

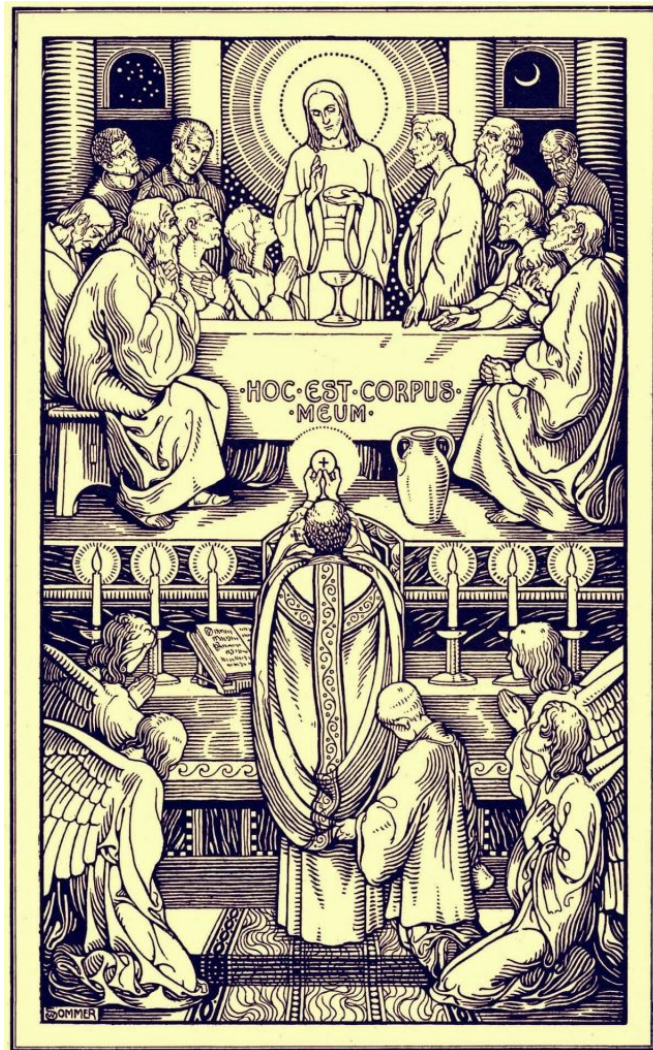
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Christ Church

St Leonards on Sea



The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

The 22nd in Ordinary Time

Sung Mass with Baptisms

with Sunday School

31st 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. Today we are delighted to make four new Christians as Tammy, Teegan, Nate & Steve are baptised into the Body of Christ.

After Mass, we will celebrate with cake & drinks at the back of church, before everyone is invited back to the Rectory for the Rector's Official Birthday Party. Please do stay and join us!

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). 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

Introit Hymn

*Lift high the cross, the love of
Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred
name.*

**This is the sign that Satan's
legions fear,
And angels veil their faces to
revere. [Refrain]**

**Come, Christians, follow where
our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the
Son of God. [Refrain]**

**Saved by this cross whereon
their Lord was slain,
The heirs of Adam their lost
home regain. [Refrain]**

**Led on their way by this
triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conq'ring
ranks combine. [Refrain]**

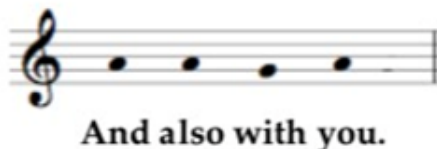
**From north and south, from east
and west they raise
In growing unison their song of
praise. [Refrain]**

The Greeting

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



The Lord be 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***

He then 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 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**

[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:

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured.
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

Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14.1, 7-14

Please sit for the readings

First Reading A reading from Ecclesiasticus or the Book of Sirach
The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 81 R/ You, O Lord, are confidence and hope

1 Sing merrily to God our strength,
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
2 Take up the song and sound the
timbrel, the tuneful lyre with the harp.

3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
as at the full moon, upon our solemn
feast day.

4 For this is a statute for Israel, a law
of the God of Jacob,

5 The charge he laid on the people of
Joseph, when they came out of the
land of Egypt.

6 I heard a voice I did not know, that
said: 'I eased their shoulder from the
burden; their hands were set free from
bearing the load.

7 'You called upon me in trouble and I
delivered you; I answered you from
the secret place of thunder and proved
you at the waters of Meribah.

8 'Hear, O my people, and I will
admonish you: O Israel, if you would
but listen to me!

9 'There shall be no strange god
among you; you shall not worship a
foreign god.

10 'I am the Lord your God, who
brought you up from the land of
Egypt; open your mouth wide and I
shall fill it.'

Second Reading A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews
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.

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 LITURGY OF BAPTISM

The Priest invites the candidates to the front:

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit, and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth. Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean. Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen life. As children of God, we have a new dignity and God calls us to fullness of life.

The priest asks the candidates:

Do you wish to be baptised?

I do

Addressing the whole congregation, he says:

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Tammy, Teegan, Nate & Steve and uphold them in their new lives in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Priest addresses the candidates who answer the questions put to them:
In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with Him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

The Priest makes the sign of the cross with the Oil of Baptism (Catechumens) on the forehead of the candidates:

Christ claims you for His own. Receive the sign of His cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All say: **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

The baptism party move to the font; all are welcome to join us at a suitable distance, or to turn and face the font.

Blessing of the Font & Baptismal Water

The priest extends his hands over the font as he blesses the baptismal water, concluding: who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

You have called your children to this cleansing water that they may share in the faith of your Church and have eternal life. By the mystery of this consecrated water lead them to a new and spiritual birth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Priest addresses the congregation:

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

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.

The Priest pours water over the head of the candidates in turn saying,
I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

You have been clothed with Christ. As many as are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

The Priest anoints the heads of the candidates with the Oil of Chrism, saying:
May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.
Amen.

The Priest gives each a candle lit from the Paschal (Easter) Candle, saying:
God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life. Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

All say: **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

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

All return to their places, as we begin the offertory hymn and prepare the gifts of bread and wine to be offered at 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. The Church's one foundation

Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought
her
To be his holy Bride,
With his own blood he bought
her,
And for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder

Men see her sore oppress,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distress,
Yet saints their watch are
keeping,
Their cry goes up, 'How long?'
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4. 'Mid toil, and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.

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 in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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, the choir lead 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 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***
O sing joyfully – Batten

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

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| 1. Faithful Shepherd, feed me
In the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me
Where thy steps are seen. | 3. Daily bring me nearer
To the heavenly shore;
May my faith grow clearer,
May I love thee more. |
| 2. Hold me fast, and guide me
In the narrow way;
So, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray. | 4. Hallow every pleasure,
Every gift and pain;
Be thy self my treasure,
Though none else I gain. |
| 5. Day by day prepare me
As thou seest best,
Then let angels bear me
To thy promised rest. | |

*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**

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table,
we beseech you, Lord,
that, being the food of charity,
it may confirm our hearts
and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Please sit **for the Notices & for the ACTS 'Life of Abraham'**

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. All my hope on God is
founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance
he guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls my heart to be his own.

2. Pride of man and earthly
glory,
Sword and crown betray his
trust;
What with care and toil he
buildeth,
Tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

3. God's great goodness aye
endureth,
Deep his wisdom, passing
thought:
Splendour, light, and life attend
him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
From his store
New-born worlds rise and
adore.

4. Daily doth th' Almighty
giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
At his hand;
Joy doth wait on his command.

5. Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

*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 an evening of
music, food and local history

EVENSONG & SUPPER

followed by a guest speaker

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

*Local Historian
Ken Brooks will
be talking about
the history of
Burton's St
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