



Christ Church

St Leonards on Sea



The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (*antic.*)

Sung Mass
13th September
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.

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 books or booklets at the back of church.

Please remember to be reverent & keep silence 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: there is 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

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

1. Come, brethren, follow where
our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the
Son of God:

Lift high the Cross, etc.

2. Led on their way by this
triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering
ranks combine:

Lift high the Cross, etc.

3. This is the sign which Satan's
legions fear
and angels veil their faces to
revere:

Lift high the Cross, etc.

4. O Lord, once lifted on the
glorious Tree,
as thou hast promised, draw men
unto thee:

Lift high the Cross, etc.

5. Let every race and every
language tell
of him who saves our souls from
death and hell:

Lift high the Cross, etc.

6. Set up thy throne, that earth's
despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its
healing peace:

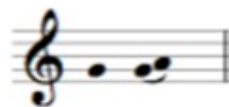
Lift high the Cross, etc.

7. For thy blest Cross which doth
for all atone
creation's praises rise before thy
throne:

Lift high the Cross, etc.

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 Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy,

*The Choir lead **The Gloria***

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Ló-ri-a in excél-sis De-o. Et in terra pax homí-ni-bus bonæ

vo-luntá-tis. Laudá-mus te. Be-ne-dí-cimus te. Ado-rá-mus te.

Glo-ri-fi-cá-mus te. Grá-ti-as á-gimus ti-bi propter magnam gló-ri-am tu-am.

Dó-mi-ne De-us, Rex cæ-lé-stis, De-us Pa-ter omní-pot-ens. Dó-mi-ne Fi-li

u-ni-gé-ni-te Ie-su Chri-ste. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Agnus De-i, Fí-li-us

Pa-tris. Qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-di, mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Qui tol-lis peccá-ta

múndi, sú-sci-pe de-pre-ca-ti-ó-nem no-stram. Qui se-des ad dέxte-ram

Pá-tris, mi-se-ré-re nó-bis. Quó-ni-am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus Dó-mi-nus.

Tu so-lus Al-tís-simus, Ie-su Chri-ste. Cum Sancto Spí-ri-tu,

in gló-ri-a De-i Pa-tris. A-men.

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

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son
should undergo the Cross to save the human race,
grant, we pray,
that we, who have known his mystery on earth,
may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven.
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

Numbers 21.4-9 Philippians 2.6-11 John 3.13-17

Please sit for the readings

First Reading A reading from the Book of Numbers
This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 22 vv23 -24 R/ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

23 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; •

O seed of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.

24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;
neither has he hidden his face from them; •
but when they cried to him he heard them.

Second Reading A reading from the Letter to the Philippians
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; because by your cross you
have redeemed the world

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. 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.

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 - cél -

sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne

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.

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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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 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**
Crux Fidelis – John IV, King of Portugal*

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

**1. When I survey the wondrous
Cross,
On which the Prince of glory
died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my
pride.**

**2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should
boast
Save in the death of Christ my
God;
All the vain things that charm
me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**3. See from his head, his hands,
his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled
down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow
meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a
crown?**

**4. His dying crimson like a robe,
Spreads o'er his body on the
Tree;
Then am I dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.**

5. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

*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 been nourished by your holy banquet,
we beseech you, Lord Jesus Christ,
to bring those you have redeemed
by the wood of your life-giving Cross
to the glory of the resurrection.

Who live and reign 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 departs, all sing the **Recessional Hymn**

**1. The royal banners forward go,
The Cross shines forth in mystic
glow,
Where he in flesh, our flesh who
made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom
paid.**

**2. Where deep for us the spear
was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from his
side,
To wash us in that precious
flood,
Where mingled water flowed,
and blood.**

**3. Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old,
The universal Lord is he,**

**Who reigns and triumphs from
the tree.**

**4. O Tree of beauty, Tree of light,
O Tree with royal purple dight,
Elect on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find
their rest!**

**5. On whose dear arms, so
widely flung,
The weight of this world's
ransom hung,
The price of humankind to pay
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.**

**6. O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may thy power with us
prevail
To give new virtue to the saint,
And pardon to the penitent.**

**7. To thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done:
Whom by thy Cross thou dost restore,
Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.**

*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

**Please join us after the Mass for
refreshments at the back of church**

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8am - Low Mass

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