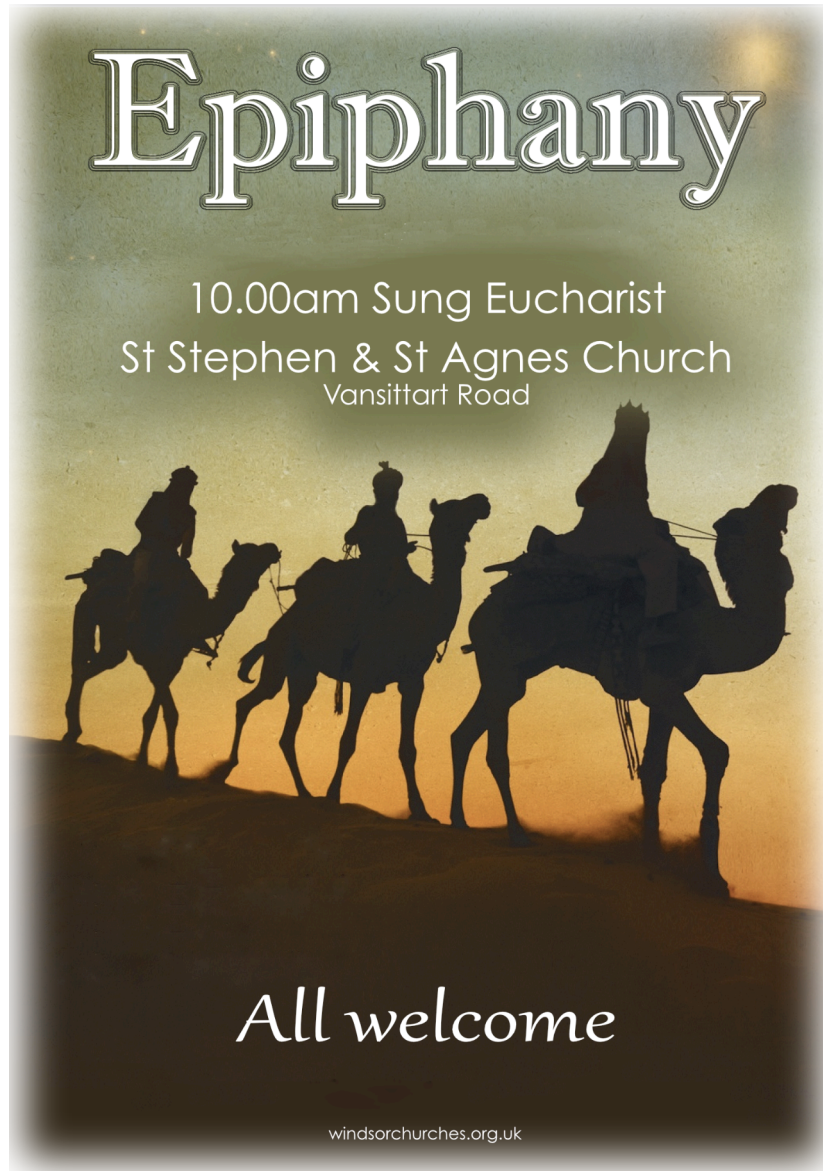


Parish of Central Windsor

SUNG EUCHARIST

4th January 2026



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 4 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:

OPENING HYMN

During the opening hymn the procession will stop twice as both doors are marked as is customary on Epiphany Sunday with the year 2026 and the letters C + M + B, which stand for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, (Christ bless this house)

**We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.**

Refrain:

***O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!***

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never
over us all to reign.**

Refrain:

**Frankincense to offer have I:
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship him, God most high.**

Refrain:

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.**

Refrain:

**Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings 'alleluia';
Alleluia, the earth replies.**

Refrain:

J. H. Hopkins (1820-1891)

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 stand for:

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth, your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**
You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Kyrie Eleison is sung:

All

Tenderly **2** *mp* *Kyrie* *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

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be cleansed from all your sins, 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.

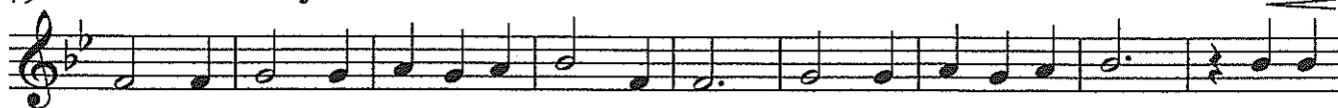
63 *mf* *meno*

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



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

THE COLLECT

The priest says:

Grateful for the glory revealed today through God made flesh, let us pray

Silence is kept.

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for :

First READING

Isaiah 60.1–6

60 ¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72 vv10-15

The congregation is invited to sing the response

May all nations be blest in Him

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles / shall pay tribute
the kings of Sheba and Seba / shall bring gifts.

All kings shall fall / down before him
all nations shall / do him service.

Response

He shall deliver the poor / that cry out,
the needy and those who / have no helper.

He shall have pity on the / weak and poor;
he shall preserve the lives / of the needy.

Response

He shall redeem their lives from oppress / sion and violence
and dear shall their blood be / in his sight.

Long may he live; unto him may be given / gold from Sheba;
may prayer be made for him continually and may they bless him all /
the day long.

Response

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3.1-12

³ ¹I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for :

GRADUAL HYMN

**As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led by thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heaven and earth adore,
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.**

**Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.**

**In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down.
There for ever may we sing
alleluias to our King!**

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Please remain standing for:

GOSPEL READING

When the Gospel is announced the reader says or sings:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**
Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

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

Matthew 2.1–12

² ¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

⁵They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.

Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

Lord hear us
All **Lord graciously hear us**

And at the end

Merciful Father,
All **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

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **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

**Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

**Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.**

**Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
odours of Edom, and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?**

**Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favour secure:
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

**Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.** *Reginald Heber (1783-1826)*

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

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

Lord, accept your people's gifts,
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,
but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ,
our light and our salvation

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.

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 the incarnation of the Word,
a new light has dawned upon the world;
you have become one with us
that we might become one with you in your glorious kingdom

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.

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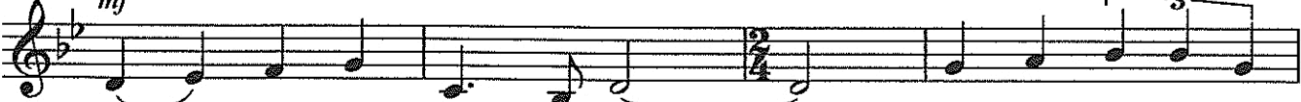


Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Benedictus

122 Welcoming

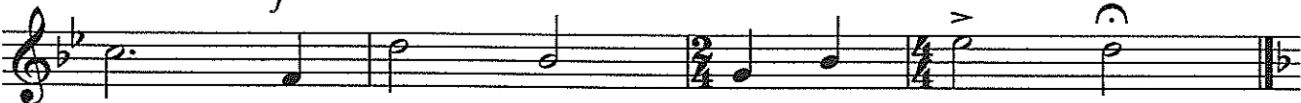
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Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the

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 Stephen, St
Agnes, St John the Baptist 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

Believing the promises 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.

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.**

All


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:

Earth has many a noble city;
Bethl'em, thou dost all excel:
out of thee the Lord from heaven
came to rule his Israel.

Fairer than the sun at morning
was the star that told his birth,
to the world its God announcing
seen in fleshly form on earth.

Eastern sages at his cradle
make oblations rich and rare;
see them give, in deep devotion,
gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:
incense doth their God disclose,
gold the King of kings proclaimeth,
myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.

Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshiped
at thy glad Epiphany,
unto thee, with God the Father
and the Spirit, glory be.

*Prudentius (348-c, 413)
tr Edward Caswall (1814-1878)*

ANTHEM: O come, ye servants of the Lord (Tye)

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh,
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

Please stand for :

THE DISMISSAL

The priest says

THE BLESSING

Christ the Son of God
perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts
with the good news of his kingdom
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

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his Name!**

**Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

**These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his Name!** J. S. B. Monsell (1811-1875)

The priest says

We have seen his glory,
the glory revealed to all nations.
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.**

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.

**You are welcome to take this service sheet away with you
for private reflection or to give to a friend.**

**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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