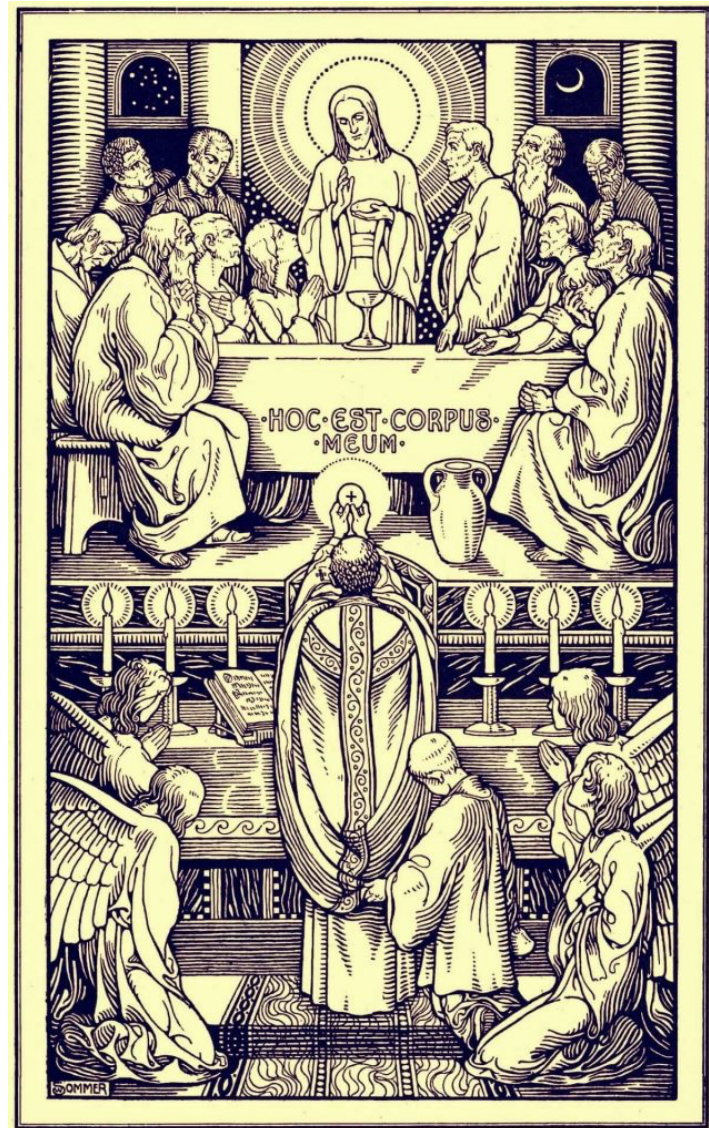




Christ Church

St Leonards on Sea



The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sung Mass & Holy Baptism
with Sunday School

17th 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 morning, we rejoice in the Baptism of Delilah and pray for her and for her family as she is received into the Body of Christ.

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 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.**

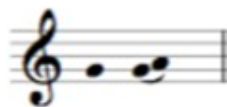
**3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-
treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.**

**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***

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.

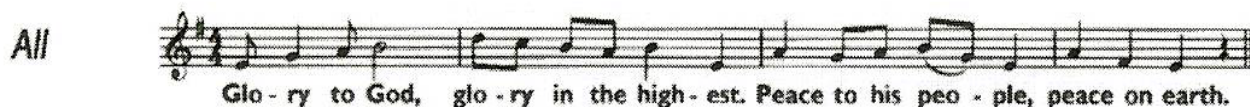
Choir Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

All
have mer - cy on us;

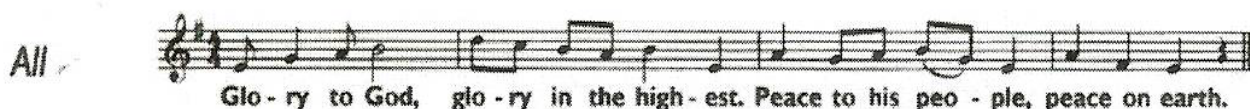
Choir you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer,

All
re - ceive our prayer.

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



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.



Choir Amen. Amen.

The Priest sings the Collect:

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race
is with you in your glory,
may experience, as he promised,
until the end of the world,
his abiding presence among us.
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 1.12-14 I Peter 4.13-16 John 17.1-11

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 68 vv.32-end R/ Our God is a God of salvation

32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; •

make music in praise of the Lord;

33 He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens •

and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is over Israel, •

whose power is above the clouds.

35 How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary, •

the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his people!

Blessed be God.

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 LITURGY OF BAPTISM

The Priest invites the child, parents and godparents to the altar steps:

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.

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 Delilah and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

He then addresses the parents and godparents:

Parents and godparents, the Church receives this child with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ? **With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism this child begins her journey in faith. You speak for her today. Will you care for her, and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church? **With the help of God, we will.**

The Priest addresses the child through her parents and godparents 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 candidate:

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 child Delilah to this cleansing water that she may share in the faith of your Church and have eternal life. By the mystery of this consecrated water lead her 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 the Godparents of this child, 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 child 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 head of the child 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 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; Delilah, we welcome you.**

All return to their places, as we prepare the gifts of bread and wine to be offered at the altar.

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. Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
You are one with us,
Mary's Son;
Cleansing our souls from all
their sin,
Pouring your love and goodness
in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
Living Lord.

2. Lord Jesus Christ,
Now and every day
Teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance, Lord, of
you:
Into our lives your power breaks
through,
Living Lord.

3. Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
Born as one of us,
Mary's Son;
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord.

4. Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
Live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are
true,
Your many gifts will make me
new,
Into my life your power breaks
through,
Living Lord.

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.

*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 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***
Rejoice in the Lord alway - Anon

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

**1. Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,
For thy flesh is meat indeed;
Ever may our souls be fed
With this true and living bread,
Day by day with strength supplied
Through the life of him who died**

2. Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies
This blest cup of sacrifice;
'Tis thy wounds our healing give;
To thy cross we look and live;
Thou our life! O let us be
Rooted, grafted, built on thee.

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

Hear us, O God our Saviour,
and grant us confidence,
that through these sacred mysteries
there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.
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 departs, all sing the **Recessional Hymn**

**1. Alleluya, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluya, his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**2. Alleluya, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluya, he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions
how;
Though the cloud from sight
received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his
promise,
'I am with you evermore'?**

**3. Alleluya, bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our
stay;
Alleluya, here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**4. Alleluya, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluya, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy
throne:
Thou within the veil hast
entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High
Priest;
Thou on earth both priest and
victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.**

*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

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**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.