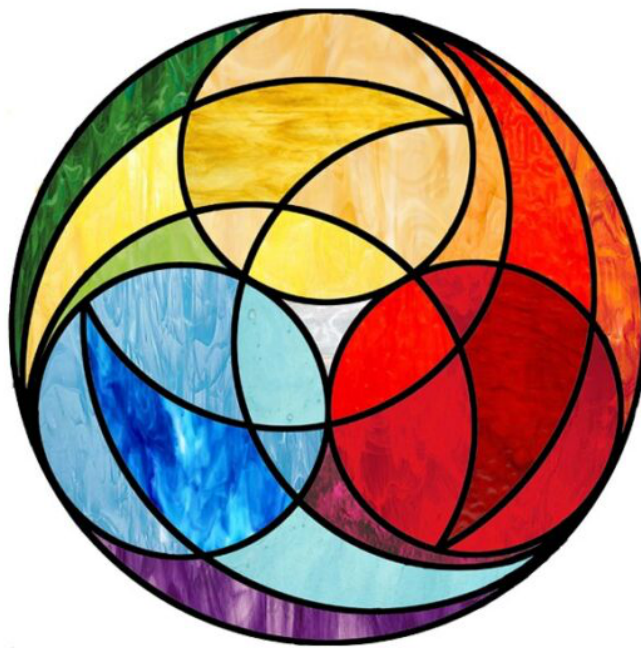


Parish of Central Windsor

# **SUNG EUCHARIST**

**Sunday**  
**20<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Fifth Sunday after Trinity**



**A warm welcome to  
St John the Baptist 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**

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish, as leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

*W. Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)  
1 Timothy 1.17*

*Please stand for :*

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

*The priest says*

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.  
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:

Lord, have mercy

*All*     **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:

Christ, have mercy

*All*     **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:

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*

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.**

*Please remain standing for:*

## **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 introduces a period of silent prayer with the words:*

Let us pray

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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**

Genesis 18.1–10a

18<sup>1</sup>The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.'

<sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, ‘Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.’ <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup>They said to him, ‘Where is your wife Sarah?’ And he said, ‘There, in the tent.’ <sup>10</sup>Then one said, ‘I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.’

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain sitting for:*

## **PSALM 15**

*The congregation is invited to join with the choir in singing the response*

***Lord, who may dwell in your ta / bernacle?***

Lord, who may dwell / in your tabernacle?  
Who may rest upon your / holy hill?  
Whoever leads an un / corrupt life  
and does the thing / that is right; **Response**

Who speaks the truth / from the heart  
and bears no deceit / on the tongue;  
Who does no evil / to a friend  
and pours no scorn / on a neighbour; **Response**

In whose sight the wicked are / not esteemed,  
but who honours those who / fear the Lord.  
Whoever has sworn / to a neighbour  
and never goes back / on that word; **Response**

Who does not lend money in / hope of gain,  
nor takes a bribe a / gainst the innocent;  
Whoever / does these things  
shall / never fall. **Response**

## **SECOND READING**

### **Colossians 1.15–28**

<sup>1</sup> <sup>15</sup> Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

<sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup>And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— <sup>23</sup>provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup>I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup>I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for :*

### **Gradual Hymn**

**Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.**

**The Lord who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with men,  
their pattern and their king.**

**Still to the lowly soul  
he doth himself impart  
and for his dwelling and his throne  
chooseth the pure in heart.**

**Lord, we thy presence seek;  
may ours this blessing be:  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple meet for thee.**    *John Keble (1792-1866) and others*

*Please remain standing for:*

### **GOSPEL READING**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says:*

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

**Luke 10.38–end**

10<sup>38</sup> Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

At the end the reader says:

*All* This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit for:*

**SERMON**

**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 or kneel for:*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*These responses may be used*

	Lord, in your mercy		Lord hear us
<i>All</i>	<b>hear our prayer.</b>	<i>All</i>	<b>Lord graciously hear us</b>

*And at the end*

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

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE ARE PUBLISHED**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Please stand for:*

## **THE PEACE**

Love one another. As I have loved you, so you are to love one another.

*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

**My God, how wonderful thou art,  
thy majesty how bright,  
how beautiful thy mercy seat,  
in depths of burning light!**

**How dread are thine eternal years,  
O everlasting Lord,  
by prostrate spirits day and night  
incessantly adored!**

**How wonderful, how beautiful,  
the sight of thee must be,  
thine endless wisdom, boundless power,  
and awful purity!**

**O how I fear thee, living God,  
with deepest, tenderest fears,  
and worship thee with trembling hope  
and penitential tears!**

**Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,  
almighty as thou art,  
for thou hast stooped to ask of me  
the love of my poor heart.**

**No earthly father loves like thee,  
no mother, e'er so mild,  
bears and forbears as thou hast done  
with me, thy sinful child.**

**Father of Jesus, love's reward,  
what rapture it will be,  
prostrate before thy throne to lie,  
and gaze and gaze on thee!**

*F. W. Faber (1814-1863)*

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

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

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.**

**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.  
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**

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
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.  
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.**

*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.  
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*

*All*      **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.  
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:*

**Teach me, my God and King,  
in all things thee to see,  
and what I do in anything  
to do it as for thee.**

**A man that looks on glass,  
on it may stay his eye;  
or if he pleaseth, through it pass,  
and then the heaven espy.**

**All may of thee partake;  
nothing can be so mean,  
which with this tincture, "for thy sake,"  
will not grow bright and clean.**

**A servant with this clause  
makes drudgery divine:  
who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,  
makes that and the action fine.**

**This is the famous stone  
that turneth all to gold;  
for that which God doth touch and own  
cannot for less be told.**

*George Herbert (1593-1633)*

**ANTHEM:** Jesu, joy of man's desiring (JS Bach)

#### **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered  
by your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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  
Please stand for :*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*The priest says*

### **THE BLESSING**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord  
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**

**At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
King of Glory now.  
'Tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word:**

**At his voice creation  
sprang at once to sight,  
all the angel faces  
all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations,  
stars upon their way,  
all the heavenly orders  
in their great array.**

**Humbled for a season,  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners  
unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious  
when from death he passed.**

**Name him, Christians, name him,  
With love strong as death,  
But with awe and wonder  
And with bated breath:  
He is God the Saviour,  
He is Christ the Lord,  
Ever to be worshipped  
Trusted and adored.**

**Surely, this Lord Jesus  
shall return again,  
with his Father's glory,  
with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him  
King of Glory now.** *Caroline M. Noel (1817-1877)*

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*All*

*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  
Church of England website: [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)**

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