

Parish of Central Windsor
SUNG EUCHARIST

Sunday 12th April 2026

Second Sunday of Easter



 He is
RISEN

**A warm welcome to Holy Trinity 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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise:

sing to God a hymn of gladness,

sing to God a hymn of praise.

he, who on the cross a victim,

for the world's salvation bled,

Jesus Christ, the King of glory,

now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ, the first fruits

of the holy harvest field,

which will all its full abundance

at his second coming yield:

then the golden ears of harvest

will their heads before him wave,

ripened by his glorious sunshine

from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen

shed upon us heavenly grace,

rain and dew and gleams of glory

from the brightness of thy face;

that we, with our hearts in heaven,

here on earth may fruitful be,

and by angel hands be gathered,

and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Saviour
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity:
Alleluia, alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1883)

Please remain standing for:

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
 Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all
 malice and evil and confessing our sins
 with a sincere and true heart.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
 we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
 Lord have mercy,

All **Lord have mercy**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
 we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
 Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy

All

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.
 Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy

All

The Kyrie Eleison is sung:

Kyrie

Tenderly 2 *mp* *piu*

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. Christ have

8 *meno*

mer - cy Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

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.**

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*

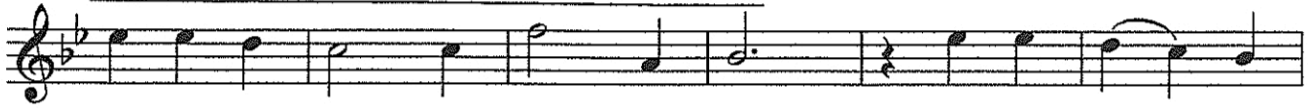
Glo-ry to God in the High-est, and peace to his peo-ple on

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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



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

THE COLLECT

The priest says:

Let us pray

Risen Christ,

for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:

open the doors of our hearts,

that we may seek the good of others

and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,

to the praise of God the Father.

All **Amen**

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for:

FIRST READING

Acts 2.14a, 22–32

On the day of Pentecost

² ¹⁴ Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd in Jerusalem: ²²‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

²⁹ ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 16

The congregation is invited to sing the response

In your presence, O Lord, is the fullness of joy

Preserve me O God, for in you have I / taken refuge.

I have said to the Lord, ‘you are my Lord,

all my good de / pends on you.’

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,

upon those who are no / ble in heart

Though the idols are legion that ma / ny run after,
their drink offerings of blood I / will not offer,
neither make mention of their names up / on my lips. **Response**

The Lord himself is, my portion / and my cup,
in your hands alone / is my fortune.
My share has fallen in a fair land;
indeed, I have a / goodly heritage. **Response**

I will bless the Lord who has gi / ven me counsel,
and in the night watches he in / structs my heart.
I have set the Lord always before me;
he is my right hand; I / shall not fall. **Response**

Wherefore my heart is glad and my spi / rit rejoices;
my flesh also shall / rest secure.
For you will not abandon my soul to Death,
nor suffer your faithful one to / see the Pit. **Response**

You will show me the / path of life;
in your presence is the full / ness of joy
and in your hand are pleasures for / evermore.

In your presence, O Lord, is the fullness of joy

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1.3–9

¹ ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand for:

Gradual Hymn

**The strife is o'er, the battle done,
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung
*Alleluia!***

**Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed:
let shouts of praise and joy outburst.
*Alleluia!***

**On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign
O let us swell the joyful strain
*Alleluia!***

**Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.
*Alleluia!***

*Latin probably 17th century
Tr Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

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
Glory to you, O Lord.

All

John 20.19–end

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ ²⁸ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ ²⁹ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

At the end the reader :

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit for:

SERMON

LITURGY OF BAPTISM

The priest addresses the whole congregation

We thank God for Harriet,
who has come to be baptised today.
Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church.
So I ask you all:

All Will you support her as she continues her journey of faith?
We will.

All Will you help her to live and grow within God’s family?
We will.

God knows each of us by name and we are his.
All Will you pray for Harriet, and help her to follow Christ?
We will.

THE DECISION

The priest addresses Harriet

We all wander far from God and lose our way:
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.
In baptism we respond to his call.
Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin? **I do.**

Do you reject evil? **I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord? **I do.**

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Harriet saying,

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross
Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his forever.

All **Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ

All **Amen**

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The priest stands before the water of baptism and says

All Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptised in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptised in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever.

All **Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The priest addresses the congregation

Let us affirm with those being baptised today our common faith in Jesus Christ

All **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.**

BAPTISM

The priest baptises saying

Harriet Laura, I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

May God who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of
Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing
Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All **Amen**

WELCOME

The priest introduces the welcome saying,

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Harriet Laura by one Spirit
we are all baptised into one body.

All **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Please sit for:

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

These responses may be used

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

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.*

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 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God;
from death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our God hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.**

**2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.**

**3 Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth her song begin.
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.**

*St John of Damascus d. c. 754
Tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)*

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**

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
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

All

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

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.

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:

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his piercèd side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.**

**Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
thou hast conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light:
now no more can death appal,
now no more the grave enthral;
thou hast opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.**

**Easter triumph, Easter joy,
sin alone can this destroy;
from sin's power do thou set free
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory and of praise,
Risen Lord, to thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.**

*Latin Breviary hymn
tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868)*

ANTHEM: Alleluya! Ye sons and daughters

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

All

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

GIVING OF LIGHTED CANDLE

A lighted candle is given to Harriet

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All **Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand for :

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

**1 Love's redeeming work is done,
fought the fight, the battle won.
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!
Lo, he sets in blood no more!**

**2 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.**

**3 Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?**

**4 Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise,
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

**5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou!**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The priest says

We are raised to new life with Christ
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

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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