

Parish of Central Windsor

# SUNG EUCHARIST

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## Third Sunday of Easter



**A warm welcome to All Saints' Church  
for our service today**

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

**1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**2 See the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.**

*Please remain standing for :*

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

*All*      **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,

**3 Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I, through grace, a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know**

*John Newton (1725-1807)  
Isaiah 33, 20-21*

as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us

*All* **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,

and doubted our home in heaven

In your mercy, forgive us.

*All* **Lord, hear us and help us.**

*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*

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.

*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.**

## THE COLLECT

*The priest says:*

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*All*      **Amen**

*The Sunday Club are invited to gather together at the front of the church before going to their activities.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for:

### FIRST READING

#### **Acts 9.1–6**

9 <sup>1</sup>Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' <sup>5</sup>He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 30

***O Lord, my God, I will give you thanks for ever***

I will exalt / you, O Lord,  
because you have / raised me up  
and have not let my foes / triumph over me. **Response**

O Lord my God, / I cried out to you  
and / you have healed me.  
You brought me up, O Lord, / from the dead;  
you restored me to life from among those that go down / to the Pit.  
**Response**

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks to his / holy name.  
For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour / for a lifetime.  
Heaviness may endure / for a night,  
but joy comes / in the morning. **Response**

In my prosperity I said, 'I shall ne / ver be moved.  
You, Lord, of your goodness, have made my / hill so strong.'  
Then you / hid your face from me  
and I was utter / ly dismayed. **Response**

To you, O Lord, I cried; to the Lord I made my / supplication:  
'What profit is there in my blood, if I go down / to the Pit?  
Will the dust praise you or de / clare your faithfulness?  
'Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, / be my helper.'  
**Response**

You have turned my mourning / into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and girded / me with gladness;  
therefore my heart sings to you / without ceasing;  
O Lord my God, I will give you / thanks for ever. **Response**

## **Second READING**

### **Revelation 5.11–14**

5 <sup>11</sup>I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!'  
<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!'  
<sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

At the end the reader says:  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn**

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.**

**Refrain:**

***Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.***

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -  
they came with me and the Dance went on.  
*Refrain:*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
the holy people said it was a shame.  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,  
and they left me there on a Cross to die.  
*Refrain:*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the Dance, and I still go on.  
*Refrain:*

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*      Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

*Please remain standing for:*  
**GOSPEL READING**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says or sings:*

Alleluia, alleluia  
I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.  
*All*      **Alleluia, alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
*All*      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## John 21.1–19

21<sup>1</sup> Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' <sup>6</sup>He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

<sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

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

*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*

*All* Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*All* Lord hear us  
**Lord graciously hear us**

*And at the end*

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please stand for:*

## THE PEACE



The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. 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.*

Have you considered regular giving through the Parish Giving Scheme? It is very easy to do and is the most efficient method of giving. Details are in the weekly Keeping Us in Touch leaflet or can be accessed via the QR code. One off donations can also be made this way.



## OFFERTORY HYMN

**Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;  
brothers and sisters, with one voice  
tell all the world he is your choice.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**O magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**They with a faith for ever new  
followed the King, and round him drew  
thousands of faithful hearts and true.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the Way disciples followed then.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Christ through all ages is the same:  
place the same hope in his great name,  
with the same faith his word proclaim.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Let love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light.  
**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,  
and the whole church at last be one.  
**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*G. K. A. Bell (1883-1958)*

## **Preparation of the Table**

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

Be present, be present  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

*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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you  
because you raised him gloriously from the dead.  
For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,  
and has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life

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.

*All* **Great is the mystery of faith  
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**

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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,    All**  
**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.**

**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.**  
**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.*

*All*      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.**

## **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 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*

Sweet Sacrament divine,  
hid in thine earthly home;  
lo! round thy lowly shrine,  
with suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise  
In songs of love and heartfelt praise  
sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
dear home for every heart,  
where restless yearnings cease,  
and sorrows all depart.  
there in thine ear, all trustfully,  
we tell our tale of misery,  
sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
ark from the ocean's roar,  
within thy shelter blest  
soon may we reach the shore;  
save us, for still the tempest raves,  
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:  
sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,  
earth's light and jubilee,  
in thy far depths doth shine  
thy Godhead's majesty;  
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray  
that earthly joys may fade away:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

*Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)*

**Anthem:** Lead me, Lord (SS Wesley)

#### **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

**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*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

### **THE BLESSING**

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
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**

**We have a gospel to proclaim  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name,  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
not in a royal house or hall  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of His death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save,  
in lonely suffering on the cross,  
for all he loved his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
empty the tomb, for he was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.**

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified,  
he sends his Spirit on his Church,  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King,  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim,  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

*Edward J. Burns b1938*

*The priest says*

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.**

**You are welcome to take this service sheet away with you  
for private reflection or to give to a friend.**

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  
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[www.windsorchurches.org.uk](http://www.windsorchurches.org.uk)

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