



The Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton

Christ the King

Sunday 23rd November 2025



Please pray:

For The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

For the Honorary Assistant Bishops & Archdeacons emeritus.

For those who work to bring peace around the world.

For neighbours in Greyfriars.

For Elias, Pauline Grimstone, Veronica Holden, Diane Howe, Jenny Smith,
Paul Thompson, Trevor, Robin, Richard, Rols Ham-Riche, Sarah, Malcolm
Kemp

Anniversaries of death: John Mitchell, Robert Grady, Mollie Diplock

Welcome to The Church of the Good Shepherd. This sheet has everything you need to follow what is going on. The writing in the red italics gives instructions. The text in normal type will be spoken by a priest, reader or other member of the congregation. We all join in with the bold type.

Please stand when the bell rings and the altar party enters.

Processional Hymn
CP 398

- 1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.***
- 2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
*Yours the glory...***
- 3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
*Yours the glory...***
- 4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
*Yours the glory...***
- 5 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
*Yours the glory...***

Michael Seward (1932-2015)

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The priest introduces the celebration. We say the Prayer of Preparation.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Penitential Rite

The priest invites us to call to mind our sins.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.

Amen.

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 Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**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;**

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

**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 Father. Amen. Amen.**

Mass of St Cedd, Nardone

The Collect

We remain standing for the Collect:

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit for the readings.

The Liturgy of the Word First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!
says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning
the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my
flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them.
So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself
will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven
them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and
multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and
they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing,
says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 46 (Chant: from Luther)

- 1 God is our hope and strength *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved *
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.
- 3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell *
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
- 4 The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God *
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.
- 5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed *
God shall help her, and that right early.
- 6 The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved *
but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us *
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- 8 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord *
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.
- 9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world *
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth
the chariots in the fire.
- 10 Be still then, and know that I am God *
I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us *
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,* and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,* world
without end. Amen.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Colossians 1:11-20

Brothers and sisters: may you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

We stand for the Gospel reading.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

At the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

We sit for the sermon.

The Creed

Please stand for the Creed.

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, 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.

The Intercessions

In the intercessions, we make this or another response:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers:

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

Please remain standing as the celebrant introduces the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

During the Offertory Hymn, the Gifts of Bread and Wine are presented by the people. A collection is taken. There is also a Card machine at the back of the church. You are welcome to use it at the end of the service if you would like to make any donation.

Offertory Hymn
NEH 345

- 1 Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
make all men know he is your choice.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**
- 2 O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**
- 3 They with a faith for ever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of faithful men and true.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**
- 4 O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

George Bell (1883-1958)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Invitation to Prayer is said:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the 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 then prays the Prayer over the Gifts to which we respond:
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts, and we sing the Sanctus and Benedictus:

...as without end we acclaim:

**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,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.**

Mass of St Cedd, Nardone

The priest prays the prayer of consecration, and this acclamation is said:

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Prayer continues, leading into the doxology, which ends

... for ever and ever.

Amen.

The priest introduces 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.**

Breaking of Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated host:

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.

We sing the Agnus Dei:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

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Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to
receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

If you are baptised in the name of the Trinity, and are used to receiving communion, you are very welcome to do so here. Otherwise, you may like to come forward for a blessing. Please bring this sheet with you to indicate that you would like a blessing.

Choir

King of all ages, throned on high, Paul Isom

Communion Hymn
NEH 391

- 1 King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
And that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.
- 2 Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.
- 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol thee.

George Herbert (1593-1632)

Post Communion

We stand as the priest prays:

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We pray together:

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Notices

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The priest asks God's blessing on us:

God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.
Amen.

God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you faithful servants of Christ our King.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

NEH 443

- 1 Rejoice, the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.***
- 2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above:
*Lift up your heart...***
- 3 His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
*Lift up your heart...***
- 4 He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet:
*Lift up your heart...***

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Organ Voluntary

Postlude on Guiting Power, Paul Leddington Wright

THIS WEEK

Monday 24 th <i>St Andrew Dun-Lac and Companions</i>	
10.15am (Zoom opens 9.45am)	Bible Study
Tuesday 25 th <i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	
2pm - 4pm	Tea at the Good Shepherd
Wednesday 26 th	
11am 7.30pm	The Eucharist <i>at Chartwell Home</i> Book Group (Maldon Road)
Thursday 27 th	
10.30am 7.30pm	The Eucharist Autumn Course (Maldon Road)
Sunday 30 th The First Sunday of Advent	
8.00am 10.15am 5.00pm	The Eucharist Parish Eucharist Advent Holy Hour

NOTICES

Sunday Snippets at 11.30am this morning - we're looking at the Athanasian Creed.

Advent begins next Sunday. There will be an **Advent Holy Hour** at 5pm - a reflective service of music, readings and silence, and ending with Benediction. Come for the whole thing or pop in and out.

Our **Christmas Cards** are in the process of being delivered. If you live in the parish and have not received a card through your door, please let Mthr Alice know! There are copies at the back of church as well.

Please keep bringing in items for the **Christmas Fayre**, and we would love some more help to run some stalls.

We will be holding the **Silent Auction** once again this year. Please make your offer on the list at the back of the Church; Food & Hospitality, Talent, or much-loved Artifacts that deserve a new home. Any questions to Michael Miller.

Today is the deadline for filling in Michael's research survey.

There is a list at the back of church to sign up for a slot to steward the **Christmas Tree Festival**. We've invested quite a lot into advertising this year, and hope this will pay off with lots of visitors.

We are **Carol Singing** at Chartwell on Wednesday 10th December and Chartwell on Wednesday 17th, both at 11am. The more the merrier!

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