



Christ Church

St Leonards on Sea



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sung Mass

1030am

28^h April 2024

Welcome to Christ Church. You are very welcome to join us for our worship, and to stay afterwards for refreshments. *Children and families are very welcome here: our Sunday School meets at the back of Church and there is also a 'Play & Pray' 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.

*Please follow the directions to sit, stand or kneel in italics and join with the words in **bold**. At the Giving of Holy Communion, if you are confirmed, 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.*

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If you would like to join our mailing list and keep up to date with our upcoming services and events, email christchurchmailing@gmail.com.

'Talk to God before Mass, and each other afterwards!'

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.

Mass Setting - English Plainsong

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.**

+ 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 Penitential Rite: The Asperges

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 in body and soul 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 children of the parish come forward to receive their bible and blessing.

*The choir leads **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:

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 9.26-31; 1 John 3.18-24; John 15.1-8

Please sit

First Reading A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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

Psalm 22 /R. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading A reading from the First Letter of St John

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.

The Gospel

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**
Homily – *please sit.*

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 LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please sit for the offertory hymn as bread and wine are brought forward by the people, for the preparation of 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.

Please stand when the congregation is censed by the thurifer.

Offertory Hymn

**1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

**2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

**3. I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

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:*

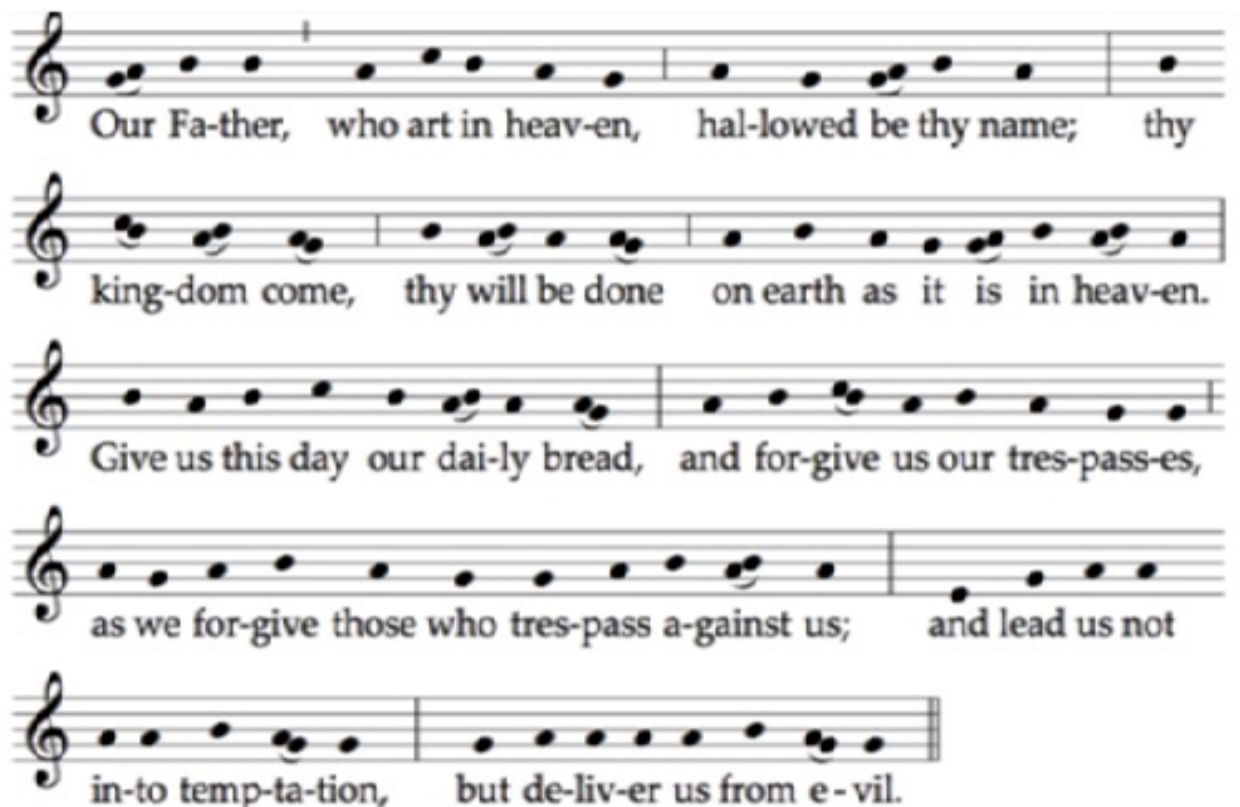
Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. At the end, all respond:



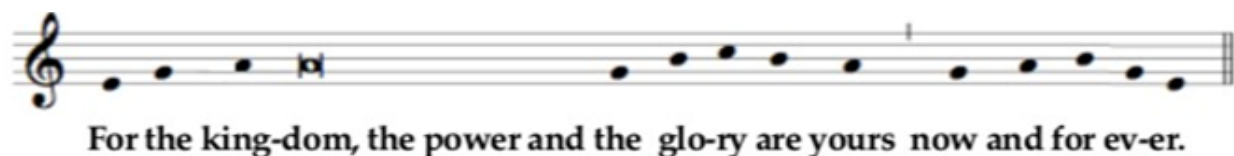
A-men.

The Lord's Prayer - *please stand*



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-lowed be thy name; thy
king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pass-es,
as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us not
in-to temp-tation, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



For the king-dom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er.

Lord, Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.



A-men.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All share a sign of peace with those near them.

*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 kneel 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.**

As the priest receives Holy Communion, a bell is rung & the people come forward. If you are confirmed, please come forward to receive Communion via the main aisle, following the directions of the sidesmen.

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As you prepare to receive the Body & Blood of Christ, you may like to use the following prayer:

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your 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.

*During the receiving of Holy Communion, the Choir sing an **Anthem***
I am the true vine – Aston

Communion Hymn

**1 Victim Divine, thy grace we claim
While thus thy precious death we
show;
Once offered up, a spotless Lamb,
In thy great temple here below,
Thou didst for all mankind atone,
And standest now before the
throne.**

**2 Thou standest in the holiest
place,
As now for guilty sinners slain;
Thy blood of sprinkling speaks
and prays
All-prevalent for helpless man;
Thy blood is still our ransom
found,
And speaks salvation all around.**

**3 We need not now go up to heaven
To bring the long-sought Saviour down;
Thou art to all already given,
Thou dost e'en now thy banquet crown:
To every faithful soul appear,
And show thy real presence here.**

There is a time of silent prayer.

You may like to use the following prayer having received Holy Communion:

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Please stand.

The priest sings 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

Notices – *please sit.*

The Blessing and Dismissal - *please stand*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

May almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son + and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Mass is ended. Go in the peace of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

As the Sanctuary party departs, all sing the **Recessional Hymn**

**1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluya,
Jesu, true and living Bread!**

**2. Here our humblest homage pay we;
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for Faith's discernment pray we,
Lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluya,
Thou art here, we ask not how.**

**3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluya,
We in worship join with them.**

**4. Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished
Once for all when thou wast slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain,
Alleluya,
Cleansing souls for every stain.**

**5. Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
Stricken Rock with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna
Worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluya,
Risen, ascended, glorified!**

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** and censes the Image.*

**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!**

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

*Please also take a copy of the 'Week Ahead' booklet which gives
details of the times of worship this week at Christ Church, as
well as upcoming events.*

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