

Parish of Central Windsor
SUNG EUCHARIST

Sunday 15th March 2026



(Fourth Sunday of Lent )

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

There is no Sunday Club today as we gather together to celebrate Mothering Sunday. If you have babies or small children with you, please don't be embarrassed if they cry or make a noise.

Please remain standing for:

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We have done what is wrong in the Lord's sight and chosen to displease him. Yet as a mother comforts her child, so shall the Lord himself comfort us. So let us come to him who knows our every thought and deed

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception. We fail to live as your children

All Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy

You call us to do good. We seek our own good

All Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy

You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others.

All Lord have mercy,
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.**

THE COLLECT

The priest says:

Let us pray

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for:

FIRST READING

Exodus 2.1-10 (CEV)

A man from the Levi tribe married a woman from the same tribe, and she later had a baby boy. He was a beautiful child, and she kept him inside for three months. But when she could no longer keep him hidden, she made a basket out of reeds and covered it with tar. She put him in the basket and placed it in the tall grass along the edge of the Nile River. The baby's older sister stood off at a distance to see what would happen to him. About that time one of the king's daughters came down to take a bath in the river, while her servant women walked along the river bank. She saw the basket in the tall grass and sent one of them to pull it out of the water. When the king's daughter opened the basket, she saw the baby crying and felt sorry for him. She said, "This must be one of the Hebrew babies." At once the baby's older sister came up and asked, "Do you want me to get a Hebrew woman to take care of the baby for you?" "Yes," the king's daughter answered. So the girl brought the baby's mother, and the king's daughter told her, "Take care of this child, and I will pay you." The baby's mother carried him home and took care of him. And when he was old enough, she took him to the king's daughter, who adopted him. She named him Moses because she said, "I pulled him out of the water."

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 127 vv1-5

The congregation is invited to sing the response

Children are a heritage from the Lord

Unless the Lord / builds the house,
those who build it la / bour in vain.
Unless the Lord / keeps the city,
the guard keeps / watch in vain.

Response,

It is in vain that you hasten to / rise up early
and go so late to rest, eating the / bread of toil,
for he gives his be / loved sleep.

Response,

Children are a heritage / from the Lord
and the fruit of the womb / is his gift.
Like arrows in the hand / of a warrior,
so are the children of one's youth.

Response,

SECOND READING

Colossians 3.12–17

³ ¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand for:

Gradual Hymn

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.**

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)
Luke 1. 46-55*

Please remain standing for:

GOSPEL READING

When the Gospel is announced the reader says or sings:

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory
The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

All **Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

John 19.25–27

19²⁵ Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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:

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All Let us declare our faith in God.
**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
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.**

BANNS OF MARRIAGE MAY BE READ

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand for:

THE PEACE

Whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

**1 Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world in the next.**

**3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns,
with them in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

*Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)
tr Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

Preparation of the Table

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

God of wisdom,
may the light of your eternal Word,
our Lord and Saviour Christ,
lead us in holiness and guide us to glory,
we ask this in his holy name.

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.

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.
You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You sent your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:

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.**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

All **Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The priest says

Trusting in the compassion 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, 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

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

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,**

Refrain:

***Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,**

Refrain:

**For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled,
*Refrain:***

**For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
*Refrain:***

**For thy church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love
*Refrain:***

F. S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

ANTHEM: Song of Mary (Shepherd)

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
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**

DISTRIBUTION OF FLOWERS

All Praise God who loves us
Praise God who cares

All For our mothers and for those who care for us
Thanks be to God

All For the security of homes and family life
Thanks be to God

All For the joy of all loving human relationships
Thanks be to God

All For your holy Church, the mother of us all
Thanks be to God

All For Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ
Thanks be to God

Flowers are distributed to all who wish to receive them

At the end of the distribution of flowers, this prayer is said

All **Thank you God for the love of our mothers
and the love of all those who care for us
Thank you God for the joys they have shared with us
Thank you God for the pains they have borne for us
Thank you God for all that they have given us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen**

All Praise God who loves us
Praise God who cares

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand for :

THE BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
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

One more step along the world I go
one more step along the world I go
from the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you

*And it's from the old I travel to the new
keep me travelling along with you*

Round the corners of the world I turn
more and more about the world I learn
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me

And it's from the old ..

As I travel through the bad and good
keep me travelling the way I should
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know

And it's from the old ..

Give me courage when the world is rough
keep me loving though the world is tough
leap and sing in all I do
keep me travelling along with you

And it's from the old ..

You are older than the world can be
you are younger than the life in me
ever old and ever new
keep me travelling along with you

*And it's from the old I travel to the new
keep me travelling along with you*

R. T. Brooks (1918-1985)

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.

**Services for Holy Week and Easter in the Parish of Central Windsor
March & April**

29 th Palm Sunday	- 10.00am	All Saints' Church with procession	to StS & StA Church
30 th Monday	- 7:00pm	Stations of the Cross:	StS & StA Church
31 st Tuesday	- 7:00pm	Stations of the Cross:	StS & StA Church
1 st Wednesday	- 11:00am	Holy Communion (BCP):	HT Church
	- 7:00pm	Stations of the Cross:	StS & StA Church
2 nd Maundy Thursday	- 7.30pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper:	StS & StA Church
3 rd Good Friday	- 12:00pm	Three Hour Devotion: including	
		the Liturgy of the Cross at 2:00pm:	SJtB Church
5 th Easter Day	- 6:00am	- First Eucharist of Easter:	StS & StA Church
	- 8:00am	- Holy Communion (BCP):	HT Church
	- 10:00am	- Family Eucharist:	AS Church
	- 11:15am	- Easter Morning Praise with Holy Communion:	SJtB Church

**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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www.windsorchurches.org.uk

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