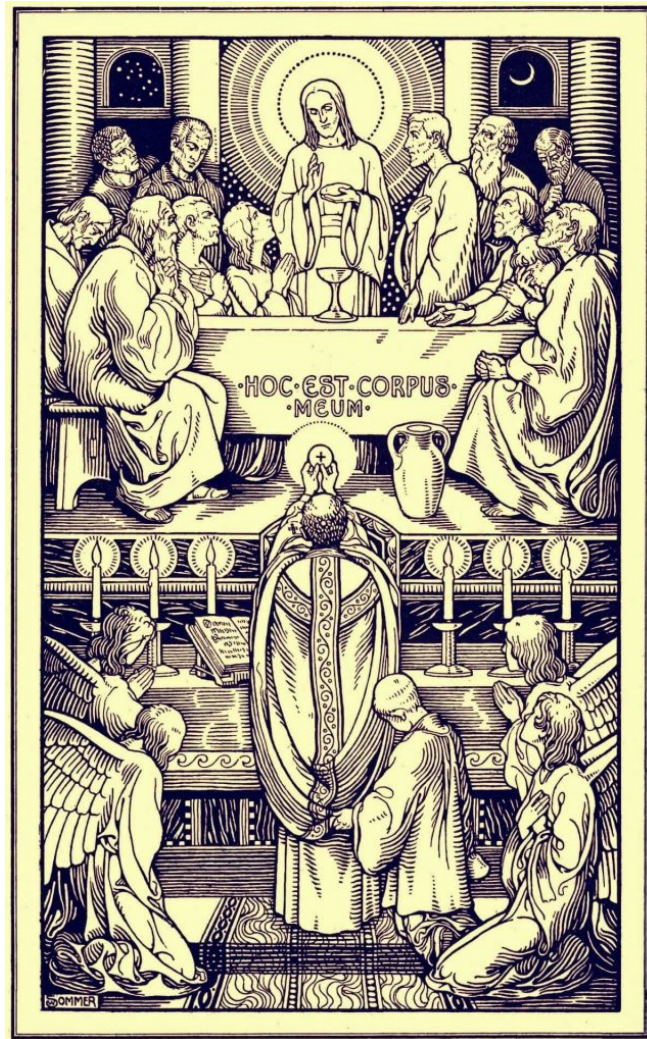




Christ Church

St Leonards on Sea



Low Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sung Mass

with Sunday School

12th April

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.

We are very grateful indeed to Fr David Hill, of our neighbouring parish of St John's, for covering this morning's Mass whilst the Rector is away.

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. Alleluya! Alleluya!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the Cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

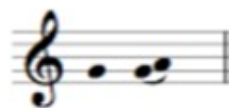
2. Christ is risen, Christ the
first-fruits
Of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance
At his second coming yield;
Then the golden ears of harvest
Will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine
From the furrows of the grave.

3. Christ is risen, we are risen;
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
From the brightness of thy face;
That we, Lord, with hearts in
heaven
Here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel-hands be gathered,
And be ever safe with thee.

4. Alleluya! Alleluya!
Glory be to God on high;
To the Father, and the Saviour,
Who has gained the victory;
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluya! Alleluya!
To the Triune Majesty.

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***

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 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.

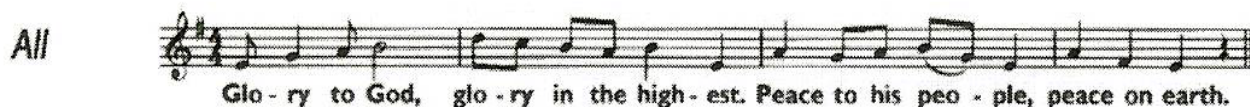
Choir Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

All
have mer - cy on us;

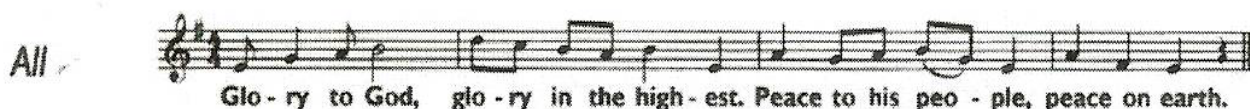
Choir you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer,

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:

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
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 2:42-47

I Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

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 16

1 Preserve me, O God, for in you
have I taken refuge; •

I have said to the Lord, 'You are
my lord,

all my good depends on you.'

2 All my delight is upon the
godly that are in the land, •

upon those who are noble in
heart.

3 Though the idols are legion
that many run after, •

their drink offerings of blood I
will not offer,

neither make mention of their
names upon my lips.

4 The Lord himself is my portion
and my cup; •

in your hands alone is my
fortune.

5 My share has fallen in a fair
land; •

indeed, I have a goodly
heritage.

6 I will bless the Lord who has
given me counsel, •

and in the night watches he
instructs my heart.

7 I have set the Lord always
before me; •

he is at my right hand; I shall
not fall.

8 Wherefore my heart is glad and
my spirit rejoices; •

my flesh also shall rest secure.

9 For you will not abandon my
soul to Death, •

nor suffer your faithful one to
see the Pit.

10 You will show me the path of
life;

in your presence is the fullness
of joy •

and in your right hand are
pleasures for evermore.

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. Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!

Ye sons and daughters of the
King,
Whom heavenly hosts in glory
sing.
Today the grave hath lost its
sting. Alleluya!

2. On that first morning of the

week,
Before the day began to break,
The Marys went their Lord to
seek.
Alleluya!

3. An angel bade their sorrow

flee,
For thus he spake unto the three:
'Your Lord is gone to Galilee.'
Alleluya!

4. That night the Apostles met in

fear,
Amidst them came their Lord
most dear,
And said: 'Peace be unto you
here!'
Alleluya!

5. When Thomas afterward had
heard

That Jesus had fulfilled his
word,
He doubted if it were the Lord.
Alleluya!

6. 'Thomas, behold my side,'

saith he,
'My hands, my feet, my body see;
'And doubt not, but believe in
me.'
Alleluya!

7. No longer Thomas then

denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the
side;
'Thou art my Lord and God,' he
cried. Alleluya!

8. Blessed are they that have not
seen,

And yet whose faith hath
constant been,
In life eternal they shall reign.
Alleluya!

9. On this most holy day of days,
To God your hearts and voices
raise
In laud, and jubilee, and praise.
Alleluya!

10. And we with Holy Church
unite,
As evermore is just and right,
In glory to the King of Light.
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

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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:

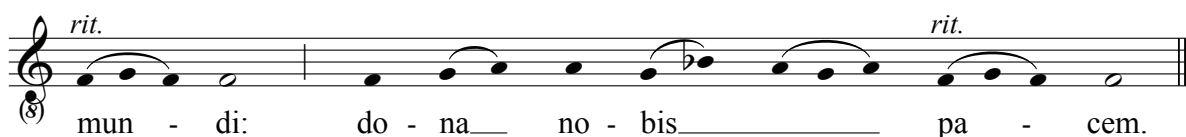
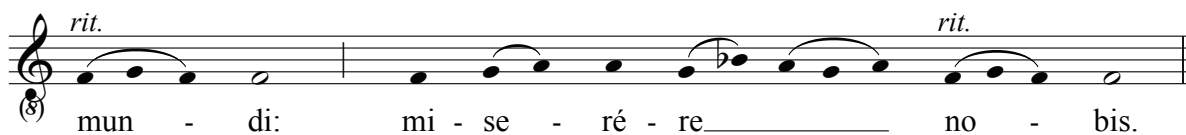
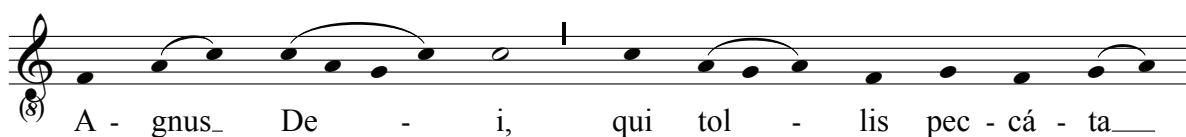
We break this bread, to share in the Body of Christ

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



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***

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

Jesus, these eyes have never seen
That radiant form of thine;
The veil of sense hangs dark
between
Thy blessed face and mine.

I see thee not, I hear thee not,
Yet art thou oft with me;
And earth hath ne'er so dear a
spot
As where I met with thee.

Yet, though I have not seen, and
still
Must rest in faith alone,
I love thee, dearest Lord, and
will,
Unseen, but not unknown.

When death these mortal eyes
shall seal,
And still this throbbing heart,
The rending veil shall thee
reveal
All glorious as thou art.

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

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament
may have a continuing effect
in our minds and hearts.
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. Now is eternal life,
If risen with Christ we stand,
In him to life reborn,
And holden in his hand;
No more we fear death's ancient
dread,
In Christ arisen from the dead.**

**2. For God, the living God,
Stooped down to man's estate;
By death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate:
He lives, who died; he reigns on
high;
Who lives in him shall never die.**

**3. Unfathomed love divine,
Reign thou within my heart;
From thee nor depth nor height,
Nor life nor death can part;
Our life is hid with God in thee,
Now and through all eternity.**

*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.



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