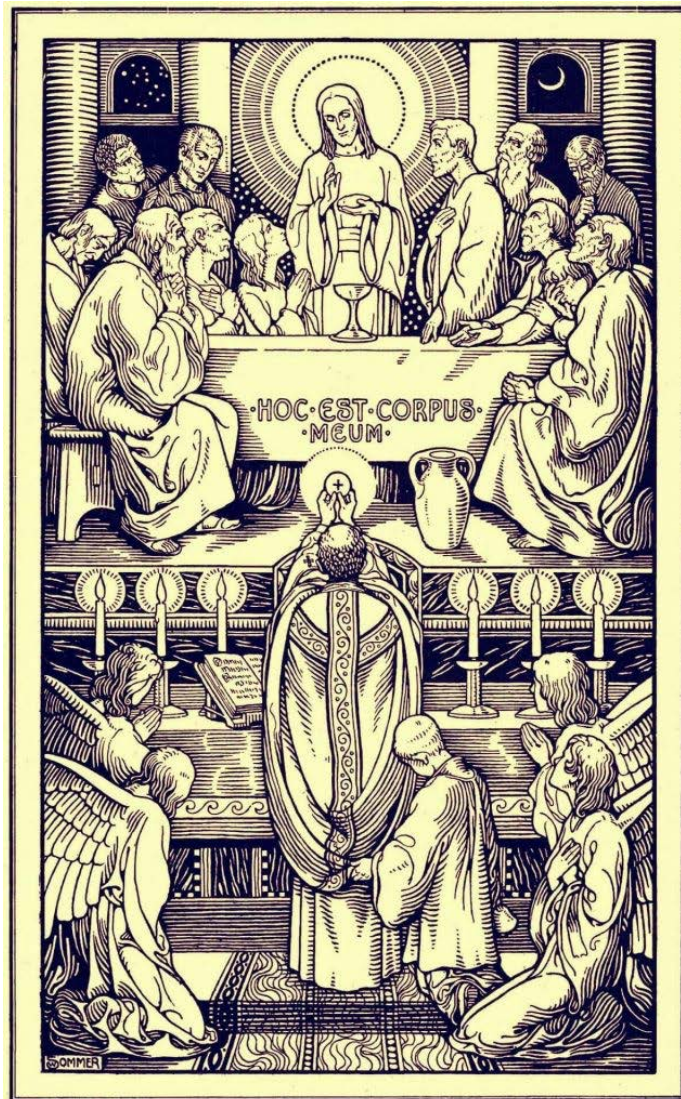




Christ Church

St Leonards on Sea



The Fourth Sunday before Advent

The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sung Mass

with Sunday School

1030am

3rd November

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. Please stay afterwards for refreshments – all are welcome!

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.

*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.*

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 do not wish to receive from the Chalice, you can return to your seat after receiving the Host.

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.

NOVEMBER 2024

**THE MONTH OF THE HOLY
SOULS AT CHRIST CHURCH**

ALL SOULS' DAY
SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
Low Mass 1030am
Sung Mass 6pm

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER
Sung Mass & Act of Remembrance
10.30am

DAILY REQUIEM MASSES
TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

*All are invited to join us over this month
dedicated to remembering and praying for the
dead*

Please stand when the bell rings for the entrance of the sanctuary party

Entrance Hymn

1. Alleluya, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluya, his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

2. Alleluya, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluya, he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions
how;
Though the cloud from sight
received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his
promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

3. Alleluya, bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our
stay;
Alleluya, here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluya, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluya, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy
throne:
Thou within the veil hast
entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High
Priest;
Thou on earth both priest and
victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

+ 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 items to prepare their altar.

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** (Darke)*

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**

[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 and merciful God,
by whose gift your faithful offer you
right and praiseworthy service,
grant, we pray,
that we may hasten without stumbling
to receive the things you have promised.
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

Deuteronomy 6.2-6; Psalm 119; Hebrews 7.23-28; Mark 12.28-34

Please sit

First Reading A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

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

Psalm 119: Response - Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments

1 Blessed are those whose way is pure,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

2 Blessed are those who keep his
testimonies and seek him with their
whole heart,

3 Those who do no wickedness,
but walk in his ways.

4 You, O Lord, have charged
that we should diligently keep your
commandments.

5 O that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes.

6 Then should I not be put to shame,
because I have regard for all your
commandments.

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned
heart, when I have learned your
righteous judgements.

8 I will keep your statutes;
O forsake me not utterly.

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 Mark (+)

Glory to you, O Lord.

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 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 by the people, 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand when the congregation is censed by the thurifer.

Offertory Hymn

1. 'Lift up your hearts!' We lift
 them, Lord, to thee;
Here at thy feet none other may
we see:
'Lift up your hearts!' E'en so,
with one accord,
We lift them up, we lift them to
the Lord.

2. Above the level of the
 former years,
The mire of sin, the slough of
guilty fears,
The mist of doubt, the blight of
love's decay,
O Lord of Light, lift all our
hearts to-day!

3. Above the swamps of
 subterfuge and shame,
The deeds, the thoughts, that
honour may not name,
The halting tongue that dares not
tell the whole,
O Lord of Truth, lift every
Christian soul!

4. Lift every gift that thou
 thyself hast given;
Low lies the best till lifted up to
heaven:
Low lie the bounding heart, the
teeming brain,
Till, sent from God, they mount
to God again.

5. Then, as the trumpet-call, in after years,
'Lift up your hearts!' rings pealing in our ears,
Still shall those hearts respond, with full accord,
'We lift them up, we lift them to the 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** [Mass of St Thomas - Thorne]*

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:

The Lord's Prayer



A-men.

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 [Mass of St Thomas - Thorne]

**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 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 stand 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
If ye Love me - Tallis

All then join in the Communion Hymn

**1. Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin;
From earthborn passions set me
free,
And make me pure within.**

**2. Lord Jesus, think on me,
With care and woe opprest;
Let me thy loving servant be,
And taste thy promised rest.**

**3. Lord Jesus, think on me,
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery
Be thou my health and life.**

**4. Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and
perplexity
Point thou the heavenly way.**

**5. Lord Jesus, think on me,
When flows the tempest high:
When on doth rush the enemy
O Saviour, be thou nigh.**

**6. Lord Jesus, think on me,
That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
And share thy joy at last.**

*There is a time of silent prayer.
Please stand.*

We pray together 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.**

The priest sings the Prayer after Communion

May the working of your power, O Lord,
increase in us, we pray,
so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments,
we may be prepared by your gift
for receiving what they promise.
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**

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without
ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

*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.

If you would like to join our mailing list and keep up to date with our upcoming services and events, please subscribe on our website:

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