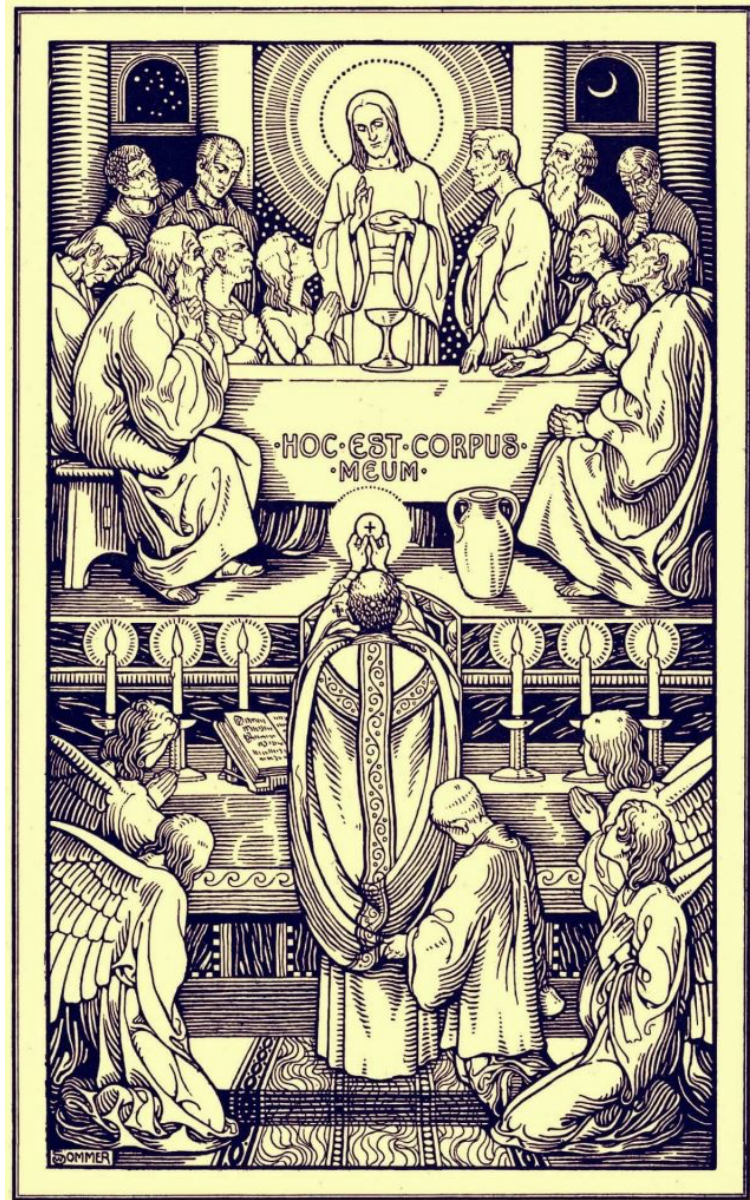




Christ Church

St Leonards on Sea



Harvest Festival
with the Blessing of the Sea
Sung Mass
27th 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, we process to the sea front for our annual Blessing of the Sea: please do join us for the procession & blessing.

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. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
His Truth is marching on.

Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
His Truth is marching on.

2. I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I have read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His Day is marching on.

Glory, glory, Hallelujah... His Truth is marching on.

3. I have read a fiery gospel, writ in burnished rows of steel:
‘As ye deal with my contemners, so with you my grace shall deal’;
Let the Hero born of woman crush the serpent with his heel,
Since God is marching on.

Glory, glory, Hallelujah... His Truth is marching on.

4. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Glory, glory, Hallelujah... Our God is marching on.

5. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.

Glory, glory, Hallelujah... Our God is marching on.

6. He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave;
He is wisdom to the mighty, he is succour to the brave;
So the world shall be his footstool, and the soul of Time his slave:
Our God is marching on.

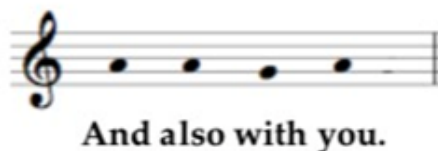
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The Greeting

In the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit



The Lord be 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***



[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



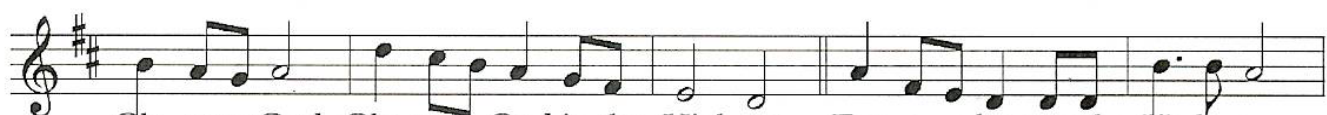
High-est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther. Lord God



Lamb of God you take a way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; You are



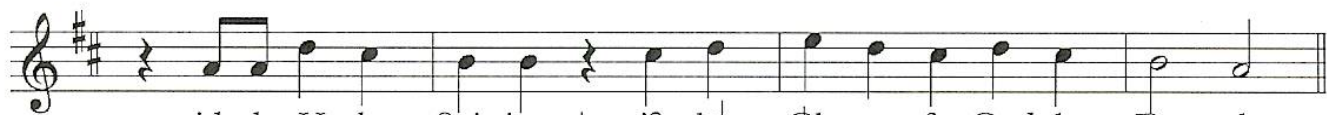
sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God,



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.

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

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Deuteronomy 8.7–18

II Corinthians 9.6–end

Luke 12.16–30

Please sit for the readings

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

Psalm 65 vv8-11 R/ Happy are they whom you choose to dwell in your courts

- 8 You visit the earth and water it; •
you make it very plenteous.
- 9 The river of God is full of water; •
you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.
- 10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; •
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.
- 11 You crown the year with your goodness, •
and your paths overflow with plenty.

Second Reading A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians
This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting. Gather the fruit for eternal life

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 Luke (✠)

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. Come, ye thankful people,
come,
Raise the song of harvest-home:
All be safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin:
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple,
come;
Raise the song of harvest-home!

2. All this world is God's own
field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may
be.

3. For the Lord our God shall
come,
And shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall purge away
All that doth offend, that day;
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.

4. Then, thou Church
triumphant, come.
Raise the song of harvest-home:
All be safely gathered in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There for ever purified
In God's garner to abide:
Come, ten thousand angels,
come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home!

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***
The Heavens are telling – Haydn

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

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| 1. All things bright and
beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all. | 4. The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one; |
| 2. Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing
colours,
He made their tiny wings. | 5. The tall trees in the
greenwood,
The meadows for our play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day; |
| 3. The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky; | 6. He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well. |

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*

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus 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!**

*During the **Recessional Hymn** we assemble for our procession
to the seafront for the Blessing of the Sea.*

Please follow the directions of the wardens and sidesmen.

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?...

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast from 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?...

THE PROCESSION TO THE SEA

*Please follow the directions of the stewards and sidesmen, as we process down
London Road to the sea. As we process, we invoke the prayers of all the saints in
a simple Litany:*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven,	have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit,	have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God,	have mercy on us.
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,	have mercy on us.

*As the Priest invokes the name of each saint, we sing loudly together the response
'Pray for us'*

Holy Mary, Mother of God.	pray for us!
Holy Virgin of virgins.	pray for us!
Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.	pray for us!
All holy angels...	

*The Litany continues, concluding: All holy men and women Saints of
God...Pray for us!*

THE BLESSING OF THE SEA

Once gathered on the beach, please join in with the words in bold - loudly and confidently!

Psalm 28

The voice of the Lord is over the waters * **the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over vast waters.**

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

**the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful;

the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say,
'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

(All bow) **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit**
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters * the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over vast waters.

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

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.

All you fountains of waters, bless the Lord.

All you seas and waves, bless the Lord.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

Lord, heed my prayer.

And let my cry be heard by you.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

The priest offers prayers and then a Blessing of the Sea. Each time, all respond

Amen.

The sea is sprinkled with holy water.

The Sanctuary party process back to Christ Church in formation.