

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



**Maundy Thursday – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**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**

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arrangement  
with  
the Vicar*

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*You may like to use these as a help to your prayers before the Eucharist begins.*

O Saviour of the World, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us.  
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen

*Salvator Mundi, medieval*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery, and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence carry out the work of our salvation: and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up and things which had grown old are being made new and that all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Gelasian Sacramentary, 9<sup>th</sup> Century*

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Collect for Ash Wednesday*

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits thou hast given me,  
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
and follow thee more nearly.  
Amen.

*Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Book of Common Prayer, Collect for Palm Sunday*

## THE EUCHARIST OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*We stand when the bell rings. We sing:*

**O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray**

*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 Holy Oils, consecrated by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass, are received into church.*

*A minister:* The oil for the anointing of the sick and dying.

*Celebrant:* By the laying on of hands and anointing with this oil, and with the prayerful support of this community, may those who are sick experience the healing presence of Christ. **Amen.**

*A minister:* The oil for the signing of the cross at baptism.

*Celebrant:* Anointed with this oil, and assisted by the example of this community, may those who are to be baptised know that Christ calls them by name and makes them his own and shares with them his victory over sin and the power of evil. **Amen.**

*A minister:* The oil of chrism for anointing at baptism, confirmation and ordination.

*Celebrant:* Anointed with this fragrant oil, may all who are baptised and confirmed, all who are ordained to the service of God's people, and this community whose house of prayer is dedicated to God's glory, fill the world with the sweet fragrance of Christ's gospel and be built up as living stones into a temple filled with the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The celebrant invites us to 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 – the bells are rung.*

*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.

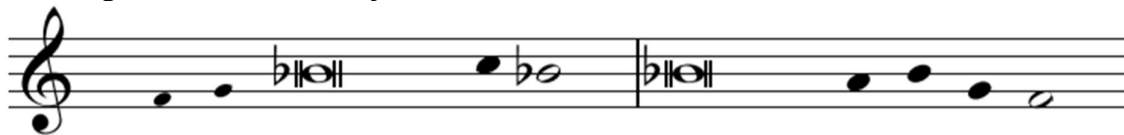
**Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

**Amen. Amen.**

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

We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14) read by Meta Wells-Thorpe we respond: **Thanks be to God.**

We sing Psalm 116, led by the cantor.



**1(Cantor):** *I love* the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my suppli • ca • tion;  
Because he has inclined his ear to me, on the • day • I • called to • him

**10 (All):** How shall I re • pay • the Lord;  
for all the benefits • he • has • given to • me?

**11** I will lift up the cup of sal • va • tion;  
and call u • pon • the • name of the • Lord.

**12** I will fulfil my • vows • to the Lord;  
in the • presence • of • all his • people.

**13** Precious in the • sight • of the Lord;  
is the death • of • his • faithful • servants.

**14** O Lord, I am your • ser • vant;  
your servant, the child of your handmaid, you have • freed • me • from my •  
bonds.

**15** I will offer to you a sacrifice of • thanks • giving;  
and call up • on • the • name of the • Lord.

**16** I will fulfil my • vows • to the Lord;  
in the • presence • of • all his • people.

**17** In the courts of the house • of • the Lord;  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. • Al • le • lu • ia.

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (John 13.1-17, 31b-35).

**Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

*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.*

*After the homily, the celebrant washes the feet of members of the congregation, in imitation of Jesus' actions at the Last Supper. During the rite, the choir sing: Ubi Caritas (Durufle).*

*We sit or stand for the prayers of intercession, led by Amy Morrell, and respond:*

Lord hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us** or Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

*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.**

*A collection is taken for the work of St Nicholas'; contactless donations may also be made after the Eucharist at the door. As the Offerings are brought to the altar we stand to sing:*

**Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord,**

*We stand as the celebrant says the Prayer over the Offerings and 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:*

*Cantor:* Jesus, source of everlasting life; Jesus, source of reconciling love:  
**All: Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy; give us your  
peace.**

Jesus, by whose suffering we are healed; Jesus, man of sorrows, friend of grief:  
**Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer, have mercy; give us your peace.**

Jesus, crucified, transcending time; Jesus, Saviour, by whose death we live:

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

*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 wave your service sheet and communion will be brought to you.*

*Communion anthem: A new commandment (Roy Crabtree).*

*We remain seated to sing.*

**Broken for me,**

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

*We kneel or stand as the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the altar of repose, and sing:*

**Of the glorious Body telling,**

*The choir sing Psalm 22 as the altars are stripped.*

*At the end of the stripping of the altars, those who remain are invited to move to the south aisle. We kneel or sit, and sing the chant, which is repeated several times:*

**Stay With Me, Remain Here With Me  
Watch And Pray, Watch And Pray.**

*A watch is kept before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight. You are invited to stay for all or part of the watch.*

**Please leave the church in silence**





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