

# WORTHING CHRIST CHURCH

Grafton Road

16<sup>th</sup> June 2024

*The Third Sunday after Trinity*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

**10.30am Holy Communion  
led by The Revd Maurice Slattery**

**Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5: 6 - 17 read by Dorothy F  
Gospel: Mark 4: 26 - 34 read by Sally T  
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:  
*Voluntary in A minor Book 2 no. 2 Largo – Fuga, Allegro,  
ca. 1775, by Starling Goodwin, London, ca. 1713-74***

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# A Service of Holy Communion

## The Greeting *[Stand]*

The Lord be with you  
*All* and also with you.

## OPENING HYMN [386] *[Please stand to sing]*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me and I with thee Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower;  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
be thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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] 2 Corinthians 5: 6 - 17***

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due to him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no

longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come!

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

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

Such love, pure as the whitest snow;  
such love weeps for the shame I know;  
such love, paying the debt I owe;  
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, stilling my restlessness;  
such love, filling my emptiness;  
such love, showing me holiness;  
O Jesus, such love.

Such love springs from eternity;  
such love, streaming through history;  
such love, fountain of life to me;  
O Jesus, such love.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark *[Mark 4: 26 - 34]*

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

He also said, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces corn – first the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.'

Again he said, 'What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade.'

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

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 greet each other*

**OFFERTORY HYMN [369] [Please stand to sing]**

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

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:  
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,  
his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
from men and from the angel-host  
be praise and glory evermore.

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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.**

**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**

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.

***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]**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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 [262] *[Please stand to sing]***

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

And when I think that God his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die - I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin: *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! *Refrain*

*Russian hymn tr. Stuart K. Hine 1899-1989. Text ©1953 Stuart K.  
Hine/Kingsway's Thankyou Music*

## **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.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Our thanks to The Revd Maurice Slattery for leading  
our service of Holy Communion*

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

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

**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**

**Volunteers wanted for *"Creativity @ Christ Church"***

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

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

**Christ Church  
Event coming up soon!**

**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**



**BCP EVENSONG – Service Order**

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

**Hymn 589** The King of Love my Shepherd is

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

**Responses**

**Psalm 39** (*see next page*)

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 7: 1-16** *Reader: Roger W*

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 9: 14 - 26** *Reader: Roger W*

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

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

**Hymn 563** Rejoice, the Lord is King

**Prayers** *led by John B*

**Hymn 618** When in our music God is glorified

**Sermon**

**Offertory Hymn 585** The church's one foundation

**Blessing**

**Organ Voluntary**

*Voluntary in G Book 2 no. 1, Largo – Fuga, Allegro moderato,  
ca. 1775 by Starling Goodwin, London, ca. 1713 -74*

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

## ***PSALM 39***

## **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.

Dear all

For entirely legitimate reasons, not of his own making, the Revd Peter Kane has decided to withdraw from the appointment of Vicar of Christ Church, Worthing and so the licensing service will not be taking place.

With kind regards,  
Imogen Robins  
Appointments Secretary & Clergy HR Officer