

Parish of Central Windsor

SUNG EUCHARIST

30th November 2025

Advent Sunday



**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.

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE: Wachet auf! (JS Bach)

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

**People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look East and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

**Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look East and sing today:
Love, the Rose, is on the way.**

**Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.**

**Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.** *Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)*

Please remain standing for:

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

This prayer is said

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.’
The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

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 COLLECT

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words:
Let us pray*

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The first candle is lit and the following words are said

All **Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king;
be born in our hearts this Christmas-tide,
be King of our lives today.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for :

First READING

Isaiah 2.1–5

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord!

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122

The congregation is invited to join in with the Response

I was glad when they said, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord

I was glad / when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house / of the Lord.'
And now our / feet are standing
within your gates / O Jerusalem; **Response**

Jerusalem, built as a city that is a unity / in itself.
Thither the tribes go up, the tribes / of the Lord, as is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name / of the Lord.
For there are set the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the / house of David. **Response**

O pray for the peace / of Jerusalem:
may they pros / per who love you.
Peace be with / in your walls
and tranquillity with / in all your palaces. **Response**

For my kindred and com / panions' sake,
I will pray that / peace be with you.
For the sake of the house of the / Lord our God,
I will seek to / do you good. **Response**

SECOND READING

Romans 13.11–14

¹³ ¹¹ Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for :

GRADUAL HYMN

**Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding;
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say,
'cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day.'**

**Wakened by the solemn warning
let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.**

**Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from Heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven.**

**That when next he comes in glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.**

**Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.** *Latin tr Edward Caswall (1814-1878)*

Please remain standing for:

GOSPEL READING

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

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

Matthew 24.36–44

Jesus spoke to his disciples

²⁴ ³⁶ ‘About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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 NICENE CREED

Let us declare before God the faith of the church in which, we pray, we may all find grace to grow.

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Please sit or kneel for:

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

At the end of each prayer the intercessor says:

Maranatha

All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

And at the end

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Chris.
Amen.**

BANNS OF MARRIAGE MAY BE READ

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand for:

THE PEACE

God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

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

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:

Refrain:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:

Refrain

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

Refrain

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:

Refrain

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:

Refrain

*Latin Advent Antiphons
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.*

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.
Amen

All

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.

And now we give you thanks
because in his coming the day of our deliverance has dawned;
and through him you will make all things new,
as he comes in power and triumph to judge the world.

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.

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.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we await his coming in glory
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*

<i>All</i>	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.	<i>All</i>	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.
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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:

**God of mercy, God of grace
show the brightness of thy face
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill thy church with light divine,
and thy saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.**

**Let the people praise thee, Lord;
be by all that live adored
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at thy feet their tribute pay,
and thy holy will obey.**

**Let the people praise thee, Lord;
earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man his blessing give,
man to God devoted live;
all below, and all above,
one in joy, and light, and love.**

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)
Psalm 67*

**Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling
the watchmen all the air are filling,
arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! No more delaying,
'The hour has come!' we hear them saying,
where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
raise high your torches bright!
Alleluia!
The wedding song swells loud and strong:
go forth and join the festal throng.**

**Sion hears the watchmen shouting,
her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
she stands and waits with eager eyes;
see her Friend from heaven descending,
adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son!
Alleluia!**

**Let us prepare to follow there,
where in thy supper we may share.**

*Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)
tr F.C.Burkitt (1864-1935)*

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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**

Final Hymn

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you;
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
*Shine in your church gathered today.***

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair;
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
*Christ, be our light!...***

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
*Christ, be our light!...***

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
*Christ, be our light!...***

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
*Christ, be our light!...*** *Bernadette Farrell (b1957)*

Members of Sunday Club are invited to show their work to the congregation

Please stand for :

THE DISMISSAL

The priest says

THE BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father†, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The priest says:

As we await our coming Saviour go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The ministers and people depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Prelude & Fugue in B minor (JS Bach)

Please stay for refreshments which will be served after the service.

Parish Christmas Services

20 th	Dec	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	Holy Trinity Church
21 st	Dec	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	Holy Trinity Church
24 th	Dec	3.00pm	Crib Service	St Stephen & St Agnes Church
		3.00pm	Crib Service & Christingle	All Saints' Church
		6.15pm	Living Advent Calendar	St John the Baptist Church
		11.15pm	Midnight Mass	St Stephen & St Agnes Church
		11.15pm	Midnight Communion	Holy Trinity Church
25 th	Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Holy Trinity Church
		10.00am	Family Eucharist with Carols	All Saints' Church
		11.15am	Christmas Morning Praise with Holy Communion	St John the Baptist Church
26 th	Dec	10.00am	Said Eucharist (St Stephen's Day)	St Stephen & St Agnes 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**

WEB SITE:

www.windsorchurches.org.uk

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SOME FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(please see the pew leaflet or website for more information)

Windsor & Eton Living Advent Calendar this Tuesday

The Windsor & Eton Living Advent Calendar is at Holy Trinity Church at 6.15pm on Tuesday. Please come along - as is the tradition, the details of the event will be a surprise!

Advent Study Course

The Advent Study Course continues on Thursday **December 4, 11 and 18**. The time is 11.00 till 12.00 noon in the Vestry at All Saints' Church. Please email Jeremy (jeremyrichardhurst@gmail.com) if you would like to take part.

Charity Coffee Morning

In aid of Save the Children at Holy Trinity Church from 10.00-12.00 on Friday **5th December**. Please speak to Penny Wells if you would like to help/provide a cake

St Nicholas Day Coffee Morning and Concert

Everyone is welcome to come along to support this Friends of Windsor Parish Church event on Saturday **6th December** from 10.00am to 12.30pm, with entertainment from the children of Ascot Music School from 11.00am

Evensong for Advent

There will be a service of Choral Evensong at All Saints' Church next Sunday, **7th December**, at 5.30pm

Wednesday Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

Please note that there will be no 11.00am service of Holy Communion on **10th December**

Claremont Singers Christmas Concert

All welcome to come along to this festive concert at 3.00pm on **14th December** at Holy Trinity Church