

Parish of Central Windsor

SUNG EUCHARIST

Sunday 1st June 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension)



**A warm welcome to All Saints' Church
for our service today
especially to the family and friends of Grace Carter attending for
her baptism 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 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

ORGAN MUSIC: Majesté du Christ (*Messiaen*)

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

**All hail the power of Jesu's name!
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
to crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain ye trod
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace.
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let every tribe and every tongue
to him their hearts enthral,
lift high the universal song
and crown him Lord of all.**

*Edward Perronet (1726-1792)
and others*

Please remain standing for :

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

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 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated
at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

THE COLLECT

The priest says:

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

All **Amen**

*The Sunday Club are invited to gather together at the front of the church
before going to their activities.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for:

FIRST READING

Acts 16.16–34

16 ²⁴Following the instructions of the magistrates, the jailer put Paul and Silas in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptised without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain sitting for:

PSALM 97

The congregation is invited to join in with the response

The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice

The Lord is king: let the / earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the / isles be glad.
Clouds and darkness are / round about him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Response

Fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on / ev'ry side.
His lightnings lit the up the world; the earth saw / it and trembled.
The mountains melted like wax at the presence / of the Lord,
at the presence of the Lord of / the whole earth. ***Response***

The heavens declared his righteousness ,
and all the peoples have / seen his glory.
Confounded by all who worship carved images
and delight / in mere idols.
Bow down before him, / all you gods. **Response**

Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Ju / dah rejoiced,
because of your judgments, O Lord.
For you, Lord, are the most high over / all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice

SECOND READING

Revelation 22.12–14, 16, 17, 20, 21

I, John heard a voice saying to me:

22 ¹²‘See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶ ‘It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.’

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’ And let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand for :

Gradual Hymn

Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne.
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.

‘Worthy the Lamb that died,’ they cry,
‘to be exalted thus,’
‘worthy the Lamb,’ our lips reply,
‘for he was slain for us.’

Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings more than we can give,
be, Lord, for ever thine.

Let all that dwell above the sky,
and air, and earth, and seas,
conspire to lift thy glories high,
and speak thine endless praise.

The whole creation joins in one,
to bless the sacred name
of him who sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
Revelation 5.11-13

Please remain standing for:

GOSPEL READING

When the Gospel is announced the reader says or sings:

Alleluia, alleluia.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

All **Alleluia, alleluia**

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

All

John 17.20–26

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:

‘Holy Father;

17 ²⁰ ‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ ‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

At the end the reader says:

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

Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me. Do not stop them’.
We thank God for this child,
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 begin her journey of faith?

We will.

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

We will.

The president then addresses the parents and godparents
God knows each of us by name and we are his.
Parents and godparents, you speak for this child today.
Will you pray for her, and help her to follow Christ?
All **We will.**

THE DECISION

The priest addresses the parents, godparents and sponsors

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 Grace's forehead 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

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
All **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

Grace Elena, I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

You have been clothed with Christ
As many as are baptised into Christ have put on Christ

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:
Grace Elena, 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 or kneel 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 ARE READ

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand for:

THE PEACE

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has
given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. 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.*

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.



OFFERTORY HYMN

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!***

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
*Yours the glory...***

**Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
*Yours the glory...***

Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
Yours the glory...

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!*

Michael Saward (1932-2015)

Preparation of the Table

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

Heavenly Father,
as we set before you these gifts of bread and wine,
bless also the gift of our hearts and minds
as we offer our lives in your service;
for Jesus Christ's sake.

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

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.

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 **Jesus, Lamb of God,**
Have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our sins,
Have mercy on us.
Jesus redeemer 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:

**Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,
for thy flesh is meat indeed;
ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living bread;
day by day with strength supplied
through the life of him who died.**

**Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies
this blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord thy wounds our healing give;
to thy cross we look and live;
Jesus, may we ever be
grafted, rooted, built in thee**

Josiah Conder (1789-1855)

ANTHEMS: God is gone up (*Croft*)

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
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**

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

GIVING OF LIGHTED CANDLE

A lighted candle is given to Grace

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 Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;
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

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.

Alleluia, alleluia
Jesu, true and living Bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we;
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.

Alleluia, alleluia
thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.

Alleluia, alleluia
we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia
cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,

Alleluia, alleluia
risen, ascended, glorified! *George Bourne (1840-1925)*

The priest says

All Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers and people depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Prelude in C major, BWV547 (JS Bach)

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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www.windsorchurches.org.uk

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