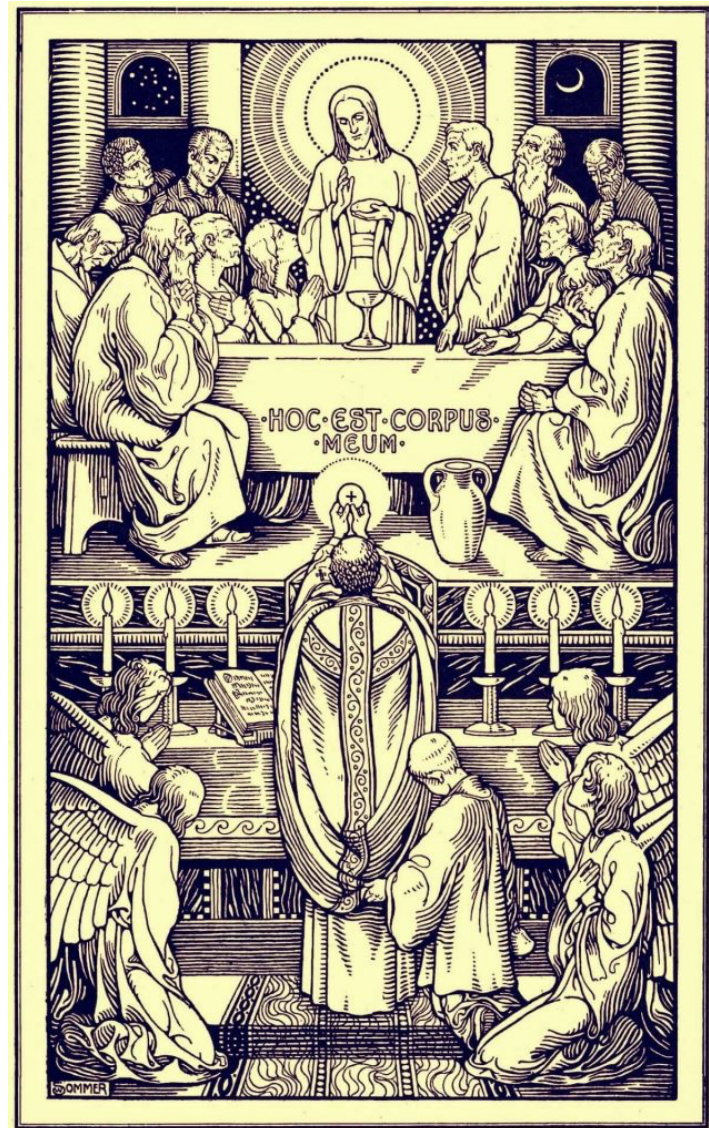




# Christ Church

St Leonards on Sea



**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Sung Mass**

*with Sunday School*

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### 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. O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
Be thou for ever near me,  
My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If thou wilt be my guide.

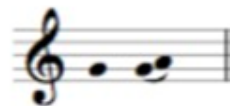
2. O let me hear thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.

3. O Jesus, thou hast promised  
To all who follow thee,  
That where thou art in glory  
There shall thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my Friend.

4. O let me see thy footmarks,  
And in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly  
Is in thy strength alone;  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
Uphold me to the end;  
And then in heaven receive me,  
My Saviour and my Friend.

## 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.

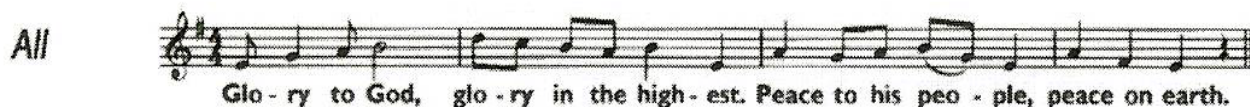
*Choir* Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

*All*   
have mer - cy on us;

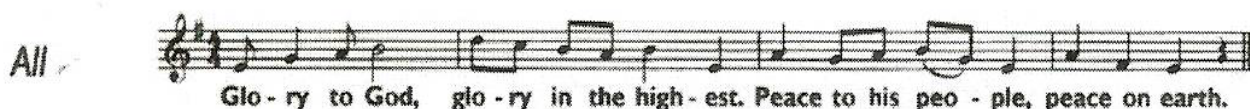
*Choir* you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer,

*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.

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*The Priest sings the Collect:*

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism  
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit  
and come to the joys of life eternal.

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 6.1-7; I Peter 2.4-9; John 14.1-12*

*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 31 R/ I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God**

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; •  
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; •  
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a fortress to save  
me, for you are my rock and my  
stronghold; •

guide me, and lead me for your  
name's sake.

4 Take me out of the net  
that they have laid secretly for me,  
for you are my strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my  
spirit, •  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord  
God of truth.

**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 Christ the Lord is risen again!  
Christ hath broken every chain!  
Hark, the angels shout for joy,  
Singing evermore on high,  
Alleluya!

2 He who gave for us his life,  
Who for us endured the strife,  
Is our Paschal Lamb to-day!  
We too sing for joy, and say  
Alleluya!

3 He who bore all pain and loss  
Comfortless upon the Cross,  
Lives in glory now on high,  
Pleads for us, and hears our cry.  
Alleluya!

4 He whose path no records tell,  
Who descended into hell;  
Who the strong man armed hath  
bound,  
And in highest heaven is  
crowned.  
Alleluya!

5 Now he bids us tell abroad  
How the lost may be restored,  
How the penitent forgiven,  
How we too may enter heaven.  
Alleluya!

6 Thou, our Paschal Lamb  
indeed,  
Christ, to-day thy people feed;  
Take our sins and guilt away,  
That we all may sing for ay,  
Alleluya!

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**

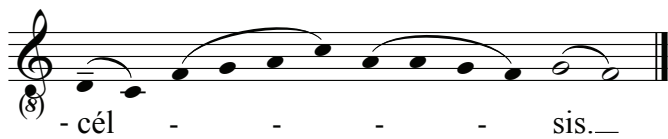
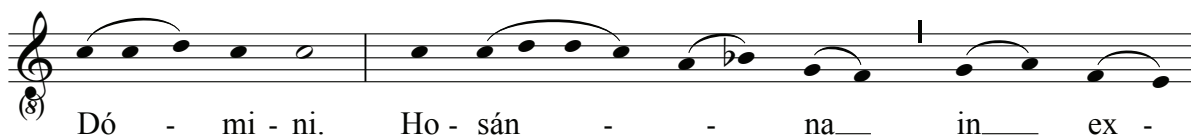
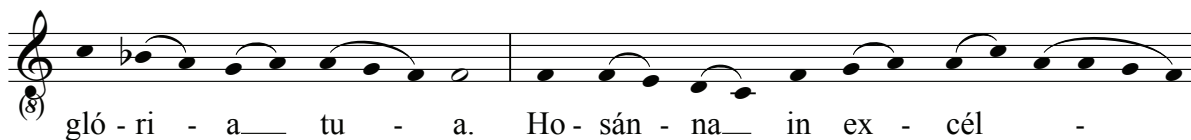
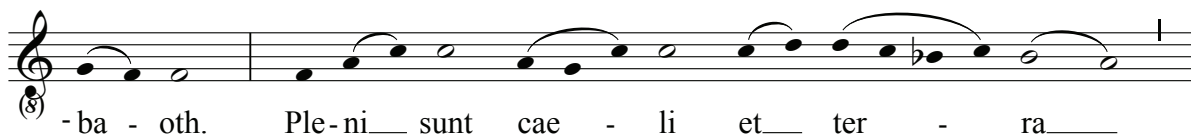
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**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



*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**  
Up, up my heart with gladness – J S Bach*

*All then join in the Communion Hymn*

**1. May the grace of Christ our saviour  
and the Father's boundless love,  
with the Holy Spirit's favour,  
rest upon us from above.**

**2. So may we remain in union  
with each other and the Lord,  
and possess, in sweet communion,  
joys which earth cannot afford.**

*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*

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,  
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries  
to pass from former ways to newness of life.

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. Praise to the Holiest in the height,**

**And in the depth be praise,  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.**

**2. O loving wisdom of our God!**

**When all was sin and shame,  
A second Adam to the fight  
And to the rescue came.**

**3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood,**

**Which did in Adam fail,  
Should strive afresh against their foe,  
Should strive and should prevail;**

**4. And that a higher gift than grace**

**Should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,  
And essence all-divine.**

**5. O generous love! that he who smote**

**In Man for man the foe,  
The double agony in Man  
For man should undergo;**

**6. And in the garden secretly,**

**And on the cross on high,  
Should teach his brethren, and inspire  
To suffer and to die.**

**7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,**

**And in the depth be praise,  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.**

*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 150<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser

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

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