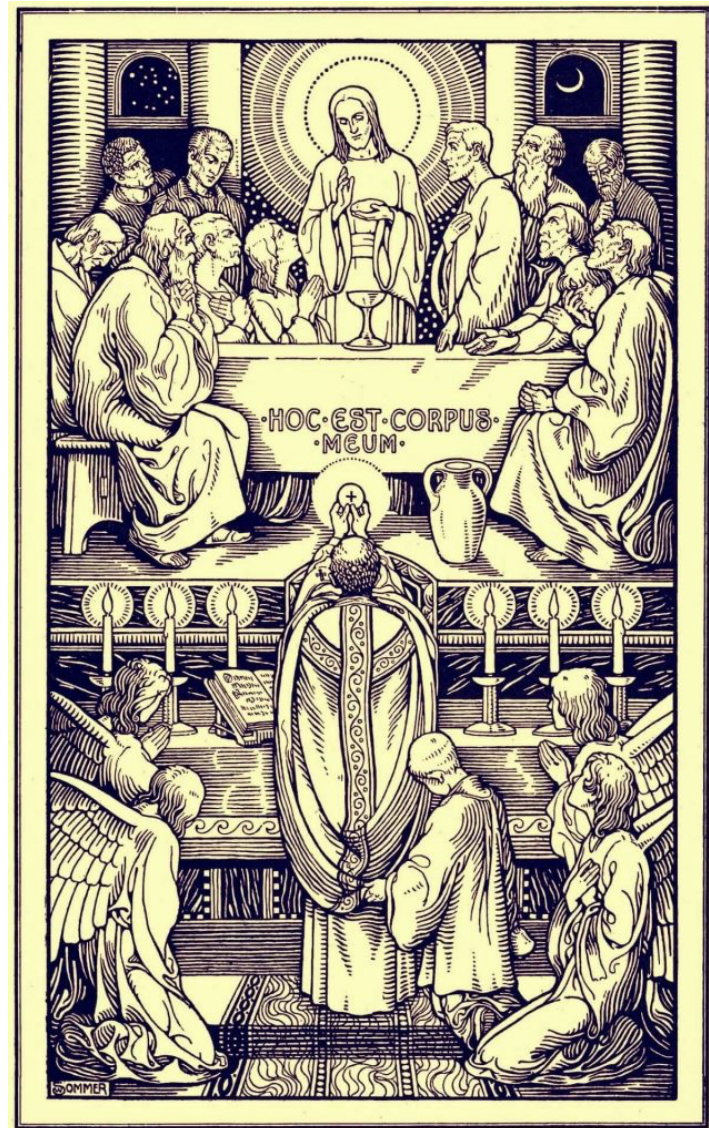




Christ Church

St Leonards on Sea



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sung Mass

with Sunday School

10th May

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. Everyone is welcome to stay after Mass for refreshments – please do join us.

This evening there is Evensong at 6pm, followed by a free supper and guest speaker Nick Shaddick on the Oxford Movement – all are welcome!

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 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. We hail thy presence glorious,
O Christ our great high priest,
O'er sin and death victorious,
At thy thanksgiving feast:
As thou art interceding
For us in heaven above,
Thy Church on earth is pleading
Thy perfect work of love.

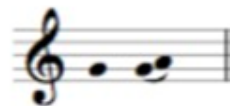
2. Through thee in every nation
Thine own their hearts upraise,
Offering one pure oblation,
One sacrifice of praise:
With thee in blest communion
The living and the dead
Are joined in closest union,
One body with one head.

3. O living Bread from heaven,
Jesu, our Saviour good,
Who thine own self hast given
To be our souls' true food;
For us thy body broken
Hung on the cross of shame:
This bread, its hallowed token,
We break in thy dear name.

4. O stream of love unending,
Poured from the one true vine,
With our weak nature blending
The strength of life divine;
Our thankful faith confessing
In thy life-blood outpoured,
We drink this cup of blessing
And praise thy name, O Lord

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***

Dear brothers and sisters let us humbly beseech the Lord our God to bless this water he has created, which will be sprinkled on us as a memorial of our Baptism. May he help us by his grace to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

All pray in silence briefly. The Priest then continues:

Almighty ever-living God, who willed that through water, the fountain of life and the source of purification, even souls should be cleansed and receive the gift of eternal life; be pleased, we pray, to bless this water, by which we seek protection on this your day, O Lord. Renew the living spring of your grace within us and grant that by this water we may be defended from all ills of spirit and body, and so approach you with hearts made clean and worthily receive salvation. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

While the Choir sings the Vidi Aquam, the Priest sprinkles himself and the people, as a reminder of our cleansing at baptism.

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the celebration of this Eucharist make us worthy to share at the table of his kingdom.
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 Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy,

The Choir lead the Gloria


Choir Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

All 
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est. Peace to his peo - ple, peace on earth.


Choir Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father:

All 
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est. Peace to his peo - ple, peace on earth.


Choir We worship you,

All 
glo - ry in the high - est.

Choir Give you thanks,

All 
glo - ry in the high - est.

Choir Praise you for your glory.

All 
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est. Peace to his peo - ple, peace on earth.


Choir 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;

All 
have mer - cy on us;


Choir you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer,

All 
re - ceive our... prayer.

Choir Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

All 
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est. Peace to his peo - ple, peace on earth.

Choir 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 glory of God the Father.

All 
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est. Peace to his peo - ple, peace on earth.

Choir Amen. Amen.

The Priest sings the Collect:

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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 8.5-8, 14-17 I Peter 3.15-18 John 14.15-21

Please sit for the readings

First Reading A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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

Psalm 66 vv.14-18 R/ O be joyful in God, all the earth, sing the glory of his name

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, • and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.

15 I called out to him with my mouth • and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had nursed evil in my heart, • the Lord would not have heard me,

17 But in truth God has heard me; • he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, • nor withheld his loving mercy from me.

Second Reading A reading from the First Letter of St Peter

This is 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 John (✠)

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. Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not,
What social joys are there,
What radiancy of glory,
What light beyond compare.

2. They stand, those halls of
Sion,
Conjubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng;
The Prince is ever in them,
The daylight is serene,
The pastures of the blessäd
Are decked in glorious sheen.

3. There is the throne of David,
And there, from care released,
The song of them that triumph,
The shout of them that feast;
And they who, with their Leader,
Have conquered in the fight,
For ever and for ever
Are clad in robes of white.

4. O sweet and blessed country,
Shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country,
Shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall be thy part:
His only, his for ever,
Thou shalt be, and thou art!

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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Dó - mi - nus De - us_ Sá - - - -

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

- cél - - - - 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:



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.

*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
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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**
If ye love me - Tallis*

All then join in the Communion Hymn

1. Walking in a garden
At the close of day,
Adam tried to hide him
When he heard God say:
'Why are you so frightened,
Why are you afraid?
You have brought the winter in,
Made the flowers fade.'

2. Walking in a garden
Where the Lord had gone,
Three of the disciples,
Peter, James, and John;
They were very weary,
Could not keep awake,
While the Lord was kneeling there,
Praying for their sake.

3. Walking in a garden
At the break of day,
Mary asked the gardener
Where the body lay;
But he turned towards her,
Smiled at her and said:
'Mary, spring is here to stay,
Only death is dead.'

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**

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.
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 departs, all sing the **Recessional Hymn***

**1. 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.**

**2. 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:**

**3. 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:**

*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***

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!**

Organ Voluntary

Please join us after the Mass for refreshments.

SUNDAY 10TH MAY
6PM

We invite you to join us for
EVENSONG & SUPPER
followed by a guest speaker

all free of charge - donations invited for our 150th Fundraiser

*This month Nick Shaddick will
return to give part II of his well
received talk on*

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