

Parish of Central Windsor

SUNG EUCHARIST

11th January 2026

Baptism of Christ



On most Sundays we offer Sunday Club during the service.
Children are welcome to gather at the front of the church
after the Collect on page 4 before they go out to their activities
with our Sunday Club leaders.

If you have babies or small children with you, you are welcome to stay
in church. Please don't be embarrassed if they cry
or make a noise.

Please stand for:

THE GREETING

The priest says

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

All **Amen.**

The priest greets the people

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Please sit for:

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANY NOTICES

Please stand for:

OPENING HYMN

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now His brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love,
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou has died for me;
thy praise shall never never fail
throughout eternity.**

*Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)
Revelation 19.12*

Please remain standing for:

INVITATION TO CONFESSiON

Let us return to the Lord and renew our faith in his promises by confessing our sins in penitence

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love
Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON is sung:

All **Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy.
Christ, have mercy, Christ have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

ABSOLUTION

The priest says

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be cleansed from all your sins†, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*All 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.**

**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.**

THE COLLECT

The priest says:

Let us pray that we may be faithful to our baptism.

Silence is kept.

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognise him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All Amen

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for :

First READING

Isaiah 42.1–9

Thus says the Lord;

42¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.

2² He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
3³ a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.

4⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

5⁵ Thus says God, the Lord,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:

6⁶ I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,

7⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.

8⁸ I am the Lord, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.

9⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

At the end the reader says:

 This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

The congregation is invited to sing the response

May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, you po / wers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glo / ry and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due / to his name;
worship the Lord in the beau / ty of holiness. **Response**

The voice of the Lord is u / pon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the / mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is mighty in / operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glo / rious voice. **Response**

The voice of the Lord / breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the ce / dars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip / like na calf
and Sirion like a / young wild ox. **Response**

The voice of the Lord splits the / flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord / shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilder / ness of Kadesh. **Response**

The voice of the Lord makes the / oak trees writhe
and strips the /forests bare;
in his temple / all cry, ‘Glory!’ **Response**

The Lord sits enthroned a / bove the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for / evermore.
The Lord shall give strength / to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the bles / sing of peace. **Response**

SECOND READING

Acts 10.34–43

10³⁴ Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality,³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God

as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for:

GRADUAL HYMN

**1 When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptised by John,
he did not come for pardon,
but as his Father's Son.
He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.**

**2 He came to share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.
so when the Dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.**

**3 Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make,
this very day invade us,
and every bondage break.
come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.**

F. Pratt Green, (1903-2000)

Please remain standing for:

GOSPEL READING

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

Alleluia, alleluia

This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased

All **Alleluia, alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 3.13–end

³ ¹³Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptised by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.'

Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptised, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

At the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit for:

SERMON

Please stand for:

THE APOSTLES CREED

Let us declare before God the faith of the church in which, we pray, we may all find grace to grow.

**All 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

Please sit for:

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

All

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

And at the end

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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE MAY BE READ

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand for:

THE PEACE

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

You are invited to exchange a sign of peace with your neighbour.

*The offertory collection will be brought to the altar to be blessed.
It will be used for the ministry, mission and outreach of the church.
Please consider using the Gift Aid envelopes if you are able to do so.*

If you give regularly via the collection when you attend Sunday worship in one of our churches, but are not with us every week, have you considered giving through the Parish Giving Scheme? It is very easy to do. Details are in the weekly Keeping Us in Touch leaflet or speak to any of our churchwardens

OFFERTORY HYMN

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.**

**Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldest reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

**These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name!**

J. S. B. Monsell (1811-1875)

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
The priest takes the bread and wine.*

Open the heavens, Lord our God, and send your transforming Spirit on us and on these gifts.

May we who are baptised into Christ be ready to share his cup of suffering and strengthened to serve him for ever.

All **Amen**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All **The Lord be with you
and also with you.**

All **Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.**

All **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because, by water and the Holy Spirit,
you have made us a holy people
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you renew that mystery in bread and wine
to show forth your glory in all the world

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

All
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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith

All

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins
of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious
ascension, and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St John the
Baptist, St Stephen, St Agnes and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The priest says

Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us

*Please feel free to use either the traditional or the contemporary
version as we pray together*

All **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.**

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin 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.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
 because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,
 Have mercy on us.
 Jesus bearer of our sins,
 Have mercy on us.
 Jesus redeemer of the world,
 Grant us peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The priest says the invitation to communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

All Amen.

If you are confirmed or a communicant member of the Church of England or any other Christian church, you are welcome to receive communion with us this morning. Otherwise, you are warmly invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please bring the service booklet with you or simply bow your head as you approach the altar so we know you wish to receive a blessing.

Gluten free wafers are available on request.

During the administration of communion the following will be sung:

**1 Hail to the Lord's anointed;
great David's greater Son!
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
he comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.**

**2 He comes, with succour speedy,
to those who suffer wrong:
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong:
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turned to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in His sight.**

**3 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth:
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him, on the mountains,
shall peace the herald go;
and righteousness in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.**

ANTHEM: Agnus Dei (Schubert in G)

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

**4 Kings shall bow down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.**

**5 O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever
his changeless name of love.**

Psalm 72

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

All

**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**

Members of Sunday Club are invited to show their work to the congregation

Please stand for:

THE DISMISSAL

The priest says

THE BLESSING

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father†, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

Final Hymn

**1 Songs of thankfulness and
praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addrest,
God in man made manifest.**

**2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding guest,
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addrest,
God in man made manifest.**

**3 Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to thee addrest,
God in man made manifest.**

**4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,
stars shall fall, the heavens shall
flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
all will see his glorious sign;
all will then the trumpet hear,
all will see the Judge appear;
thou by all wilt be confessed,
God in man made manifest.**

**5 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy Word;
may we imitate thee now,
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be
at thy great Epiphany;
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.**

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

The priest says

We have come to Christ, the living water.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen**

The ministers and people depart.

**Please stay for refreshments
which will be served after the service.**

If you are visiting today or attending for the first time, we hope that you have felt “at home” here, that you will be refreshed by today’s service of worship and that you will return in the future.

We shall be delighted if you decide to make our church community your spiritual home.

**If you would like to know more about the Christian faith, please ask!
You can also find out more by following the “Our Faith” link on the
Church of England website: www.churchofengland.org**

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www.windsorchurches.org.uk

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