



# Christ Church Worthing

## ORDER OF SERVICE

26th May 2024 10.30am

Trinity Sunday

**MORNING PRAYER with Derek Hansen**

**First Reading: Proverbs 8:1 - 4, 22 - 31 read by Janine H**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 5 – 10 read by Ann P**

**Intercessions led by Andrew E**

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held  
immediately after this service**

*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:**

*In Nomine (Gloria Tibi Trinitas) no. IV*

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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 [202]

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee  
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
all thy works shall praise thy name  
in earth and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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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** *Proverbs 8, 1–4, 22-31 [Please sit]*

Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand; beside the gates leading into the city, at the entrance, she cries aloud:  
'To you, O men, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind. 'The LORD brought me forth as the first of his work,

before his deeds of old; I was appointed from eternity, from the beginning, before the world began.

When there were no oceans, I was given birth, when there were no springs abounding with water; before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth, before he made the earth or its fields or any of the dust of the world.

I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, when he gave the sea its boundary so that the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.

Then I was the craftsman at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in the mankind.

*At the end the reader says:*

Here ends the First Lesson

**All Thanks be to God.**

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

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you,  
hallelu, hallelujah!

*Hallelujah! hallelujah!*

*Hallelujah! Hallelu, hallelujah!*

You shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God,  
hallelu, hallelujah!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
seek and you shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you,  
hallelu, hallelujah.

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## **The Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13: 5 -end** *[Please sit]*

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realise that Christ Jesus is in you – unless, of course, you fail the test? And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test. Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong – not that people will see that we have stood the test, but that you do what is right even though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. We are glad whenever we are weak but you are strong; and our prayer is for your perfection. This is why I write these things when I am absent, that when I come I may not have to be harsh in my use of authority – the authority the Lord gave me for building you up, not for tearing you down.

Finally, brothers goodbye! Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints send their greetings.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 [521] *Please stand to sing***

*Choir please note [Tune HTC 550]*

May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power controlling  
all I do or say.



May the word of God dwell richly  
in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph  
only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father  
rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort  
sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me,  
as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self-abasing,  
this is victory.

May I run the race before me,  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus  
as I onward go.

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

### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your  
servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to  
acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the  
power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be  
defended from all adversities;  
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 [466] [*Please stand to sing*]**

How shall I sing that Majesty  
which angels do admire?  
Let dust in dust and silence lie;  
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir!  
Thousands of thousands stand around  
your throne, O God Most High;  
ten thousand times ten thousand sound  
thy praise: but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears  
while I thy footsteps trace:  
a sound of God comes to my ears;  
but they behold thy face.  
I shall I fear be dark and cold;  
with all my fire and light;  
yet when thou dost accept their gold,  
Lord, treasure up my mite.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,  
in flame it with love's fire;  
then shall I sing and take my part  
with that celestial choir.  
They sing because thou art their sun,  
Lord send a beam on me;  
for where heaven is but once begun,  
there alleluias be.

How great a being, Lord is thine  
which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line  
to sound so vast a deep.  
thou art a sea without a shore.  
a sun without a sphere;  
thy time is now and evermore.  
thy place is everywhere.

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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.**

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**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 our Annual Parochial Church meeting. Please grab a coffee or tea and sit in the pews, so we can start the meeting in good time. There will still be time to stay and chat over coffee etc after the meeting if you wish.***

### **The Spring/Summer Magazine**

The Editor apologises for the delay in publishing the Season 2 magazine. We are eagerly awaiting the confirmation of the name of our new vicar. As soon as the name is confirmed, the magazine will be published, hopefully with a message from the new incumbent!!

***Please keep sending into [christchurchadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:christchurchadmin@btinternet.com) or handing Janine any offerings for the magazine – always needed!***

## **Archaeology/history walks in Worthing for 2024. Alex Vincent.**

My apologies to Alex Vincent, who sent in details of his guided walks in Worthing, to be published in the magazine, in time for the first one planned in May. Sadly, this has now passed, so he will be hosting that tour in August.

So, details of the walks and the new dates are below:

I am running a series of archaeology/history walks for Christ Church in Worthing once a month between June and August. These will take place in the morning on the second Wednesday of the month. If rained out, then the walk will take place on the next Wednesday . We start at 10.00 AM and end up at Christ Church for the Coffee Morning. The walks for this year are listed below.

June 12. Old Worthing village. Meet outside Waitrose.

July 10. Worthing brickfields. Meet north end of Graham Road.

August 14. Portland Road, Worthing. Roman and medieval sites. Meet at St Paul's Church.

For any enquiries, my telephone number is 07753282714.

Email [alexecclipsing@gmail.com](mailto:alexecclipsing@gmail.com) via Worthing Library.

## **Services in June in Christ Church:**

**2nd            10.30am Holy Communion**

**6.00pm Evensong**

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

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

**16<sup>th</sup>          10.30am Holy Communion**

**6.00pm Evensong**

**23<sup>rd</sup>          10.30am Morning Prayer**

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

**30<sup>th</sup>          10.30am Holy Communion**

# **Christ Church –**

## **Events coming up in 2024**

**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  
**‘Tone Two’ Orchestral group**

# Volunteers wanted!

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> & Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Christ Church is hosting an Exhibition of Arts.

*“Creativity @ Christ Church”*

This will include a large collection of beautiful, hand-made Banners, made by Christine Diebel, who made the banner that hangs from the north gallery in our church. Christine will also be displaying clergy stoles and scarves etc. that she has made. Cards and Calendars with pictures of all the banners will also be on sale.

In addition, Martyn Grubb, Val’s son, and Martyn’s wife Jane will be displaying sculptures they have professionally crafted, and we hope also in memory of Roy West, to be displaying some of his own artwork/paintings.

During the two days, from 10.30am to 4.30pm, we will be serving tea/coffee and cake, and we need, as a church family, to be in the church to welcome visitors and serve tea and coffee. Music will play during the day.

If you can spare any time during these two days, please do put your name on the sheet at the back of the church, at the refreshment station.

All donations will go towards the running of our beautiful church, and now that we have a minister coming, the future looks rosy, so let’s make it happen!

*Thank you from the Outreach Committee -  
John B, Dorothy F, Sylvia A, Eve G, Lorraine R, Jenny S,  
John C, Janine H and Ruth R.*