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# Christ Church

St Leonards on Sea



**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
**Sung Mass of the Day**

**1030am**  
**20<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Welcome to Christ Church. Whoever you are and wherever you are from, know you are very welcome to join us for our worship this morning.

Today we continue the great Easter celebrations begun last night at the Easter Vigil. They mark the start of fifty days of Eastertide. Fifty days of celebration after the forty days of Lent, rejoicing in the victory on the Cross of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who has opened the way to heaven and eternal life for us all.

Please do stay afterwards for our parish party as we celebrate.

### Children & families

Children and families are very welcome here: our Sunday School meets at the back of Church and there is also a 'Children's Chapel' space with books and toys in the South Aisle, for young children and their parents to use at any point during Mass. Toilets are available at the back of church and in the crypt, accessed via the stairs at the end of the South Aisle.

### During the Mass

*'Talk to God before Mass, and each other afterwards!'*

Please follow the directions to *sit, stand or kneel in italics* and join with the words in bold. Please remember that people are trying to pray before Mass, so keep silence as much as possible and don't disturb those at prayer.

Please also remember that the time after receiving Holy Communion is for quiet prayer and contemplation – not to have conversations.

## Holy Communion

At the Giving of Holy Communion, if you are confirmed and wish to receive the Sacrament, please come forward to receive Communion via the main aisle following the directions of the sidesmen.

Everyone is very welcome to come forward for a blessing: if you would like one, please bow your head.

Holy Communion is offered at the communion rail in both forms. Please kneel, unless you are unable. The Host is received on the tongue, (or if preferred on the hands)

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## Mass Setting - Mass of St Thomas

Please stand when the bell rings for the entrance of the sanctuary party

### Entrance Hymn

1. To God be the glory, great  
things He hath done,  
So loved He the world that He  
gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life our  
redemption to win,  
And opened the life-gate that all  
may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice;  
Oh, come to the Father, through  
Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory; great  
things He hath done.*

2. Oh, perfect redemption, the  
purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of  
God;  
The vilest offender who truly  
believes,  
That moment from Jesus a  
pardon receives.  
*Praise the Lord...*

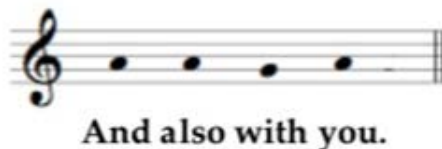
3. Great things He hath taught  
us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through  
Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and  
greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport when  
Jesus we see.  
*Praise the Lord...*

*The Easter Antiphon is sung as the altar is censed*

### The Greeting

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

The Lord be with you.



Alleluia, Christ is risen!

*All respond heartily: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!***

*The Priest introduces the Mass & the Sunday School come forward to receive their scriptures, blessing & items for their altar.*

## **The Penitential Rite**

*He then invites us to prepare to confess to God with the Collect for purity:*

**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.**

*The Priest invites us to consider and confess our sins:*

**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.**

*The Priest pronounces the absolution.*

**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. Amen**

*The Choir lead the **Kyrie***



Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

*The choir lead* **The Gloria**

[Organ] Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.  
Glo-ry to God in the High-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,  
Hea\'vn-ly King, Al-mighty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo-ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the  
High-est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther. Lord God  
Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; You are  
sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God,  
Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly one,  
You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ,  
with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the Glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.  
Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.

*Music: Mass of St Thomas by David Thorne*

*The Priest sings the **Collect**:*

O God, who on this day,  
through your Only Begotten Son,  
have conquered death  
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
grant, we pray, that we who keep  
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection  
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,  
rise up in the light of life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Acts 10. 34, 37-43; Psalm 118; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; John 20.1-9*

Please sit

**First Reading** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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

**Psalm 118 R/ O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good**

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he  
is good; his mercy endures for  
ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, 'His  
mercy endures for ever.'

18 The Lord has punished me  
sorely, but he has not given me  
over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of  
righteousness, that I may enter  
and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord; the  
righteous shall enter through it.

21 I will give thanks to you, for  
you have answered me and have  
become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders  
rejected has become the chief  
cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, and it  
is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord  
has made; we will rejoice and be  
glad in it.

**Second Reading** A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians

This is the word of the Lord      **Thanks be to God**  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Please turn to face the Gospel, proclaimed from the midst of the people*

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel (+) of Our Lord Jesus Christ (+) according to John (+)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Homily – please sit.**

*The homily is followed by a time of silent reflection.*

*Please stand for the renewal of baptismal vows*

## **THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery

we have been buried with Christ in Baptism,

so that we may walk with him in newness of life.

And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded,

let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism,

by which we once renounced Satan and his works

and promised to serve God in the holy catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

**I do.**

Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

**I do.**

Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

**I do.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

And may Almighty God, the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit  
and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins,  
keep us by His grace,  
in Christ Jesus Our Lord  
for eternal life .

**Amen.**

*The priest sprinkles the people with Holy Water in a reminder of their baptism,  
as the choir sing the **Vidi Aquam.***

Please remain standing for **The Intercessions**

*After each petition:* Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

*As we pray for the dead:* Rest eternal, grant unto them O Lord,  
**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*After the final petition we entrust all our prayer and petitions to the unceasing prayers of the Saints in heaven, especially to the Blessed Virgin Mary who we greet saying:*

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**

*The Priest concludes the prayer, and all respond:* **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among His disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

(John 20.19,20)

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace  
*All share a sign of peace with those near them*

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please sit for the offertory hymn as bread and wine are brought forward by the people, for the preparation of the altar. During this hymn a collection is taken towards the costs of Christ Church's ministries – if you don't have cash, there is a contactless reader by the entrance.

Please stand when the congregation is censed by the thurifer.

## Offertory Hymn

1. Love's redeeming work is done;  
Fought the fight, the battle won:  
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!  
Lo, he sets in blood no more!

3. Lives again our glorious King;  
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?

2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise.

4. Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Following our exalted Head;  
Made like him, like him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God our almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

*The Priest offers the Prayer over the Gifts, and all respond. Amen.*

## Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you                      **And also with you**  
Lift up your hearts                      **We lift them up to the Lord**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give Him thanks and praise**

*The Priest continues with the Opening (Preface) of the Prayer of Thanksgiving at the end of which the choir leads the **Sanctus***

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.***

*Please kneel as the Priest continues the Prayer of Thanksgiving.*

*He first invokes the Holy Spirit to sanctify the offerings of bread and wine.*

*He then recalls the Lord's actions the night before he died. A bell is rung as the Priest elevates the consecrated Host and Chalice. He then says:*

*Great is the mystery of faith.*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*At the end, all respond:*



**A-men.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

*As the Priest breaks the bread, he says:*

We break this bread, to share in the Body of Christ

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

*As the bread is broken, we sing the Agnus Dei:*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

### **Giving of Communion**

Please remaining kneeling as the Priest shows the Body of Christ

Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Before coming forward to receive Holy Communion, all pray together:*

**We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*As the Priest receives Holy Communion, a bell is rung & the people come forward. If you are confirmed, please come forward to receive Communion via the main aisle, following the directions of the stewards.*



*All are welcome to come forward for a blessing: if you would like one,  
please bow your head.*

*Holy Communion is offered in both forms at the Communion Rail. Please kneel, unless you are unable. The Host is received on the tongue (or, if preferred, on the hands.) If you don't wish to receive from the Chalice, you can return to your seat after receiving the Host.*

*Intinction (dipping the Host in the Chalice) is not permitted.*

*During the receiving of Holy Communion, the Choir sing an **Anthem***

### **Communion Hymn**

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King:  
Who hath washed us in the tide  
Flowing from his pierc'd side;  
Praise we him whose love divine  
Gives the guests his blood for  
wine,  
Gives his body for the feast,  
Love the Victim, Love the Priest.

2. Where the Paschal blood is  
poured,  
Death's dark angel sheathes his  
sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the  
foe.  
Christ, the lamb whose blood was  
shed,  
Paschal victim, Paschal bread!  
With sincerity and love

Eat we Manna from above.

3. Mighty Victim from on high  
Powers of hell beneath thee lie;  
Death is broken in the fight,  
Thou hast brought us life and  
light.  
Now thy banner thou dost wave,  
Conquering Satan and the grave.  
See the prince of darkness quelled;  
Heaven's bright gates are open  
held.

4. Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,  
Only sin can this destroy;  
From sin's death do thou set free,  
Souls re-born, dear Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,  
Father, unto thee we raise.  
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,  
Ever with the Spirit be.

*There is a time of silent prayer.*

*Once the Sacred Vessels have been cleansed, Please stand to give thanks together with the **Prayer of Thanksgiving after Holy Communion***

*We pray together:*

**Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of thy Spirit to live and work to thy praise and glory. Amen.**

*The priest sings the **Prayer after Communion***

Look upon your Church, O God,  
with unfailing love and favour,  
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,  
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

**Notices – please sit.**

**The Blessing of Easter Eggs - please stand**

*Baskets of Easter Eggs are brought forward to be blessed, which will be distributed by them after the Mass. We also bless Easter Eggs to be given to the children of the parish.*

## The Solemn Blessing and Dismissal - please remain standing

The Lord be with you.    **And also with you**

*The people are invited to bow down to receive the blessing.*

May almighty God bless you  
through today's Easter Solemnity  
and, in his compassion,  
defend you from every assault of sin. **Amen.**

And may he, who restores you to eternal life  
in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,  
endow you with the prize of immortality. **Amen.**

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close,  
may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast  
come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit,  
to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

*As the Sanctuary party departs, all sing the **Recessional Hymn***

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.*

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:**  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:**  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

## The Regina Caeli

*As the procession approaches the Image of Our Lady, all turn to focus on the Blessed Virgin as the Priest leads the singing of the Regina Caeli*

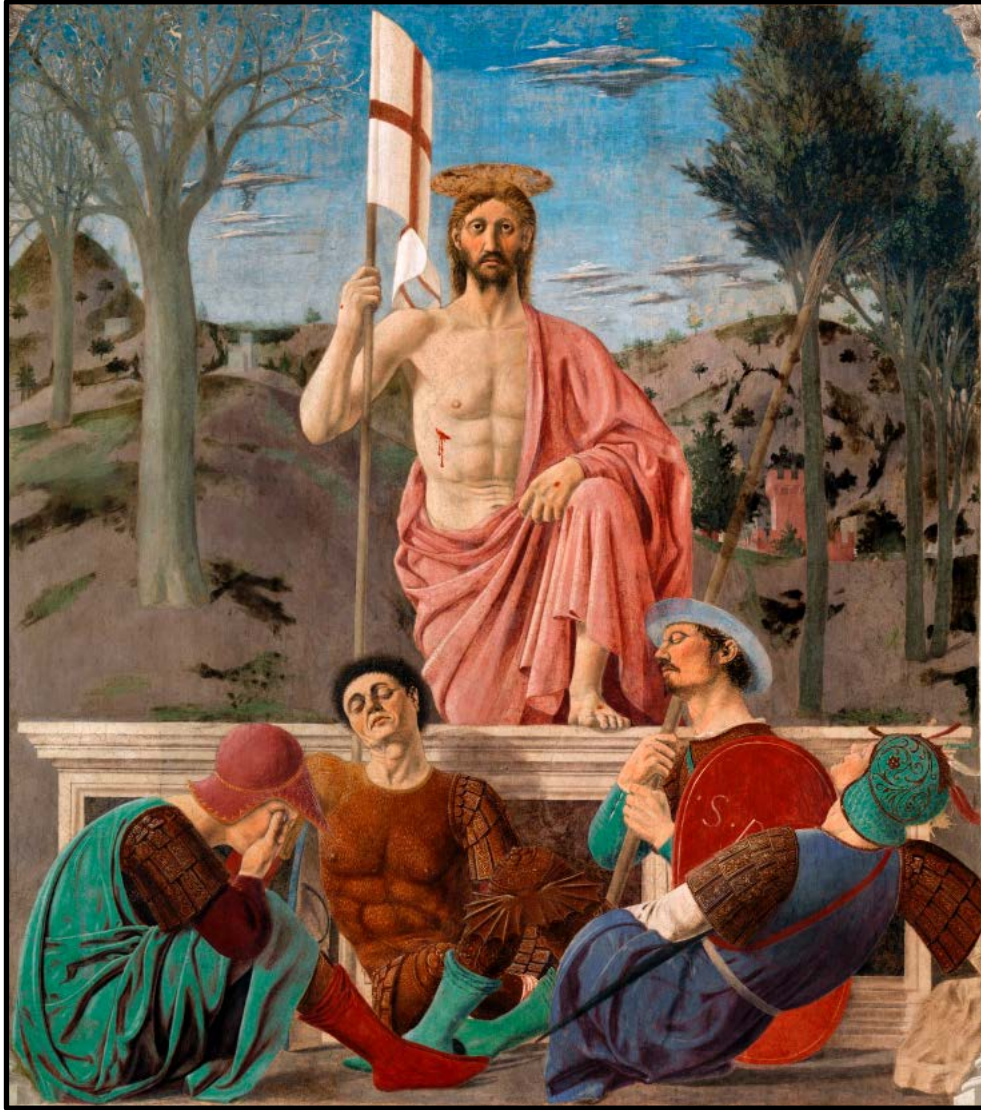
**Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia!  
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!  
As He promised hath arisen, alleluia!  
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!**

**Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!  
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

*The Priest sings the collect, and all respond **Amen.***

*Please do stay and join us at the back of church after Mass to  
celebrate Easter.*

*Please also take a copy of the 'Week Ahead' booklet which gives  
details of the times of worship at Christ Church, as well as  
upcoming events.*



The Resurrection (Piero della Francesca)

***Christus surrexit! Surrexit vere, alleluia!***

*Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!*

*May you all have a truly blessed and joyful Eastertide!*