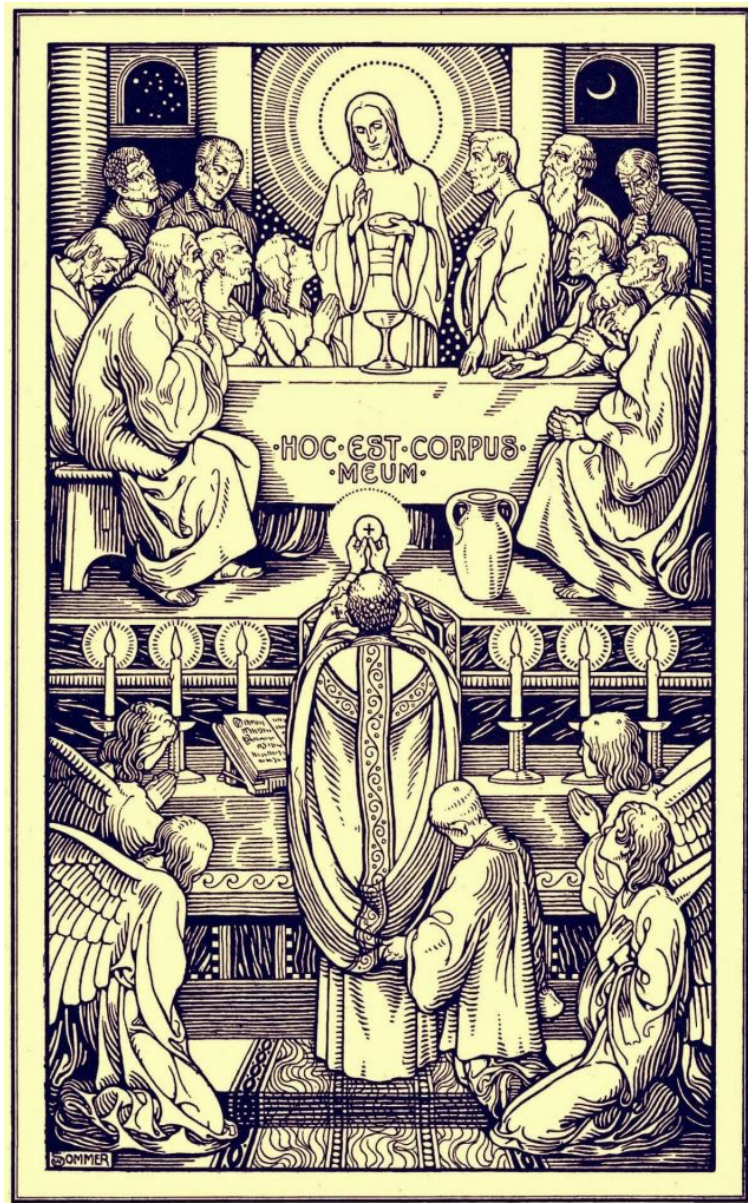




Christ Church

St Leonards on Sea



The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sung Mass

20th 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

1. Christ, whose glory fills the
skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of
night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my
heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

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.

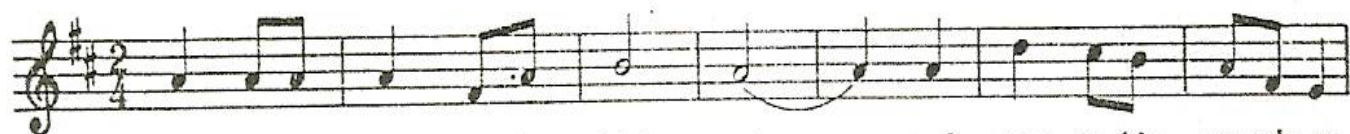
The Priest pronounces the absolution:

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***



Glo- ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo-ple on



earth. Lord God, hea- ven-ly King, al- migh- ty God and



Fa- ther, we wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you



for your glo- ry. 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 pray'r. 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. A- men.

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

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law
upon love of you and of our neighbour,
grant that, by keeping your precepts,
we may merit to attain eternal life.
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

Isaiah 55.6-9 Philippians 1.20-24, 27 Matthew 20.1-16

Please sit for the readings

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

Psalms 145 vv1-4 R/ I will bless you and praise you for ever, O God my King

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, •
and bless your name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you •
and praise your name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; •
his greatness is beyond all searching out.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another •
and declare your mighty acts.

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!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son

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 Matthew

(✠) **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. There's a wideness in God's
 mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice
 Which is more than liberty.
2. There is no place where earth's
 sorrows
Are more felt than up in
 heaven;
There is no place where earth's
 failings
Have such kindly judgement
 given.
3. For the love of God is broader
 Than the measure of man's
 mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
4. But we make his love too
 narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
 With a zeal he will not own.
5. There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.
6. There is grace enough for
 thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.
7. If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our 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***

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:



*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

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 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 always – Anon attrib Redford*

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

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| 1. Father, hear the prayer we
offer:
Not for ease that prayer shall
be,
But for strength that we may ever
Live our lives courageously. | 3. Not for ever by still waters
Would we idly rest and stay;
But would smite the living
fountains
From the rocks along our way. |
| 2. Not for ever in green pastures
Do we ask our way to be;
But the steep and rugged
pathway
May we tread rejoicingly. | 4. Be our strength in hours of
weakness,
In our wanderings be our guide;
Through endeavour, failure,
danger,
Father, be thou at our side |

*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 raise up, O Lord,
those you renew with this Sacrament,
that we may come to possess your redemption
both in mystery and in the manner of our 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**

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

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