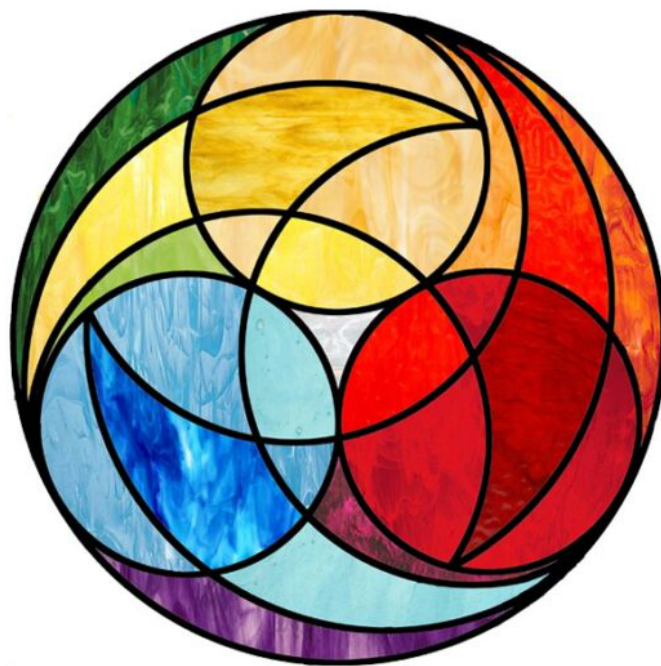


Parish of Central Windsor

# **SUNG EUCHARIST**

**7<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

## **Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**



**A warm welcome to  
Holy Trinity Church  
for our service today**

**Our Sunday Club restarts today after the summer break.  
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**

**O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.**

**O let me see thy footmarks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone;  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.**

*J. E. Bode (1816-1874)*

*Please remain standing for :*

#### **PRAYER OF PENITENCE**

*All*      **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed.  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us  
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 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.*

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
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

### Deuteronomy 30.15–20

<sup>15</sup> See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain sitting for:*

## PSALM 1

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

***For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous***

Blessed are they who / have not walked  
in the counsel / of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the / way of sinners,  
nor sat in the assembly / of the scornful.  
Their delight is in the law / of the Lord  
and they meditate on his law / day and night. **Response**

Like a tree planted by / streams of water  
bearing fruit / in due season,  
with leaves that / do not wither,  
whatever they do, / it shall prosper.  
As for the wicked, it is not / so with them;  
they are like chaff which the wind / blows away. **Response**

Therefore, the wicked shall / not be able  
to stand / in judgement,  
nor the sinner in the congregation / of the righteous.  
For the Lord knows the way / of the righteous,  
but the way of the wick / ed shall perish. **Response**

## **SECOND READING**

### **Philemon 1–21**

<sup>1</sup> <sup>21</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus  
our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of  
your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the  
sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that  
we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement  
from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through  
you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup> For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your  
duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this  
as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to  
you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my  
imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful  
both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I  
wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place  
during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without  
your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not  
something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a  
while, so that you might have him back for ever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but as  
more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to  
you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome  
me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my  
account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing  
about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit  
from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience,  
I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for :*

### **Gradual Hymn**

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)*

*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 14.25–33**

14 <sup>25</sup> Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.’

At the end the reader says:

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*  
*All 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*

*All Lord, in your mercy  
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 ARE PUBLISHED THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Please stand for:*  
**THE PEACE**

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

*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 this QR code.  
One off donations can also be made this way.



## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

**From heaven you came helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served, but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.  
*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King***

There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not My will but yours, ' he said.  
*This is our God, the Servant King...*

Come see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.  
*This is our God, the Servant King...*

So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone him,  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.  
*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King...*

Graham Kendrick b1950

#### 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

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.**

*All*

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.

*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**

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,   *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.**

**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* **Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us  
Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin 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:*

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand.  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth  
our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture  
in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day  
that the powers of hell may vanish,  
as the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph,  
cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord most High!**

*Liturgy of St James  
tr Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)  
after J. M. Neale and R. F. Littledale*

**ANTHEM:** Almighty God (*Ford*)

**PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

God of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of 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 priest says*

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 this day and always.

*All*      **Amen.**

## **Final Hymn**

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go  
my daily labour to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know  
in all I think or speak or do.**

**The task thy wisdom hath assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my work thy presence find  
and prove thy good and perfect will.**

**Preserve me from my calling's snare,  
and hide my simple heart above,  
above the thorns of choking care,  
the gilded baits of worldly love.**

**Thee may I set at my right hand  
whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
and labour on at thy command  
and offer all my works to thee.**

**Give me to bear thy easy yoke  
and every moment watch and pray;  
and still to things eternal look  
and hasten to thy glorious day.**

**For thee delightfully employ  
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given;  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.** *Charles Wesley (1707-1748)*

*The priest says:*

*All*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**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  
Church of England website: [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)**

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