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**Christ Church**  
St Leonards on Sea



**The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**  
*Candlemass*  
**Sung Mass**  
*with Blessing of Candles &*  
*Sunday School*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**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 as we conclude our celebrations of Christmas & Epiphany – this season in which we rejoice that the Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

This morning we will bless the candles – signs & symbols of the light of Christ in the world – that will be used for our worship this year. If you have any candles you would like blessed for devotions at home, please bring them forward before Mass and place them on the table.

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 sidesmen.

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)

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**"Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord."**

*James 5.14*

# **HEALING MASSES**

**LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
1030AM**

**CONFESSIONS HEARD AT 9AM**

25th January + 22nd February + 29th March  
26th April + 31st May + 28th June + 26th July  
30th August + 27th September + 25th October  
29th November

Healing Masses include the opportunity for anyone who wishes to receive the Laying on of Hands in prayer, or to be Anointed with Holy Oil by a priest

**Everyone is welcome to come and receive the healing of body, mind & soul offered by the Lord**

**FOLLOWED BY 'BIBLE AND BACON' AT 11 - BIBLE STUDY WITH A FREE COFFEE & A BACON ROLL (OR VEGGIE ALTERNATIVE)!**



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ENTRANCE ON  
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*Please stand when the bell rings for the entrance of the sanctuary party*

## Entrance Hymn

1. Of the Father's heart begotten,  
Ere the world from chaos rose,  
He is Alpha: from that Fountain  
All that is and hath been flows;  
He is Omega, of all things  
Yet to come the mystic Close,  
Evermore and evermore.

2. By his word was all created;  
He commanded and 'twas done;  
Earth and sky and boundless  
ocean,  
Universe of three in one,  
All that sees the moon's soft  
radiance,  
All that breathes beneath the sun,  
Evermore and evermore.

3. He assumed this mortal body,  
Frail and feeble doomed to die,  
That the race from dust created  
Might not perish utterly,  
Which the dreadful Law had  
sentenced  
In the depths of hell to lie,  
Evermore and evermore.

4. O how blest that wondrous  
birthday,

When the Maid the curse  
retrieved,

Brought to birth mankind's  
salvation,

By the Holy Ghost conceived;  
And the Babe, the world's  
Redeemer,

In her loving arms received,  
Evermore and evermore.

5. This is he, whom seer and sybil  
Sang in ages long gone by;  
This is he of old revealed  
In the page of prophecy;  
Lo! he comes the promised Saviour;  
Let the world his praises cry!  
Evermore and evermore.

6. Let the storm and summer  
sunshine,

Gliding stream and sounding  
shore,

Sea and forest, frost and zephyr,  
Day and night their Lord adore;

Let creation join to laud thee  
Through the ages evermore,  
Evermore and evermore.

7. Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;  
Angels and Archangels, sing!  
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,  
Let your joyous anthems ring,  
Every tongue his name confessing,  
Countless voices answering  
Evermore and evermore.

## 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.*

*Anyone who still wishes to bring forward personal candles for blessing can do so now.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

forty days have passed since we celebrated the joyful feast of the Nativity of the Lord. Today is the blessed day when Jesus was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph. Outwardly he was fulfilling the Law, but in reality he was coming to meet his believing people.

Prompted by the Holy Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the Temple.

Enlightened by the same Spirit, they recognized the Lord and confessed him with exultation. So let us also, gathered together by the Holy Spirit, proceed in this house of God to encounter Christ.

There we shall find him and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, until he comes again, revealed in glory.

*The priest blesses the candles:*

O God, source and origin of all light,  
who on this day showed to the just man Simeon  
the Light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
we humbly ask that,  
in answer to your people's prayers,  
you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing (+) these candles,  
which we are eager to carry in praise of your name,  
so that, treading the path of virtue,  
we may reach that light which never fails.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The candles are then sprinkled with holy water and censed, while the choir sings the Nunc Dimittis.*

*The Mass then continues with **The Penitential Rite***

*He then 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 **Kyrie Eleison**  
Christe Eleison **Christe Eleison**  
Kyrie Eleison **Kyrie Eleison**

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

*The Choir lead the Gloria – Lourdes*

**R/. Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo**

*The Priest sings the Collect:*

Almighty ever-living God,  
we humbly implore your majesty  
that, just as your Only Begotten Son  
was presented on this day in the Temple  
in the substance of our flesh,  
so, by your grace,  
we may be presented to you with minds made pure.  
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

*Malachi 3.1-4; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40*

*Please sit* for the readings

**First Reading** A reading from the Book of Malachi

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

**Psalm 24 – The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory**

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
    be lifted up, you everlasting  
doors; and the King of glory shall  
come in.

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
    be lifted up, you everlasting  
doors; and the King of glory shall  
come in.

8 ‘Who is the King of glory?’  
‘The Lord, strong and mighty,  
    the Lord who is mighty in  
battle.’

10  
‘Who is this King of glory?’ ‘The  
Lord of hosts, he is the King of  
glory.’

**Second Reading** A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

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 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. Join all the glorious names  
of wisdom, love, and power,  
that ever mortals knew,  
that angels ever bore:  
all are too mean to speak  
His worth,  
too mean to set  
my *Saviour* forth.
2. Great *Prophet* of my God,  
my tongue would bless Thy  
name,  
by thee the joyful news  
of our salvation came:  
the joyful news of sins  
forgiven,  
of hell subdued and peace  
with heaven.
3. *Jesus* my great *High-Priest*,  
offered his blood, and died;  
my guilty conscience seeks  
no sacrifice beside:  
his powerful blood did once  
atone,  
and now it pleads before  
the throne.
4. My dear almighty *Lord*,  
my *Conqueror* and my *King*,  
thy sceptre and thy sword,  
thy reign of grace, I sing;  
thyne is the power: behold, I  
sit  
In willing bonds before Thy  
feet.
5. Now let my soul arise,  
and tread the tempter down;  
my *Captain* leads me forth  
to conquest and a crown.  
A feeble saint shall win the  
day,  
though death and hell  
obstruct the way.
6. Should all the hosts of  
death,  
and powers of hell unknown,  
put their most dreadful forms  
of rage and mischief on,  
I shall be safe,  
for *Christ* displays  
superior power, and guardian  
grace.

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** [Missa de Angelis]*

# SANCTUS

(11th) 12th century

San - - ctus, San - ctus, San - - ctus\_

Dó - mi - nus De - us\_ Sá - - - -

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Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - - - na\_\_ in\_\_ ex -

- cél - - - - sis\_\_

***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

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:*

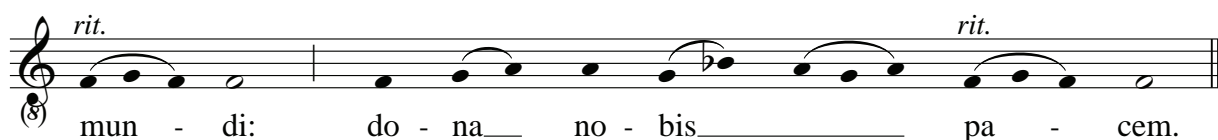
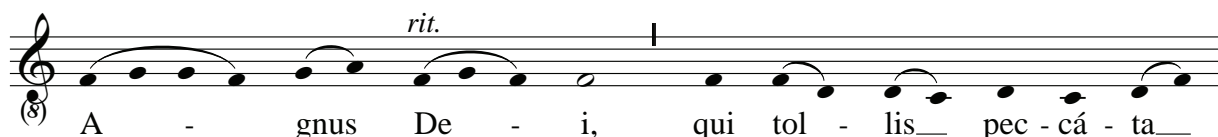
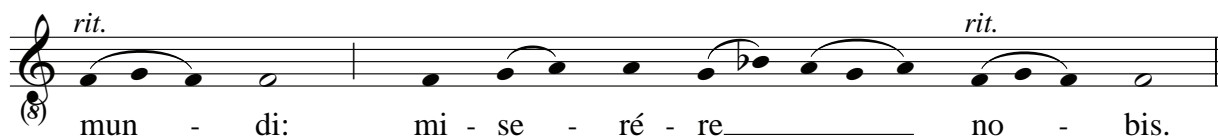
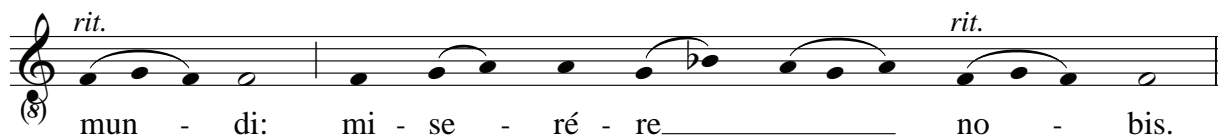
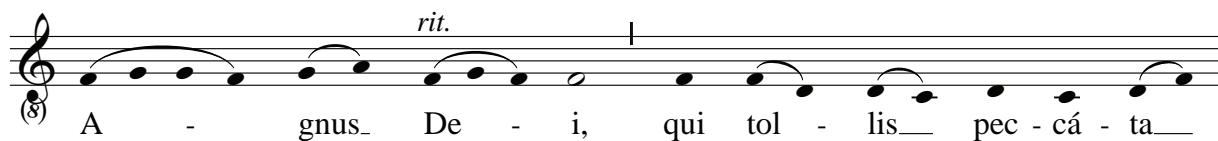
We break this bread, to share in the Body of Christ

**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 [Missa de Angelis]*

### AGNUS DEI

15th century



## Giving of Communion

*Please remaining 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***



1. Faithful vigil ended,  
Watching, waiting cease;  
Master, grant thy servant  
His discharge in peace.

2. All thy Spirit promised,  
All the Father willed;  
Now these eyes behold it  
Perfectly fulfilled.

3. This thy great deliverance  
Sets thy people free;  
Christ, their light, uplifted  
All the nations see.

4. Christ, thy people's glory!  
Watching, doubting, cease:  
Grant to us thy servants  
Our discharge in peace

*As the Sacred Vessels are cleansed in the Lady Chapel, 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*

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord,  
bring your grace to perfection within us,  
and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation  
that he would not see death  
until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ,  
so may we, going forth to meet the Lord,  
obtain the gift of eternal life.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
**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. **At the name of Jesus**  
Every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess him  
King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure  
We should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning  
Was the mighty Word.
2. **At his voice creation**  
Sprang at once to sight,  
All the angel faces,  
All the hosts of light,  
Thrones and dominations,  
Stars upon their way,  
All the heavenly orders,  
In their great array.
3. **Humbled for a season,**  
To receive a name  
From the lips of sinners  
Unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it  
Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious  
When from death he passed:
4. **Bore it up triumphant**  
With its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures,  
To the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead,  
To the Father's breast;  
Filled it with the glory  
Of that perfect rest
5. **In your hearts enthrone him;**  
There let him subdue  
All, that is not holy,  
All that is not true:  
He is God the Saviour,  
He is Christ the Lord,  
Ever to be worshipped,  
Trusted, and adored.
6. **Brothers, this Lord Jesus**  
Shall return again,  
With the Father's glory,  
With his angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire  
Meet upon his brow,  
And our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.

*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 amongst 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.**

*Make sure to 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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A Scripture Study Group open to all,  
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February

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