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Christ Church

St Leonards on Sea



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sung Mass

with Sunday School

23rd November

1030am

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 as we celebrate the great Solemnity of Christ the King.

Our celebrations continue with a Taizé service at 6pm this evening, please do join us.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration on the Altar from 10am, during which time we also offer Morning Prayer. All are welcome to join, using the booklets at the back of church. Please remember to be reverent when Our Lord is exposed on the altar and not to disrespect Him.

After the Mass, please join us for refreshments at the back of church.

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 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). If you wish to receive from the Chalice, please assist the Eucharistic Ministers by guiding the Chalice towards your lips and not bowing your head forward.

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RORATE MASS

SATURDAYS IN ADVENT

6.30AM

6TH, 13TH & 20TH
DECEMBER

*'Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum,
aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem'*

Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the
just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour

**A MASS OFFERED BEFORE DAWN IN HONOUR OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, LIT BY CANDLES AS
A SYMBOL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN'S ROLE IN
BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

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

Introit Hymn

1. Christ triumphant, ever
reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives
sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-
treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

5 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

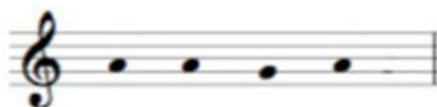
The Greeting

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



A-men.

The Lord be with you.



And also with you.

The Priest introduces the Mass, and the children of the parish come forward to receive their bible and blessing, and the items to prepare their altar.

*The Mass then continues with **The Penitential Rite** as the Priest invites us to prepare to confess to God with the Collect for purity:*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

*The Priest invites us to consider our sins in silence, before we confess them to the Lord saying: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against thee and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life to the glory of thy 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** (Darke)*

Kyrie Eleison **Kyrie Eleison**
Christe Eleison **Christe Eleison**
Kyrie Eleison **Kyrie Eleison**

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**
Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy**
Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**

*The Choir lead **The Gloria***

1. Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him
well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your
glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.

2. Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!

The Priest sings the Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
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

II Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

Please sit for the readings

First Reading A reading from the Second Book of Samuel
The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 46 – R/ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our
stronghold**

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble;

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;

3 Though the waters rage and swell, and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.

5 God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she not be removed; God shall help her at the break of day.

6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

8 Come and behold the works of the Lord, what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.

9 He makes wars to cease in all the world; he shatters the bow and snaps the spear and burns the chariots in the fire.

10 'Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.'

11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading A reading from the Letter to the Colossians
The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! **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 St Luke (✠)
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Please sit for the Homily - The homily is followed by a time of silent reflection.

The Creed – please 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,
(all bow)

*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.

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 Priest introduces the peace, then shares it with the people

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

Please then sit for the offertory hymn as bread and wine are brought forward 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 or you can donate online here:

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THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand when the congregation is censed by the thurifer.

Offertory Hymn

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your
voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

2. Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above:
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

3. His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

4. He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet:
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

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***

SANCTUS

(11th) 12th century

San - - ctus, San - ctus, San - - ctus_

Dó - mi - nus De - us_ Sá - - - -

- ba - oth. Ple - ni__ sunt cae - li et__ ter - ra__

gló - ri - a__ tu - a. Ho - sán - na__ in ex - cé -

sis__ Be - ne - dí - ctus qui__ ve - nit__ in nó - mi - ne

Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - - - na__ in__ ex -

- cé - - - - sis__

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:



The Lord's Prayer

Please remain kneeling as all pray:

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, the choir lead the *Agnus Dei*

AGNUS DEI

15th century



A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta
mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.
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mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.
A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta
mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Giving of Communion

Please remain 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 begin to come forward. If you are confirmed and wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward 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 wish to receive from the Chalice, please assist the Eucharistic Ministers by guiding the Chalice towards your lips and not bowing your head forward. 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
Motet: Lift up your heads, O ye gates - Matthias

All then join in the Communion Hymn

**1. Christ is the King, O friends
rejoice!
Brothers and sisters, with one
voice
Make all men know he is your
choice: Alleluya.**

**2. The first Apostles round
them drew
Thousands of faithful men and
true,
Sharing a faith for ever new:
Alleluya.**

**3. Then magnify the Lord and
raise
Anthems of joy and holy praise
For Christ's brave saints of
ancient days: Alleluya.**

**4. O Christian women,
Christian men,
All the world over, seek again
The Way disciples followed then:
Alleluya.**

**5. Christ through all ages is
the same;
Place the same hope in his great
name,
With the same faith his word
proclaim: Alleluya.**

**6. Let Love's unconquerable
might
God's people everywhere unite
In service to the Lord of light:
Alleluya.**

*As the Sacred Vessels are cleansed in the Lady Chapel, the Priest & servers lead
the people in the Prayer of Thanksgiving after Holy Communion*

**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 & servers then return to the Sanctuary for a time of silent prayer.

Please stand for the Priest to sing the **Prayer after Communion**

Having received the food of immortality,
we ask, O Lord,
that, glorying in obedience
to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe,
we may live with him eternally in his heavenly kingdom.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen

Please sit **for the Notices**

Please stand for **The Blessing and Dismissal**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**
May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the
Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**
The Mass is ended, let us go in the peace of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

As the Sanctuary party prepares to depart, all sing the **Recessional Hymn**

**1. Crown him with many
crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem
drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless
King
Through all eternity.**

**2. Crown him the Virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson
trophies won
Which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem;
The Root whence mercy ever
flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.**

3. Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downwards bends his
burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may
cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne - the Infinite!
Who lives - and loves - and saves.

*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 Angelus***

The angel of the Lord brought glad tidings to Mary
And she conceived by the Holy Ghost

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. Amen

Behold the handmaid of the Lord **Be it unto me according to thy word**
Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh **And dwelt among us.**
Hail Mary....

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God
That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ

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

Organ Voluntary

We invite you to join us for
EVENSONG & SUPPER
followed by a guest speaker
all free of charge -
donations invited for our 150th Fundraiser

‘Why is everything pink today?’



On one of the two days in the year when the church vestments are all pink, the Rector will explain how the colours of the Church Year are about much more than simple decoration.

Why do we use certain colours at certain times?

What do they represent?

Why is it still important?

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6PM

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**THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER

LOW MASS 1030AM

SUNG MASS 7PM

followed by trip to the nags head