

# The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton, St Nicholas of Myra



## The Fourth Sunday before Lent – 9 February

**Welcome.** St Nicholas' is the original church of Brightelmston village, and the Ancient Mother Church of Brighton: a haven of peace and prayerfulness in the heart of our city. We celebrate diversity, and believe that God's unconditional love is for all. Children are very welcome here.

**The Eucharist** is celebrated on most days of the week in this church. *See notices inside.*

### Instruction in the Christian Faith

**Holy Baptism** for children and adults

**Sacrament of Penance** (Confession)

**Holy Matrimony** and **Thanksgiving after Civil Marriage**

} *by  
arrangement  
with  
the Vicar*

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Join us on Zoom: Meeting ID: 833 4639 2107 Passcode: 991506

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## THE EUCHARIST

*Before the Eucharist begins, we keep silence and pray together:*

**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.**

*We stand when the bell rings, to sing the hymn.*

**And can it be that I should gain**

*Celebrant:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*People:* **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

*The celebrant introduces the liturgy, and we confess our sins.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The celebrant says the prayer of absolution and all respond: **Amen.***

*We sing the Kyrie eleison:*

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Christe, Christe eleison.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

*We sing the Gloria in excelsis:*

*Choir:* Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

**All: Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.

**Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

We worship you.

**Glory in the highest.**

Give you thanks.

**Glory in the highest.**

Praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

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.

**Have mercy on us.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

**Receive our prayer.**

Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

**Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

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 glory of God the Father.

**Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

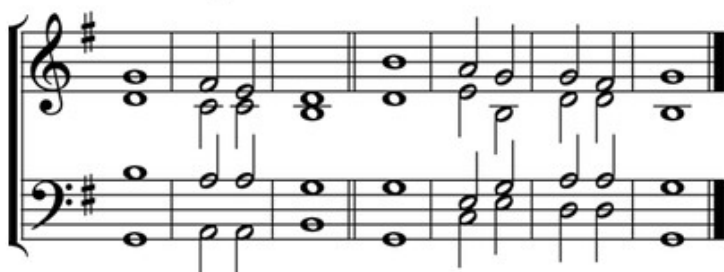
Amen. **Amen.**

*The celebrant prays the Collect and we respond: **Amen.***

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Isaiah 6.1-13) read by Jane Gray we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

*We sing Psalm 138, led by Vivienne McKay.*

*William Croft*



- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with • my • whole • heart;  
before the gods will • I • sing • praise • to • you.
- 2 **I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of  
your • love • and • faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your • word • a•bove • all • things.**
- 3 In the day that I called to you, you • an•swered • me;  
you • put • new • strength in • my • soul.
- 4 **All the kings of the earth shall • praise • you, O • Lord,  
for they have • heard • the • words of • your • mouth.**
- 5 They shall sing of the • ways of • the • Lord,  
that great is the • glo•ry • of • the • Lord.
- 6 **Though the Lord be high, he watches • over • the • lowly;  
as for the proud, he re•gards • them • from • a•far.**
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you • will • pre•serve me;  
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; • your • right  
• hand • will • save me.
- 8 **The Lord shall make good his • purpose • for • me;  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake • not • the • work of  
• your • hands.**

*We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Luke 5.1-11).*

**Alleluia alleluia alleluia alleluia ... Alleluia alleluia alleluia alleluia.**

*Reader:* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

*People:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

*Reader:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*People: Praise to you, O Christ.*

*We sit to hear the homily.*

*We stand together to declare our faith.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*We sit or stand for the prayers of intercession, led by Martin Houghton-Brown, and  
respond:*

**Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer or: Lord hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.  
At the end: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*We stand for the Peace.*

*Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

*People: And also with you.*

*Donations are collected for the work of St Nicholas'. Contactless  
donations can be made after the Eucharist at the door, or you can  
donate online using the QR code. If you would like to make a regular  
donation, please pick up a standing order form from the cupboard by  
the main door and return it to the parish priest, or Churchwarden.*



*As the Offerings are brought to the altar we stand to sing:*

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,**

*We stand as the celebrant says the Prayer over the Offerings and we respond: **Amen.***

*We remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **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 celebrant praises God and we sing:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might:**

**Heaven and earth, heaven and earth are full of your glory, your power and might.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes; blessed, blessed is he who comes;**

**blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

*The celebrant recalls the Last Supper.*

Let us proclaim the myst'ry of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is ris'n, Jesus Christ will come again.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

*The celebrant continues the prayer and we respond:*

**Amen, Amen!**

*People:* **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 bread is broken, we sing:*

*Choir:* Jesus, Lamb of God and source of life; Jesus loving bearer of our sins:

*All:* **Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy; give us your peace.**

Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man; Jesus, true Redeemer of the world:

**Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy; give us your peace.**

Jesus, Lord of life and Lord of light; Jesus, here in form of bread and wine:

**Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy; give us your peace.**

*Celebrant:* Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

*All who are baptised and normally receive Communion are welcome to do so here. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward with this service booklet in your hands. If you are unable to stand, please let a Churchwarden or sidesperson know, and Communion will be brought to you.*

*The Ministry of Healing – the laying on of hands with prayer and anointing – is offered in the Lady Chapel. If you would like to receive this, please go through to the chapel after you receive Communion or a blessing.*

*Communion anthem: Fairest Lord Jesus. Trad. Arr How.*

*We remain seated to sing:*

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us, you are one with us,**

*We stand for the Post-Communion Prayer and respond: Amen.*

*We sit for notices.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The celebrant gives the blessing and we respond: Amen.*

*Celebrant:* Go in the peace of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*We remain standing to sing:*

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,**

*Voluntary: Choral Song, by S. S. Wesley*

*All are most welcome to stay after the Eucharist for refreshments.*

### **Notices for the Coming Week**

**Messy Church is this Tuesday**, 3-4pm. Primary aged children accompanied by an adult are very warmly welcome to come and enjoy crafts, prayer, and refreshments together.

**Wednesday recital at 2pm:** Oliver Nelson (violin) and Vasilis Rakitzis (piano) play Ravel and Prokofiev. All are very welcome.

**Fr Dominic** is on annual leave from Thursday 13 - Tuesday 18 February.

**Friends of St. Nicholas Day Out** 13th of February: *Discover the hidden secrets of Worthing Museum.* Leave Brighton (or Hove) by train at 11am. There will be assistance available all day for those with restricted mobility. Have traditional Fish and Chips by the Pier in Worthing and then visit Worthing Museum for a guided tour of the museum including a behind-the-scenes look at its extensive costume collection. Cost £35 excluding train fares. Numbers are limited so if you would like to be included, please email: FoslChurch@gmail.com or mention it to one of the Churchwardens.

**Mardi Gras Celebration** with a delicious Cajun supper, music by the Gin Jazz trio, and dancing... on Sat 1 March, 7 for 7.30pm: tickets on sale now from Jo Baker after mass or email jo.baker11@outlook.com. A party not to be missed, to get us ready for Lent!

**LENT.** Ash Wednesday is 5 March. The Eucharist will be celebrated at 12.00pm (said) and 8.00pm (sung). If you have palm crosses at home from last year, we would welcome them back to make ash for this year's celebration. Please put them in the basket on the table by the south door. If you would be interested in either hosting or leading a Lent group this year, please put your name on the sheet on the table at the back of church – I will begin organising groups soon – *Fr D.*

Save the date! **Summer fair** Sat 21 June. More information to follow.

Our sponsored charity this month is **Family Support Work (FSW)**, which provides emotional and practical support to families in need. This includes listening, advice, advocacy, food parcels, support groups and play activities. FSW supports families struggling with issues such as poverty, ill health, learning difficulties, bereavement, family break-up and domestic abuse.

Attendance last week: 8am: 13 adults 10.30am: 2 children and 77 adults



## This Week at St Nicholas'

Sunday 9	<b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT</b>	8.00am Eucharist <i>Special prayer at both masses for: People of the parish</i> 10.00am Morning Prayer (Lady Chapel) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Ministry of Healing
Monday 10	S. Scholastica	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Vocations to Religious life</i> 6.45-9.00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7.30-10.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 11	Feria	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Children of the Parish</i> 3.00pm Messy Church 6.30-10.00pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 12	Feria	2.00pm Recital: Oliver Nelson (violin) and Vasilis Rakitzis (piano) play Ravel and Prokofiev 3.00pm Eucharist followed by tea and cake <i>Home communicants and the housebound</i> 7.00-10.00pm – Five Rhythms Meditative Dance
Thursday 13	Feria	5.30pm Eucharist followed by Silent Prayer until 6.30pm <i>The peace of the world</i>
Friday 14	Ss Cyril and Methodius	12.00pm Eucharist <i>Diplomats &amp; all who work for international relations</i> 12.30-3.00pm Open Church
Saturday 15	S. Sigfrid	12.00pm Eucharist <i>The Church of Sweden</i> 12.30-3.00pm Open Church
Sunday 16	<b>THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT (Septuagesima)</b>	8.00am Eucharist <i>Special prayer at both masses for: People of the parish</i> 10.00am Morning Prayer (Lady Chapel) 10.30am Parish Eucharist
Matins and Evensong: Tues 9.00am, Weds 4.30pm, Thurs 9.00am, Fri 5.30pm		

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