

Parish of Central Windsor
SUNG EUCHARIST

Sunday 15th January 2026

Sunday next before Lent



**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 5 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

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee:
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Please remain standing for:

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love
fill us with your Spirit
Lord have mercy,

All Lord have mercy

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith
fill us with your Spirit
Christ have mercy,

All Christ have mercy

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust
fill us with your Spirit
Lord have mercy,

All Lord have mercy

The Kyrie Eleison is sung:

All

The musical score is written on two staves in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a 'Tenderly' marking and a '2' indicating a two-measure rest. The tempo is marked 'mp' (mezzo-piano). The lyrics under the first staff are 'Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. Christ have'. The second staff begins with a '8' indicating the start of the eighth measure. The tempo is marked 'meno' (meno mosso). The lyrics under the second staff are 'mer - cy Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.' The score ends with a double bar line and a 3/4 time signature.

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.**

All

Gloria

15 **Joyful** **2** *f* *meno*

Glo-ry to God in the High-est, and peace to his

23 **1.** **2.** *f*

peo-ple on earth. earth. Lord God, Hea-ven-ly King Al-migh - ty God and

32

Fa - ther, We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, We praise you for your

40 *f* *meno*

glo - ry. Glo-ry to God in the High-est, and peace to his

48 *mf* **Reflectively**

peo-ple on earth. Lord Jes-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa-ther. Lord God,

55 *meno*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.

63 *mf* *meno*

You are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther, re - ceive our prayer

70 **2** *f* *meno*

Glo-ry to God in the High-est, and peace to his peo-ple on

79 **Warmly**

earth. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly one, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-

88

lone are the most high Je-sus Christ, With the Ho-ly

94

Spi-rit, In the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

100 *f* *meno*

Glo-ry to God in the High-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

THE COLLECT

The priest says:
Let us pray

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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

Exodus 24.12–end

24¹²The Lord said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.’¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.

¹⁴To the elders he had said, ‘Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.’¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 2

The congregation is invited to sing the response

Happy are all who take their refuge in him

Why are the na / tions in tumult,
and why do the peoples de / vise a vain plot?
The kings of the earth rise up,
and the rulers take coun / sel together,
against the Lord and against / his anointed:
let us break their / bonds asunder
and cast a / way their cords from us.

Response

He who dwells in heaven shall laugh / them to scorn;
the Lord shall have them / in derision.
Then shall he speak to them / in his wrath
and terrify them / in his fury:
yet have I / set my king
upon my holy / hill of Zion.

Response

I will proclaim the decree / of the Lord:
he said to me: 'You are my Son; this day have / I begotten you.
Ask of me and I will give you the nations for / your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for / your possession.
'You shall break them with a / rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a / potter's vessel.'

Response

Now therefore be / wise, O kings;
be prudent, you judges / of the earth.
Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling / kiss his feet,
lest he be angry and you perish / from the way,
for his wrath is / quickly kindled.
Happy are all they who take ref / uge in him.

Happy are all who take their refuge in him

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1.16–end

¹ ¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand for:

Gradual Hymn

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy glory fills the night;
thy face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy beauty to behold
where Moses and Elijah stand,
thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past,
promise of things to be,
we hail thy body glorified
and our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
we see thy kingdom come;
we fain would hold the vision bright
and make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here.
yet we may not remain;
but since thou bidst us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain

J. Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)

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 Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 17.1–9

17 ¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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

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

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.*

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

**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*

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 **All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you**

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:

Sanctus

108 Full of awe

mf

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,

114

f

God of power and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

118

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Benedictus

122 Welcoming

mf

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the

126

f

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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.

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

130 *Gently* *mp* *meno*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, Have mer - cy on

137 *mp* *meno*



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, Have mer - cy on

143 *mf* *p* *rit.*



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, Grant us your 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:

**Jesus, these eyes have never seen
that radiant form of thine;
the veil of sense hangs dark between
thy blessed face and mine.**

**I see thee not, I hear thee not,
yet art thou oft with me;
and earth hath ne'er so dear a spot
as where I meet with thee.**

**Yet, though I have not seen, and still
must rest in faith alone;
I love thee, dearest Lord, and will,
unseen but not unknown.**

**When death these mortal eyes shall seal,
and still this throbbing heart,
the rending veil shall thee reveal
all glorious as thou art.** *Ray Palmer (1808-1887)*

ANTHEM: Ave verum corpus (Mozart)

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask 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

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand for :

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 always.

All **Amen.**

Final Hymn

**Bright the vision that delighted
once the sight of Judah's seer;
sweet the countless tongues united
to entrance the prophet's ear.**

**Round the Lord in glory seated
cherubim and seraphim
filled his temple, and repeated
each to each the alternate hymn:**

**'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord.'**

**Heaven is still with glory ringing,
earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, holy, holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'**

**With his seraph train before him,
with his holy church below,
thus unite we to adore him,
bid we thus our anthem flow:**

**'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord.'**

*Richard Mant (1776-1848)
based on Isaiah 6*

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.

Ash Wednesday 18th February

Said Communion at 11.00am at Holy Trinity Church and Sung Eucharist at 7.30pm at All Saints' Church. Both services include the optional imposition of ashes. Everyone welcome.

**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**

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