

Parish of Central Windsor

SUNG EUCCHARIST

Sunday 30th March 2025



(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. We are delighted that during today's service a group of children from Sunday Club will be admitted to receive communion for the first time. Please hold them in your prayers.

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

Colours of day dawn into the mind,
the sun has come up,
the night is behind.
Go down to the city, into the street,
and let's give the message
to the people we meet.

*So light up the fire
and let the flame burn,
open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of his Spirit,
let the fruit grow,
tell the people of Jesus,
let his love show.*

Go through the park, on into the town;
the sun still shines on;
it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
the people of darkness
are needing a friend.
So light up the fire...

Open your eyes, look into the sky,
the darkness has come,
the sun came to die.
The evening draws on,
the sun disappears,
but Jesus is living,
and his Spirit is near.
So light up the fire...

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

Lord have mercy,

All **Lord have mercy**

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

Christ have mercy,

All **Christ have mercy**

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

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.**

THE COLLECT

The priest says:

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 Reading from the book of Exodus

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.**

Second READING

Colossians 3.12–17

³ ¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear 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. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let 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. ¹⁷ And 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

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)

Please remain standing for:

GOSPEL READING

When the Gospel is announced the reader says or sings:

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

Please remain standing for:

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2.33–35

2³³ The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

At the end the reader says:

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

Please sit for:

SERMON

Please stand for:

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.**

Please sit or kneel for:

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

These responses may be used

<i>All</i>	God of love 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.**

ADMISSION OF CHILDREN TO COMMUNION

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.*



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.

Please remain standing for:

OFFERTORY HYMN

**Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel's word,
and obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.**

**Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calvary's tree
saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.**

**Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heavenly breath of God's own being,
manifest through wind and flame.**

**Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.**

G. B. Timms (1910-1997)

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.

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.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

All **Thanks be to God**

All For the joy of all loving human relationships

All **Thanks be to God**

All For your holy Church, the mother of us all

All **Thanks be to God**

All For Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ

All **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**

GIVING OF LIGHTED CANDLE

A lighted candle is given to each of the children admitted to communion

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

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

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.
the heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.
the Church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but above all the heart
must bear the longest part.
let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

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 special 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.

**Services for Holy Week and Easter in our Parish Churches
April**

13 th Palm Sunday –	10.00am All Saints’ Church with procession to St Stephen & St Agnes Church (c10.30am)	
	5.30pm Choral Evensong for Holy Week AS Church	
14 th Monday –	7:00pm Stations of the Cross:	StS & StA Church
15 th Tuesday –	7:00pm Stations of the Cross:	StS & StA Church
16 th Wednesday -	11:00am Holy Communion (BCP):	HT Church
	7:00pm Stations of the Cross:	StS & StA Church
17 th Maundy Thursday -	7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper:	HT Church
18 th Good Friday -	12:00pm Three Hour Devotion: including the Liturgy of the Cross at 2:00pm:	StJB Church
20 th Easter Day -	6:00am - First Eucharist of Easter: followed by breakfast	StS & StA Church
	8:00am - Holy Communion (BCP):	HT Church
	10:00am - Family Eucharist:	AS Church
	11:15am - Easter Morning Praise with Holy Communion:	StJB Church
27 th April Easter 2 -	10:00am - Sung Eucharist:	StJB Church
	5.30pm Choral Evensong for Easter Tide	AS Church

If you don't already, would you like to receive an email with details of next Sunday's service, including the order of service? You can send a request by scanning the QR code or visiting our website and selecting the icon to the bottom right of the home screen. Orders of service can also be accessed on our website in a variety of ways, including the relevant icon at the bottom right.



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