



Christ Church

St Leonards on Sea



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sung Mass

16th August

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 Assumption of Our Lady into heaven – the Blessed Virgin, as ever, leading the way for the rest of us to follow.

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 is currently on their summer break, but 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 stewards.

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

Entrance Hymn

1. Sing we of the blessed Mother
Who received the angel's word,
And obedient to his summons
Bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
At whose breast that child was
fed
Who is Son of God eternal
And the everlasting Bread.

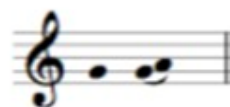
2. Sing we, too of Mary's
sorrows,
Of the sword that pierced her
through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She his weight of suffering
knew,
Looked upon her Son and
Saviour
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of man's
redemption
Paid to set the sinner free.

3. Sing again the joys of Mary
When she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's
apostles,
Waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
Of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own
being,
Manifest through wind and
flame.

4. Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
When on earth her work was
done,
And the Lord of all creation
Brought her to his heavenly
home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
Raised on high and crowned
with grace,
May your Son, the world's
redeemer,
Grant us all to see his face.

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

*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***

KYRIE

15th-16th century

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The Choir lead **The Gloria** – *Missa de Angelis*

The Priest sings the Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray,
that, always attentive to the things that are above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory.
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

Revelation 11.19, 12.1-6, 10; I Corinthians 15.20-26; Luke 1.39.56

Please sit for the readings

First Reading A reading from the Revelation to St John
This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 45 vv 10 – 15 R/ The peoples shall praise you for ever

10 Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear; forget your own people and your father's house.

11 So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty; he is your lord, so do him honour.

12 The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts; the richest of the people shall seek your favour.

13 The king's daughter is all glorious within; her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold.

14 She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework; after her the virgins that are her companions.

15 With joy and gladness shall they be brought and enter into the palace of the king.

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

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Mary has been taken up into heaven, the host of Angels rejoice.

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.

This is 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, as we sing the Offertory Hymn.

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. Shall we not love thee, Mother dear,

Whom Jesus loved so well,
And to his glory year by year
Thy praise and honour tell?

2. Thee did he choose from whom to take

True flesh, his flesh to be;
In it to suffer for our sake,
And by it make us free.

3. O wondrous depth of love divine,

That he should bend so low;
And, Mary, O what joy was thine
The Saviour's love to know.

4. Joy to be Mother of the Lord,
Yet thine the truer bliss,

In every thought and word and deed

To be for ever his.

5. Now in the realm of life above
Close to thy Son thou art,

While on thy soul glad streams
of love

Flow from his sacred heart.

6. Jesu, the Virgin's holy Son,
Praise we thy Mother blest;

Grant when our earthly course is run,

Life with the saints at rest

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

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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.

Please remain kneeling for 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.

The choir lead the *Agnus Dei*





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 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***
There is no Rose of such virtue – Joubert

*All then join in the **Communion Hymn***

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| 1. For Mary, Mother of the Lord
God's holy name be praised,
Who first the Son of God adored
As on her child she gazed. | 4. She gave her body for God's
shrine,
Her heart to piercing pain,
And knew the cost of love divine
When Jesus Christ was slain. |
| 2. The angel Gabriel brought the
word
She should Christ's mother be;
Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,
Made answer willingly. | 5. Dear Mary, from your lowliness
And home in Galilee,
There comes a joy and holiness
To every family. |
| 3. The heavenly call she thus
obeyed,
And so God's will was done;
The second Eve love's answer made
Which our redemption won. | 6. Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,
Above all women blest;
Blest in your Son, whom your
embrace
In birth and death confessed. |

As the Sacred Vessels are cleansed, all give thanks together with 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.

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

Having received the Sacrament of salvation,
we ask you to grant, O Lord,
that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please sit for the **Notices**

Please stand for **The Blessing and Dismissal**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing:

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

May God, who through the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary
willed in his great kindness to redeem the human race, be pleased to
enrich you with his blessing. **Amen**

May you know always and everywhere the protection of her, through
whom you have been found worthy to receive the author of life. **Amen**

May you, who have devoutly gathered on this day, carry away with you
the gifts of spiritual joys and heavenly rewards.
Amen

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 departs, all sing the **Recessional Hymn**

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
the Lord:

Unnumbered blessings, give my
spirit voice;

Tender to me the promise of his
word;

In God my Saviour shall my heart
rejoice.

2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
his name:

Make known his might, the deeds his
arm has done;

His mercy sure, from age to age the
same;

His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty
One.

3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
his might:

Powers and dominions lay their glory
by;

Proud hearts and stubborn wills are
put to flight,

The hungry fed, the humble lifted
high.

4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his
word:

Firm is his promise, and his mercy
sure.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the
Lord

To children's children and for
evermore.

*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