Prayers *led by John B*

Hymn 10 Abide with me

Sermon

Offertory Hymn 516 Love divine, all loves excelling

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

*Fugue etc Caprice sur le mesme sujet no. 2 in G, 1660
by Francois Roberday, 1624-80, Paris*

***Our thanks to The Revd Nancy Ford
for leading our service this evening***

PSALM 45

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.