

Brighton Lutheran Mission



Exaudi
(Sunday after the Ascension)
1 June 2014

Welcome to Brighton Lutheran Mission!

**May God bless you richly as we
gather together to receive His gifts.**

Please stay behind for a cup of tea or
coffee afterwards.

Holy Communion

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, we eat and drink the actual body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and the wine, according to Jesus' own words. We also believe that those who participate in Holy Communion in a particular congregation should be in agreement in the confession of the faith.

Therefore, we ask that only those who are instructed in the Lutheran Confessions and are under our pastor's spiritual care come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

If you are visiting us and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor *before the service*. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Our teaching on this matter is explained in more detail in the little leaflet, 'Why Closed Communion?', which is available from the pastor.

Thank you for honouring our beliefs.

Explanation of Symbols:

- P** Pastor
- C** Congregation
- ✠ You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.
- ❖ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

Hymns: 545, 539, 534, 832

Catechism

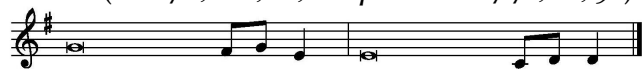
P The First Commandment

C You shall have no other gods.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Introit (*Ps. 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: Ps. 27:7a, 8b, 9a*)



P Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice!

Alle- | luia.*

Your face, LORD, I will seek. Do not hide

Your face from me. Alle- | luia.

C The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation;*
whom | shall I fear?

P The LORD is the strength | of my life;*
of whom shall I | be afraid?

C Teach me Your | way, O LORD,*
do not deliver me to the will of my
adver- | saries;

P for false witnesses have risen a- | gainst me,*
and such as breathe out | violence.

C ❖ *Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* *
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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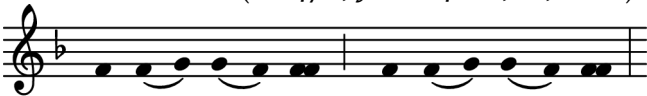
Collect of the Day

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

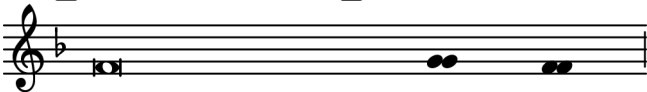
Old Testament Reading—Ezekiel 36:22–28

Epistle Reading—1 Peter 4:7–11

Alleluia & Verse (*Ps. 47:8; John 14:18a, 28, 16:22*)



P Al-le - lu - ia! **C** Al-le - lu - ia!



God reigns over the na - tions;*



God sits on his ho - ly throne.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

I will not leave you as or - phans;*

I am going away, and I will come
to you, and your hearts will re-joice.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Reading—John 15:26—16:4a

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sindija, Nicola (baptism); Richard, Annabelle (confirmation)

Christ Lutheran Church; Prs. Ehlers & Kriger; Pr. McNally (cancer); Pr. Fry (health); Pr. Roger Jones (stroke); Lutheran Church in Korea; Pr. Roger Jones (stroke) Holland Road Baptist Church, Pr. David Treener; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THE FORMULA OF CONCORD, SOLID DECLARATION ARTICLE VIII: THE PERSON OF CHRIST

The human nature, after the resurrection from the dead, is exalted above all creatures in heaven and on earth. He did not lay aside His human nature, but retains it to eternity. He has the full possession and use of the divine majesty according to His received human nature. ...

Now He has ascended to heaven, not merely as any other saint, but as the apostle testifies, above all heavens. He also truly fills all things, being present everywhere, not only as God, but also as man. He rules from sea to sea and to the ends of the earth, as the prophets predict and the apostles testify. He did this everywhere with them and confirmed their word with signs. This did not happen in an earthly way. As Dr. Luther explains, this happened according to the way things are done at God's right hand. "God's right hand" is no set place in heaven ... It is nothing other than God's almighty power, which fills heaven and earth. ... By this communicated power ... He can be and is truly present with His body and blood in the Holy Supper. He has pointed this out for us by His Word. ... For in Him the divine and the human nature are personally united with each other. So in Christ "the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" (Colossians 2:9).

Paragraph 26–30

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**God willing, the next service
will be held on
13 July at 4.30 pm
The next Bible study will be on
Friday, 27 June at 3 pm.**

INVITATION

Sindy and Nicola will be baptised, and Richard
and Annabelle confirmed, at Our Saviour
Lutheran Church in Fareham on
Sunday 8 June at 10:30 am.
All are warmly invited to join us for the service,
and the lunch reception afterwards.